DotAsia Board Community Projects Committee (BCC) Meeting Minutes	
Date(s) & Time:	Feb 4, 2025 (Tue) 12:30 PM – 13:29 PM (HKT)
Location:	DotAsia Zoom Meeting Room: http://aji.asia/zoomboardcommunity
Attendees:	Jordan CARTER Nicole T.I. CHAN Edmon CHUNG Maureen HILYARD Boyoung KIM Rupesh SHRESTHA Jo-Fan YU Timothy LI (DotAsia Team)

No.	Action Items:	Owner	Remarks
C2024.11.A01	Explore updating SCP mechanism to allow for pooling of unused funds.	Edmon CHUNG & DotAsia team	Completed.
C2025.02.A01	Present more detailed analysis of Member Engagement Survey results and suggestions for next steps.	Edmon CHUNG & DotAsia team	In progress.
C2025.02.A02	Finalize the details and processes for the "shared pool" concept, including getting feedback from the BFC. Further report to the full Board during F2F Board meeting.	Edmon CHUNG & Rebecca CHAN	In progress.

Discussions:

1. Roll Call

1.1. Maureen HILYARD chaired BCC meeting on Feb 4, 2025.

1.2. Roll call. Those present for all or part of the meeting are included in the Attendees section.

2. Adoption of Last BCC Meeting Minutes (Nov 26, 2024)

2.1. Draft 1 of BCC meeting minutes on Nov 26, 2024 was presented.

2.2. The BCC meeting minutes Nov 26, 2024 were adopted.

3.   Quarterly Community Projects Scorecard

3.1.   The Quarterly Community Projects Scorecard was circulated and presented. It was reported that in general, the core projects are proceeding well, however IG Engagements is marked as yellow due to EII Grant Proposals still experiencing delays.

3.2.   For NetMission, it was reported that training sessions are ongoing and that support to and collaboration with Afghanistan and Cambodia YIGF is progressing well.

3.2.1.   It was highlighted that the Asia Pacific Policy Observatory (APPO) initiative under NetMission has been successful in applying for a grant through TWNIC funds and is moving into implementation.

3.2.2.   It was also reported that the team had started to work on IGF workshop proposals with different usual partners through the NetMission team as the timeline this year is much more condensed.

3.3.   For APrIGF, it was highlighted that the new round of committees and leadership is in progress, with quite a number of new MSG members this year. Also, the dates for the annual event have been confirmed with the hosts, and will be held from October 11-14, 2025.

3.3.1.   Efforts to identify future hosts for APrIGF 2026 and 2027 is underway with an aim to build back up a 2-year runway for event planning.

3.3.2.   It was noted that there is interest from the MSG to specifically look at the WSIS+20 work and potentially have the APrIGF community contribute to the process.

3.4.   For IG Engagements & Other Works, it was noted that IGFSA is operating steadily, but the DIPCC quarterly newsletter restart as well as grant funding for the EII project continue to be delayed.

3.5.   Updates on AP* Retreat work with DotAsia as Secretariat were presented.

3.5.1.   It was noted that the Co-Chairs for this AP* Retreat has decided to test out a new format for the meeting as a discussion forum with the goal of reinvigorating collaboration among the AP Internet organisations who are members of AP*.

3.5.2.   It was reported that the DotAsia AGM is scheduled to be held in the middle of AP* Retreat from 14:30 – 16:00, returning to the timeslot previously before the pandemic.

4.   Member Engagement Survey 2024

4.1.   The data from the Member Engagement Survey were reported to the BCC, highlighting overall positive feedback from Members.

4.2.   It was pointed out that some Members while show approval of DotAsia's initiatives indicate limited interest in collaborating with DotAsia on its work.

4.3.   A comment was raised identifying that the survey result also raises questions about how to better demonstrate the value proposition of DotAsia membership to Members. It was identified furthermore that this survey focused more on gauging Members' familiarity with DotAsia's work, rather than directly soliciting feedback on how Members would like to DotAsia to engage with them. This may be an area that needs to be included for future survey to Members.

4.4.   Board members are encouraged to review the preliminary report. DotAsia staff team will further digest the data and comments from the survey and prepare suggestions for way forward on Member engagement efforts. It was agreed that further discussion on the survey and proposed next steps be brought to the full Board during the scheduled F2F Board meeting. (C2025.02.A01)

5.   SCP Common Pool Concept (BCC-002/003)

5.1.   The basic concept of a proposed Common Pool for the SCP program was presented.

5.2.   A comment was raised recalling that some Sponsor (ccTLD) Members expressed concerns previously about the small amounts accumulated in individual accounts through the SCP program, making it impractical for utilization. It was explained that for the current SCP mechanism, funds are set aside for particular cc-localities for which Sponsor Member ccTLDs pertain to, based on the number of domain registrations coming from the particular cc-locality. This results in situation where because very few .Asia registrations come from a particular cc-locality, the amount allocated to the SCP funds could be very small, e.g. just $50 or so, which makes it impractical for such Sponsor Member to draw upon for local projects by NGO grant recipients through the process.

5.3.   It was further explained that the Common Pool concept is precisely designed to address such concerns raised, in that by moving expiring funds from individual accounts to a Common Pool, the larger pool maybe utilized through any DotAsia Member, including Co-Sponsor Members.

5.4.   It was reported that the DotAsia team is preparing a financial projection based on the actual accrual of funds in Members' accounts respectively, as well as the potential amount that would be in the Common Pool if the concept is operationalized. The ideas will be further reported and discussed in the next BFC meeting as well as the upcoming F2F Board meeting. (C2025.02.A02)

6.   Preparations for AC meeting (Feb 14, Fri)

6.1.   The draft agenda for the upcoming AC meeting was presented.

6.2.   It was highlighted that Board Election 2025 updates, the Risk Management Plan in development, the preliminary report of the Member Engagement Survey, as well as DotAsia's response to the next round of new gTLDs will be presented to the AC to seek their feedback.

7. **AOB**

A draft ppt deck for the upcoming AGM outlining the major work BCC took on in the last year was presented and discussed.