

## **DotAsia Board Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date(s) & Time:	19 August, 2019 (Monday) 17:00 – 18:00 HKT
Location:	DotAsia Zoom Meeting Room: http://aji.asia/zoomboardfinance
Attendees:	Atsushi ENDO LIM Choon Sai Satish BABU Edmon CHUNG (Ex Officio) Rebecca CHAN (DotAsia Team) Freda CHEUNG (DotAsia Team)

No.	Action Items:	Owner	Remarks
F2019.08.A01	Give comments on the SOP and discuss in next Board Finance Committee meeting	Edmon & Rebecca	Complete
F2019.08.A02	Make brief notes on previous budgeting procedure separately and discuss in next Board Finance Committee meeting	Edmon	Complete
F2019.08.A03	Discuss with Executive Committee regarding RT&Co audit	Edmon	Complete
F2019.08.A04	Discuss with Executive Committee regarding Invoice/Reimbursement request from DotPH	Edmon	Complete
F2019.08.A05	Send Doodle request for time of next BFC meeting	Board Sec	Complete

## **Discussions:**

- 1. Roll call
  - 1.1. Mr. LIM Choon Sai chaired the meeting.
  - 1.2. Roll call. Those present for all or part of the meeting are included in the Attendee section.
- 2. Mr. LIM Choon Sai sent a draft Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on Finance and Procurement to BFC prior to meeting and gave a brief introduction
  - 2.1. Two kinds of expenses were considered in general
    - 2.1.1. Forecasted/regular/anticipated expense included in budget
    - 2.1.2. Ad hoc expense requiring different approval levels depending on the expenditure limits



- 2.2. The SOPs will be discussed within BFC and final version submitted to board for endorsement
- 3. Discussion regarding the SOPs
  - 3.1. Rebecca raised question regarding the signatories.
    - 3.1.1. Existing bank signatory setup with max. 3 signatures.
      - 3.1.1.1. Less than US\$10,000 (1 signature).
      - 3.1.1.2. US\$10,000 to US\$25,000 (2 signatures).
      - 3.1.1.3. US\$25,000 or above (3 signatures).
      - 3.1.1.4. Any 3 of Mr. Edmon CHUNG, Dr. THAM Yiu Kwok, Mr. Atsushi ENDO, Mr. LIM Choon Sai for HSBC account.
      - 3.1.1.5. Mr. Edmon CHUNG and Dr. Dr. THAM Yiu Kwok for ICBC account.
    - 3.1.2. Bank signatory will be discussed whether to be same as expense approver.
  - 3.2. Edmon suggested to categorize expenses
    - 3.2.1. Expense included in regular budget (recurrent and generally authorized by Board).
    - 3.2.2. Expense need to be approved by Financial Committee (one-off or unbudgeted).
  - 3.3. Edmon and Rebecca will give comments on the SOPs and discuss in next Board Finance Committee meeting
  - 3.4. There was agreement that the aim of the SOP is to reconcile it generally with existing DotAsia procedures
- 4. Budget preparation
  - 4.1. As this SOPs does not cover budgeting, Edmon will make brief notes on previous budgeting procedure separately and discuss in next Board Finance Committee meeting
- 5. Updates on financial audit by RT&Co.
  - 5.1. Expecting the first draft audit report be ready within the week of Sep 23 (Tentative).
  - 5.2. Clarifications are still being requested by RT&Co.
  - 5.3. Audit information enquiries from Mr. Joel DISINI
  - 5.4. RT&Co. asked DotAsia to reiterate the audit and report distribution process to Joel
    - 5.4.1. BFC reaffirms that it will receive the draft report and share final report and finalize it with RT&Co before circulating to wider DotAsia Board members, which include Joel.
  - 5.5. Advice from lawyers (unretained)
    - 5.5.1. Suggested DotAsia should ask Joel to execute specific confidentiality agreement alongside the Mediation Agreement before sharing audit report to Joel.
    - 5.5.2. Edmon to bring up the discussion to the Board Exco for a letter to be drafted along with a corresponding confidentiality agreement
  - 5.6. Agreement that DotAsia and Namesphere share the RT&Co audit cost and thus should be considered the client(s) of RT&Co and not Joel/DotPH. RT&Co should deliver its report and



corresponding drafts to DotAsia and Namesphere representatives on matter and not to Joel/DotPH directly.

- 6. Invoice/Reimbursement request from DotPH to DotAsia
  - 6.1. Reimbursement request from DotPH regarding the incorporation of 2 companies (DotSPA Ltd. and NSPH Ltd.) was received
  - 6.2. Edmon will share to Executive Committee for further discussion and action
- 7. Mediation Process
  - 7.1. It is understood that the mediation process is put on hold until the RT&Co audit is completed.
  - 7.2. The mediation is anticipated to be reschedule after receiving the final RT&Co report.
- 8. Next Board Finance Committee meeting schedule
  - 8.1. Targeting once per month prior the monthly board meeting.
  - 8.2. Tentative schedule on the week of Sep 9 on Tue or Thu.