

# 2012 AGM Director Nominations

## Candidate Statements

### **James Deck (Supply)**

James Deck is the owner and operator of Toowoomba, Queensland based “1300 Web Pro” – a marketing business specialising in web design and e-mail marketing. In addition to being a successful and respected businessperson, James has a strong technical background having been involved in Internet-technologies since the mid-90s.

1300 Web Pro is a reseller of .AU domains, with aspirations of becoming a registrar down the track. They currently manage around 700 domains.

James served on the 2012 AuDA Industry Advisory Panel and would like to further his contribution to the Australian Internet community through a seat on the AuDA board.

### **Erhan Karabardak (Supply)**

I am a technology/domain lawyer, and a Director of Cooper Mills Lawyers. I have been involved in the domain name industry for over a decade.

I act for, and have acted for a large number of .au Registrars and Resellers, which has given me a strong insight into issues affecting Registrars and Resellers. I have served on numerous auDA Panels since 2004, including the 2012 Industry Advisory Panel.

I believe that with my real life legal, policy and practical experience I can provide fresh ideas and strong representation as a Supply Class Director. For more information - [www.vote1ek.com.au](http://www.vote1ek.com.au)

### **Joe Manariti (Supply)**

Our domain and Internet industry is prospering, but faces tough international competition. As Vice Chairman of the Australian Website Industry Association, I believe I have had the opportunity to hear the voice and learn the concerns of Australia’s online community.

I am committed to maintaining the integrity and value of .au domains, especially in the face of new TLDs launching and the ongoing globalisation of markets. I intend to represent Australian commercial domain interests; those of the developer, website operator and domain owner fairly, to the benefit of Australian Internet users.

### **Dwayne Varey (Supply)**

As Australia's Domain Name industry continues to grow, it is important that auDA is able to continue to keep pace with change and evolve to meet the needs of the Australian internet users and internet industry alike.

I have been involved with the Internet and Hosting Industries for over 13 years and am currently the CTO at UberGlobal one of Australia's top 10 Registrars and Hosting companies. As a previous Board Member, I want to continue to contribute to the growth and stability of our industry through openness, innovation and engagement with the community.

### **Stuart Benjamin (Demand)**

Like many in our industry, I am a serial entrepreneur, with a background in Business and Government. I stand to represent auDA Demand Members.

Objectives:

- Grow .au
- Revitalise auDA Board & ensure a stable future
- Work to decrease consumer & business costs
- Give investment confidence to industry
- Ensure the internet remains uncensored
- Ensure auDA executives are supported to achieve these goals

Declarations: ISOC, auDA Industry Panel, ANZIA judge.

[www.tinyurl.com/auDALinkedIn](http://www.tinyurl.com/auDALinkedIn)

### **David Cake (Demand)**

I'm already an active participant in Australian and International Internet policy and governance. I've been the Chair of Electronic Frontiers Australia, Australia's leading lobby group for online freedom and civil rights, since 2011, and I've been a board member since 2004. I'm an active participant in ICANN, and currently the Chair of the Non-Commercial Users Constituency, and GNSO Councillor elect. I've served as part of ICANN's Security, Stability and Resiliency Review Team, and on an auDA policy panel. I've had an email address since 1989, and I've been part of the IT industry since 1991. More details at [www.difference.com.au/auda](http://www.difference.com.au/auda)

### **Cheryl Langdon-Orr (Demand)**

Elected in 2002, as a Demand Class Director on the auDA Board, I look forward to continuing my active representation of 'registrants, internet users and general public', if re-elected. I have along history with auDA including pre Board participation in several auDA Panels and am an active contributor to the Governance changes we are currently undertaking post auDA Independent Review, a further term will allow me to remain steward to some of this change. I remain keenly involved in local and International aspects of Consumer Voice in DNS, please see <https://community.icann.org/display/~cheryl.langdon-orr/Home> for details and <http://about.me/cheryl.LangdonOrr> for more 'about me.'