

TechNet Australia Working Group meeting

11:00am AEST (UTC+10h), **Friday 4 April 2020**

Zoom teleconference

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1. Welcome & introductions

Meeting opened 11:00am.

2. Report on tasks

a. List of existing supportive managers/executives (All)

- Little progress to date. Covid-19 has dominated activities.
- Mq Uni undergoing executive level turnover

b. Strategy for approaching uni leadership (All)

- John circulated TechNetSA funding request letters to the SA VCs for reference
- PS & Jennie raised concerns re execs identifying as supporters
- **ACTION (MH to create draft. Suggestions by All)**
 - Need to create presentation/pitch package.
 - Clarity for champion/s
 - What's in it for stakeholders i.e techs, their departments and institutions

c. Legal structure (VG)

- VG distributed summary spreadsheet via email prior to meeting
- VG explained differences between individual state and ASIC registration types their costs/restrictions/requirements/benefits
- Healthy discussion at length by All. PS suggested a "virtual organisation"
- **ACTION (VG):** resolved to distil further, weight key points and possibly colour code pros/cons for further discussion.

d. Membership classes (MH)

- MH failed to complete discussion document prior to meeting
- **ACTION (MH)** to distribute membership type options prior to next meeting

3. Any other business

- VG asked about platform for working documents
- Suggestions included Google Drive, OneDrive, Dropbox etc
- **ACTION (PS):** establish repository and sharing for committee
- **ACTION (MH):** establish TNA Committee Google Group

4. Next meeting & meeting close

- Next meeting scheduled for 11:00am AEST (UTC+10h), **Friday 1 May 2020**

Projects for 2020

- Highest priority is to gain top-down support for TNA within university sector.
 - Formalising TNA structure will add credibility and recognition.
- Highlighting/improving value of TNA for tech PD, recognition/representation/networking/community
 - Continuing annual national conference and regional 1 day forums/events. Support new initiatives.
- Identifying allied organisations/exemplars locally and internationally. UK Technicians Commitment, HEA etc.

Standing Housekeeping Arrangements:

- Meeting time prioritised towards subjects that are too time-consuming to correspond about.
- Dot point minutes will be distributed to other working group members by MH or VG.