2015 AGM Board Election

Candidate Statements

Gavin Collins (Supply)

As a key representative of a leading registrar in the domain name industry, I can deliver valuable input and contributions to both the board and the Australian industry as a whole.

For the past 8 years I've maintained a role that has allowed close and direct contact with the domain name industry, internationally and within Australia.

Additionally, my exposure to a large volume of end-user clients who maintain a significant bond with the AU domain space has afforded me the knowledge and vision to help pave the way for growth and solidarity well into the future.

James Deck (Supply)

My primary connection to the industry is owning and operating a Queensland-based web design firm. I am currently on the board of the Australian Web Industry Association and have served on two auDA policy panels (2012 Industry Advisory panel and 2015 Names Policy panel). If elected to auDA's board, I will: ensure direct registrations at .au, if implemented, is done in a fair and balanced way; promote adoption of flexible registration periods; ensure the registry-operator contract renewal provides good value for money for registrants; and ensure that auDA members are consulted regularly on how you want your domain space run.

George Pongas (Supply)

I have chosen to continue my commitment to the .au community by standing again as an auDA Board Director (Supply Class). Having been actively involved in the Australian domain name industry for over 13 years, and in my current role as General Manager, Naming Services Division at AusRegistry, I remain a dedicated and visible contributor.

My long-held focus has been on policy reform to address the impact of the ever-changing landscape of the internet, and I believe the auDA Board is the perfect forum to apply my commercial sensibility and experience to ensure the continued success of our industry.

Kartic Srinivasan (Supply)

I would like to bring my 13 Years of experience (including 4 years on the auDA Board) in the Domain name Community to

- Promote .au domain space by maintaining competition & growth of the namespace
- Preserve & improve the trust of the .au domain space
- Increase the stability of the .au DNS and registry infrastructure
- Co-ordinate with the supply side to ensure they are aware of major board agenda items and key decisions displayed on auDA website
- Ensure appropriate transparency on major items on expenditure to ensure public accountability

Experience:

- General Manager – Operations – Melbourne IT
- auDA Board Member (2011-2015) *[statement truncated at 100 words]*

Paul Levins (Demand)
No statement provided.

Holly Raiche (Demand)
No statement provided.

Josh Rowe (Demand)

My career and passion doesn't exist without the Internet. My day job is delivering new online products and services for corporates and startups. realAs – a real estate industry startup – is my latest commercial venture. My other experience includes helping businesses like Australia Post, Tarazz and Medibank deliver products and services using the Internet, for 20+ years.

The .au domain name space faces threats:
- Competition: different ways to navigate the Internet (e.g. search engines, new top level domains, apps, social media)
- Growth: flat

Does .au policy need to evolve to meet the needs of all .au stakeholders?

Discuss: www.josh.com.au

Grant Wiltshire (Demand)

I have a long standing interest in the domain industry and in representing consumer interests.

I have over 20 years of executive experience being on the executive team of Telstra (Executive Director – Victoria and Tasmania) and the Victorian Government (Director – Regional Development Victoria- Grampians).   I have also owned a Telstra franchise, ICT company and a leadership development organisation. I have many years' experience on senior boards.

My education background includes accounting, marketing, business management and commercial law. I have an Advanced Diploma of Management, Diploma with the Australian Institute of Company Directors and am a certified trainer and assessor.

Miguel Wood (Demand)

Miguel Wood is Co-founder & CEO, Euler's Bridge an analytics platform to build stronger communities. He co-founded, Tin Alley beta, the premier tech internship program in Australia. He is on the Board of Directors of Startup Victoria and was a mentor in the Melbourne Accelerator Program. Miguel has been an active member of auDA: 2015, 2010 Names Policy and 2012 Industry Advisory Panels, 2013 Australian Internet Ambassador and 2015 auIGF panellist/curator. Miguel is passionate about entrepreneurship, innovation and domain names and the positive role the internet can play in shaping Australian prosperity. Learn more: www.miguelwood.com.au