

Creative Commons Aotearoa New Zealand
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Advisory Panel
Monday September 6 2013

Royal Society of New Zealand, Wellington

14:00 – 16:30

Present

Fabiana Kubke (Chair). Colin Jackson, Keitha Booth, Andrew Matangi, Anne Fitzgerald (via teleconference), Helen Baxter (via teleconference), Wayne Mackintosh (via teleconference), Karaitiana Taiuru (via teleconference), Cathy Aronson, Richard Meylan (RSNZ), Matt McGregor (Public Lead, minutes).

Apologies

Apologies from Graeme Austin, Penny Carnaby, Richard Best, Courtney Johnston.

Minutes from the last meeting

The Panel approved the minutes from the May Advisory Panel meeting.

Introductions

Cathy Aronson and Richard Meylan introduced themselves.

Update from the Chair:

Fabiana discussed the recent E-Research Symposium at Lincoln University on 2-4 July. She also outlined the Open Research session held at Nethui in Wellington, 8-10 July. She also pointed panel members to the recent approval of Lincoln University's Open Access Policy.

Update from the Public Lead

Matt spoke to the update report.

Creative Commons and Copyright Reform

Matt gave a brief introduction to the debate on copyright reform at the CC Global Summit.¹

¹ A background to the issues of Creative Commons and copyright reform can be read here:
<http://creativecommons.org.nz/2013/09/creative-commons-and-copyright-reform/>



Andrew provided a history of Creative Commons and copyright reform activities. As an 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable corporation, Creative Commons must avoid political lobbying. He noted that earlier copyright reform movements in Europe had led CC Netherlands and CC Germany to call for CCHQ to take a more explicit position in support of reform. Andrew also noted that the review of New Zealand's Copyright Act has been suspended until 2014, following ongoing negotiations on the TPP Agreement.

Colin noted that there was no guarantee that the TPP would make it through the US political system. He also noted that InternetNZ and NZRIse both resist the IP provisions in the TPP, which has led to greater public awareness. Similar coalitions could be built in 2014.

Andrew questioned whether CCANZ would be able to speak as CCANZ, rather than RSNZ. Matt clarified that CCHQ only limited CCANZ's capacity to speak on behalf of CCHQ. CCANZ was relatively free to take its own positions on matters like copyright reform, so long as it did not claim to speak for CCHQ.

Anne joined the meeting at 15:00

Anne said that she didn't see CC as having a role in copyright reform. The task of CCAU is to manage the licence set, rather than participate in any wider advocacy or reform work. She suggested that reform activities come from jurisdictions that have different legal frameworks than Australia or New Zealand.

Wayne argued that CCANZ had more pressing issues than to participate in law reform. Wayne noted that he was in favour of more restrictive copyright, because this will lead to more licence uptake.

The conversation then turned to CC Zero. Fabiana pointed out that CC Zero has not been promoted in New Zealand, with Keitha adding that it had not been included in NZGOAL. Andrew noted that this was because of a technicality of New Zealand copyright law, namely that elections can be revoked under NZ law.

Funding and Sustainability

Richard Meylan outlined the current funding position. With a reduced commitment from MBIE, RSNZ had reduced its overhead to allow Matt to continue at 0.8FTE. RSNZ is supporting CCANZ's efforts to secure alternative funding sources. The panel agreed that CCANZ should continue to pursue funding from government, given CCANZ's ongoing support for the rollout of NZGOAL.

Fabiana spoke to efforts to locate funding from outside of government. Wayne agreed that CCANZ needed to diversify, and that there would be capacity issues if CCANZ took up a service contract model.

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Andrew pointed out that translation issues will be paramount in the rollout of the 4.0 licences. He is waiting for the final draft. Anne suggested that there will be relatively minor changes in the next draft. CCHQ are also creating guidance materials.

Indigenous Knowledge

Karaitiana pointed to the need to start small, and work with the community, soliciting feedback. A wider meeting of stakeholders will be held in late October.

NZGOAL

There is a new guidance note for NZGOAL, concerning the procurement of copyright work by government departments. Standard language has been produced for government contracts, to encourage ownership of copyright by government agencies. The next NZGOAL training session will be held on 1 November.

Other news from the panel

Wayne is running another copyright, Creative Commons and OER online workshop, supporting the OER Declaration. There are 415 participants.

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