

Draft Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Public Access Network Association Inc. held on 26 Oct at the Metropolitan Hotel Adelaide.

1. The meeting opened at 1.40 pm CST with a quorum (5) present, chaired by Tony Bazely. Minutes by Steve Fraser.

2. Credentials Report.

o Attendance - Jeff Toll, Tony Bazely, Simon Roberts  
John Childs, Steve Fraser, PAREPG, AETFA, Dave Edwards, Richard Bentley.  
All are financial as at time of AGM.

o Apologies - Tony Langdon

o Proxies -

3. Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting - Moved John/Richard - accepted.

4. Business Arising from 2018 Annual General Meeting - Nil.

5. Correspondence to Annual General Meeting.

o Inward - 2019 Officer reports, 2019 Region reports,  
2019 Financial Return and Income / Expenditure Reports, Nominations

o Outward - Notice of AGM and proxy and nomination  
forms, previous minutes, and agenda.

6. Annual Reports.

o President

One of the challenges facing APANA today is the cohesion of the APANA network as an entity. When I talk about network in this sense I'm not limiting myself to a technical network but rather the network of people. It's ironic that with vast improvements in communication seen over nearly 25 years of APANA's existence the organisation itself continues to fragment. Some continue to contribute technically, some use the organisations resources in almost isolation, and others have, I believe, fond memories of their time with the organisation itself. But what seems to be missing is sharing and cohesion across the organisation. There are probably many factors at work, and certainly many have been discussed over my time with APANA. And APANA is not isolated - many organisations with long term histories are find themselves in similar circumstances. But continuing to apply historic methods to a changed landscape can often result in frustration.

In my view we need to work out ways to adjust to these changing circumstances so that we have an organisation which, although it may be much smaller than it was at it's peak is flexible and adaptable enough to continue.

Many sincere thanks to all those who keep APANA running, both in a technical and non-technical sense

o Secretary -

Membership numbers are identical to what they were at the previous AGM. While it's good that we havent lost members, it also shows that no growth is occurring.

There were four MC meetings held since the previous AGM. (A minimum of three meetings is required each year). One meeting was an experimental "conducted by email" meeting which was not particularly successful. However it is disappointing that, apart from the Office Bearers, who had 100% attendance, just one Regional Rep attended, for just one meeting. Regions need to be aware that, without representation, their viewpoints and interests may not be presented.

Steve Fraser Secretary.

o Treasurer -

The 2018/2019 financial year ended with a small surplus (fees received exceeded outgoings). This was mainly due to transfer of Hunter members to South Australian region with a slight increase in their membership fees.

Providing there are no significant increases in costs and present membership numbers remains as is there are sufficient funds to ensure future operations for a number of years. To ensure APANA's long term survival consideration could be given to charging a fee to those members who may be using an APANA IP address range, though only paying the National Fee (\$12). I do not know how many members fall within this group so am unable to provide an estimate of possible fees. As I repeat my comment from my 2018 report, ie. "The future of APANA is not dependent upon funds rather on the increasing difficulty in filling various positions within APANA, both at the MC and Region level." Regional Committees of South Australia and Hunter are to be commended for maintaining their viability and operating within their available funds with Brisbane commended for their continued improvement of their negative funds position. Once again my thanks go to Carolyn Sager for her support during the year, particularly for her processing of fee receipts and payments during my absences

John Childs, Treasurer.

#### Regional Reports

- o ACT - No report
- o Brisbane - No report
- o Hunter - No report
- o ICR - No report
- o Melbourne - No report
- o Perth -

There has been no activity in Perth region. (Jeffrey Toll)

#### o South Australia -

2018-19 has represented a period of change for South Australia. Considerable discussion about selecting a replacement for an ageing VPN/Firewall machine. A dedicated Mikrotik machine was purchased, and will soon be drafted into service. The arrival of the NBN triggered a new planning phase, both for the transfer and future configurations. The transfer itself had a few hiccups, mainly due to external problems beyond our control. Retirement of old host machine VMhost has occurred after finally resolving legacy software issues. Much of our software was becoming dated and upgrades have been made. A number of configuration issues have also been resolved. Monthly face-to-face meetings continue and more frequent skype meetings have commenced to facilitate system administration. Although there are a number of us involved tribute should be paid to both Mike Judd and Steve Fraser for their continuing support.

Tony Bazeley Regional Coordinator

- o Sydney - No report

Accepted (moved Jeff / Dave)

#### 7. Election of Office Bearers

- o President - Tony Bazeley elected unopposed (nom Jeff Toll sec John Childs) - nomination accepted
- o Secretary - Steve Fraser elected unopposed (nom Jeff Toll sec John Childs) - nomination accepted
- o Treasurer - John Childs elected unopposed (nom Jeff Toll sec Richard Bentley) - nomination accepted

#### 8. General Business

8.1 - John expressed concern about members using Apana IP ranges but paying only the National fee. Resolved that the MC look into this asap.

8.2 - John queried whether all regions ought to be combined into one "Apana". Discussion - some regions have only two members and never meet. It was noted that the model Victorian Constitution, if adopted, does not have regions.

8.3 - Simon suggested purchase of a NAS to ease virtual machine migration. SA to discuss at their Regional Meeting.

9. Meeting Close - 2.05 pm CST