

Update for Members – September 2017

After each Board meeting ISPANZ sends an update to members summarising what was discussed along with activities over the last month.

All Board meetings are held via Skype. The last one was held on Wednesday 13th September. Mark Frater, Bruce Trevarthen, Steve Ritchie, Shane Hobson, Jesse Archer and David Haynes were present. Seeby Woodhouse and Peter Armstrong were apologies. We tried holding the meeting using 'appear.in', but technology issues defeated us and we reverted to Skype.

Points to note from the meeting:

- Five new membership applications had been received. After consulting the rules, four of these were accepted as full members and one as an associate member.
- There has been some merger and acquisition activity involving a few members. The status of those affected, and payment (or not) of outstanding invoices for membership fees, will be investigated.
- It was confirmed that the motion to amend the rules had been circulated to members, only 'Yes' votes had been received, and so the motion had passed. Members had been informed by email of the result.
- A briefing for members on the proposed amendments to the Telecommunications Act was sent out on 8th August. There are three areas in particular where we would welcome members' input. It would be good to get your comments on the following so that we can represent you effectively to whoever is in government after the election:
 - One of the proposed changes is to delete Sections 69R and 69S which prohibit Chorus from offering services above layer 2 and from offering end-to-end services. Do you think that a specific restriction on Chorus is still relevant, or should we rely on generic restrictions on the activities of all LFCs?

- Would ISPANZ be happy with LFCs, including Chorus, wholesaling any sort of service above Layer 2, or would we seek some sort of restrictions on that? Do we want a specific restriction on end-to-end services as in Section 69S?
- ISPANZ also needs to decide its position on the proposed provisions to strengthen consumers' rights and on Chorus' and LFCs' role in talking directly to end customers. This raises two questions for ISPANZ members. Is a strengthening of consumers' rights appropriate? Do you want Chorus or other LFCs talking directly to your customers, and, if so, what controls should there be?
- A submission on Chorus' proposed changes to wireless colocation Terms & Conditions was sent to their CEO and copied to members. We commented on:
 - Clause 4 - Insurance Requirements. We stated that the requirement for our members to carry \$50 million insurance is unreasonable and anti-competitive. We were in favour of retaining the status quo.
 - Clause 18 – Capital Cost Contribution. We wanted most of Clause 18 deleted as its applicability was too broad.
- Ernie Newman, representing the WISPA group had been in touch, hoping for a catch up over coffee, but no venue or date/time had yet been agreed.
- We will continue to work to increase the membership. If any current members have suggestions for new members, please let us know.
- Lawful Interception (LI) was discussed. ISPANZ will research LI issues with a view to providing briefing material for members and representing members' interests. If you have any opinions about LI, please share them with us.
- As noted last time, we are currently spending more than we receive in membership fees and will have to review our funding model. There was some discussion about possible futures for ISPANZ:

- Steve reported that he had attended the Internet Association of Australia's AGM in Melbourne. IAA offer peering points across Australia and seem to gather handsome revenues from that. They also say that they have an interest in New Zealand Internet Exchange Inc (<https://ix.nz/>). ISPANZ could consider looking at the IX space.
- Funding ISPANZ purely from membership subscriptions might see a membership fee of some \$520 per annum, or maybe \$50 could be charged monthly.
- Identifying suitable sponsors could help reduce the burden on members. If you have any good sponsorship suggestions, please let us know.
- A date and location for the 2018 conference and AGM has not yet been agreed, but we are working on it.
- Bruce is working on improving elements of the website.

Those are the key items from the last Board meeting. If there is anything else that you would like to be updated on, or if you have any issues that you would like ISPANZ to address, please let us know.

Best Regards,

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