



Technical Advisory Standing Committee

Date: Wednesday, 3 April 2019
Time: 2pm to 5pm AEDT
Location: auDA, Level 17, 1 Collins Street Melbourne
In Attendance: Scott Wilkie (Interim Chair), David Keegel, Craig Marchant, John Graham, Zach de Koning and Alexey Chernyak, Dr Bruce Tonkin
Secretariat: Squad Consulting, Stacey Gadway

Called in: Geoff Huston, Jonathan Gleeson,

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

1. STANDING ORDERS

1.1 Welcome and Apologies

The meeting opened at 2pm AEST. No apologies were given.

The Chair addressed the panel members on their role:

1. Set common goals about what we would like to achieve over the next 6 – 12 months
2. Understanding on what each of us is bringing to the committee
3. How we will assess the feedback and present to auDA management team
4. Make sure we are compliant with the Governance framework

Each committee member introduced themselves and what they hoped to get out of sitting on this committee

Cameron Boardman thanked all panel members and addressed committee on what his expectations are and looks forward to a successful partnership together.

1.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No new conflicts of interest declared.

ACTION: Cameron Boardman to check in with the Department to see if they would be open to sponsoring a security clearance for panel members

ACTION: The Chair to give a broader update on what the Defence Industry Security Policy Framework looks like

2. CURRENT ISSUES

2.1 Reserved names in .au

- Dr Bruce Tonkin opened up with a broader view on the agenda item and posed two questions for the panel members to discuss:
 1. Is there particular names that should be reserved from a security point of view?
 2. Should we reserve names for system use?
- The Chair noted that we need to agree upon a process that will enable us to achieve an outcome whether it be this year, the next, or over a number of years, with the following three main issues/points that the committee need to go into considerably more detail and prioritise by next meeting:
 1. The limiting factor of what reserved names we should have:
 - a. Individual committee members view on what should be a reserved name or not;
 - b. What process should we employ to engage our members or not, about what their views around reserved names are;
 2. All panel members agree that WHOIS.au should be reserved;
 3. The issues around opening up **IDM**, other languages and other characters. The Chair asked the panel members to adopt a key principal that whatever is decided, it should be simple, clear and un-ambiguous. The Chair then posed two questions:
 - a. If we are going to consider foreign languages, or characters, what the major ones are?
 - b. Shouldn't Indigenous Recognition be one of the first that we consider?
- Dr Bruce Tonkin confirmed to the panel members that gov.au was signed on Tuesday 2nd April
- Agreement that one and two letter labels should be banned

ACTION: Dr Bruce Tonkin to look into gw.au and why it is not on the top-level zone list of names

ACTION: Dr Bruce Tonkin to send out examples of other ccTLDs and what language script they are supporting

ACTION: The Chair to speak to the Professor of Anthropology at ANU in regards to how we recognise our Indigenous culture and will report back to the Committee

ACTION: Geoff Huston to write a request around the Public Suffixes list and ensuring auDA keeps them abreast of any changes. Geoff Huston to present at next Committee meeting so all panel members can formally agree too.

2.2 Registrars

- Agreement that there should be standards but no certainty as to which standard or combination of them which we should present. Dr Bruce Tonkin posed the question for the Committee: Should we set a one size fits all security standard or do we take a risk-based approach and allow the Registrars to assess their own risk, customers and come up with their own set of controls that meet their needs?
- The Chair defined the Committee's objective is to create continuous improvement and maturity with regards to security, and any frameworks or standards that we deploy are not an ultimate end to themselves, this is not about compliance. All panel members agreed.
- Discussion point around Registrars breaching standards and should it be made public? See action point below.
- All panel members agreed that if standards are applied that there should be a single framework for it.
- All panel members agreed that there should be a multi-factor authentication for Registrars and MFA examples should be brought to the Committee for review and our own education.
- auDA is going through their own ISO accreditation process and will share their findings to the general public

ACTION: Dr Bruce Tonkin emailed the SAC074 to all panel members to review before the next Committee meeting to assess whether we adopt this policy.

ACTION: The Chair to engage with the inaugural winner of the Australian Cyber Grant to get a synopsis of their MFA to disseminate to the Committee for review by the next meeting.

ACTION: Alexey Chernyak to investigate on if or how auDA and Registrars would fit into ACSC Managed Service Providers and report on by next meeting.

3. NEW ISSUES

3.1 Process

- auDA is preparing feedback capability on their website. A synopsis of the feedback will be filtered accordingly and the technical issues will be provided to each panel member prior to the next meeting.
- Recommendation from Geoff Huston that it is mandatory that top level domains in .au be DNS signed and to be discussed at next meeting.

ACTION: Each panel member to identify a female committee member and recommend them to Dr Bruce Tonkin and the Chair by next meeting

4. FUTURE MEETING DATES

4.1 Future meetings of the Technical Standing Advisory Committee

Meetings are to be held quarterly in Melbourne. However, the dates to be set fortnightly after the General Meeting dates are ascertained.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 4.13pm

ACTION: All panel members to review the current feedback sent by Dr Bruce Tonkin and add to agenda items for discuss and response.

ACTION: Dr Bruce Tonkin to set up mailing list ASAP.

ACTION: Stacey Gadway (Secretariat) to have minutes completed within a week of meeting date.
