



**INTERNET WATCH FOUNDATION
BOARD MEETING**

**10.25am – Tuesday 8th June 2010
At Yahoo!, 5th Floor, 125 Shaftesbury Avenue, London**

MINUTES

Present: Eve Salomon (Chair)
Emma Ascroft (Industry Vice-chair)
Stephen Locke (Independent Vice-chair)
Rodney Brooke
Naomi Cohen
Mark Gracey
Mary MacLeod
Jonny Shipp
Suzy Walton

IWF Staff: Deborah McGovern (DCEO) ("DM")
Sarah Robertson ("SR")
Helen Redman ("HR")(minutes)

Apologies: Alisdair Gillespie

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Alisdair Gillespie.

2. Declarations of interest

All of the independent Board members declared an interest in item 10.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The Board approved the minutes of the last Board meeting held on 30th March 2010.

4. Matters arising - including action summary

Action 3: The IWF has instructed Counsel and awaits their advice.

Action 8: - The Parliamentary dinner will take place on 3rd November 2010.



Actions 22 and 23:- It was decided that the CEO should be authorised by the Board to deal appropriately with cases such as these.

Decision

The Board authorises the CEO to deal as may be appropriate, and on a case by case basis, where claims are incorrectly made by organisations that they subscribe to the IWF's CAIC list.

5. Report on the self-certification pilot

Mark Gracey said that he welcomed comments from the Board on the Report which he would consolidate as feedback to Funding Council when they made their final determinations. The Board was invited to submit any further comments that they might have, by email, to Mark Gracey. Self-certification would be launched formally in September. The Board indicated that, should they consider sanctions, they would be sympathetic to problems bedding down the new arrangements for the first six months or so after launch.

Action 1

The Board are to email Mark Gracey with any additional comments that they have in respect of the Report.

Action 2

SR is to discuss with Stephanie Ayres how the launch in September 2010 might be publicised.

6. Update on the scoping group's discussions with the Funding Council regarding the scoping group's recommendations on splash pages.

The Board decided to proceed with a pilot scheme for all those providers who are willing to use splash pages in accordance with IWF guidelines. This would help develop best practice for promulgation at the end of the pilot period. Meanwhile, Mark Gracey would put together a report of the main issues raised by industry, and what problems the IWF are seeing, that may be addressed through the use of splash pages.

Decision

A pilot scheme would be set up for providers who are able to use splash pages in accordance with IWF guidelines.

Action 3

Mark Gracey will speak with Peter Robbins and Fred Langford and then produce a report setting out the issues raised by industry and the problems the IWF see as a result of the lack of use of splash pages.

7. Report on the 2009-2010 Strategic Plan.

This was noted by the Board. The Chair commented that it was an impressive record of the IWF's achievements.



8. Chair's report

8 (a) Executive Committee

The notes of the Board Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18th May 2010 were noted by the Board.

8(b) Meetings past and future

The Chair and the Chief Executive have attended a meeting with 3.

9. CEO's Report

This was noted by the Board.

The issue of relocating as part of identifying suitable new premises was raised as a risk (loss of key staff, demotivation, etc.) DM said that the identification of suitable new premises for the IWF will be handled by relocation experts. It was agreed that risks associated with the relocation should be identified in the Risk Register.

The Board decided that as part of its July strategy meeting it will discuss how future possible cuts to government bodies might affect the IWF, and what opportunities this might represent for the IWF.

Decision

The Board, as part of its July strategy meeting, will discuss how future possible cuts to government bodies might affect the IWF, and what actions the IWF ought to consider taking.

Action 4

The Board is to advise SR of any links that they might have to key Parliamentarians, or to relevant Permanent Secretaries.

Action 5

DM will identify risks associated with the office relocation in the Risk Register.

10. Remuneration Committee Report

At the last Remuneration Committee meeting the Committee had considered the issue of Annual Attendance Allowances for IWF Trustees. The recommendation of the Remuneration Committee to the Board was that there should be no increase to the amount currently paid to Trustees (as the amount currently received was fair) and furthermore that there was no need to carry out a benchmarking exercise for one year.



Following a discussion, the Chair and three industry trustees considered the matter and decided that they would follow the recommendation of the Remuneration Committee.

Decision

There will be no increase in Trustee attendance allowances this financial year. Payments to Trustees will be benchmarked every three years.

11. Decision Item – Delegation of authority by the Board to a committee established in accordance with the IWF’s “Process for the Board to decide whether to list or de-list a potentially illegal child sexual abuse URL”

The Board passed the following resolution:-

Decision

That, pursuant to the terms of paragraph 3.8 of the “Process for the Board to decide whether to list or de-list a potentially illegal child sexual abuse URL”, the IWF resolved to delegate authority to a designated Committee of the IWF Board for the purposes stated in the Process, and to delegate to the Chair the right to designate appointments to the Committee”.

12. Funding Council update

Jonny Shipp told the Board that the technical session on blocking by Fred Langford had been useful and that it had been agreed that there would be ongoing discussions with the Funding Council.

The Funding Council had also raised some specific issues about the recent membership survey, particularly that it was not advisable to send emails without a sender in the “from” field. DM confirmed that feedback received from the Funding Council members about the membership survey had been conveyed to the consultant responsible.

13. Financial Update

13.1. Item 11(a) Management Accounts to 2010

The management accounts for 2009-2010 were noted by the Board. The Board will consider the continuation of the subscription to the press clippings service at a later date. SR confirmed that completion of the website development would remain within budget.

Decision



The Board will consider the continuation of subscription to the press clippings service at a later date.

13.2. Item 11(b) Balance Sheet to April 2010

This was noted by the Board.

14. Membership Update

This was noted by the Board. The Board approved the membership application from Cable & Wireless Guernsey.

Decision

Cable & Wireless Guernsey approved for membership.

15. Hotline Operational Report

The Board noted that the increase in the number of reports made was due to there being a number of multiple reports being submitted about the same websites, and also because the ICAs had been successful in proactively finding websites and then filing their own reports.

Action 6

The Executive is to consider whether the priorities for action by the Hotline Team as outlined in the Hotline Report should be updated and whether the trend data remains valid.

16. Information Item – Website Proposal Paper

This was noted by the Board. The Board commended staff on the impressive results being achieved with the scale of resources.

17. AOB

There was no further business.

18. Date of next meeting

The date of the next Board Meeting is Tuesday 27th July 2010 at 10am.

The meeting ended at 12.35pm.