

<b>DotAsia Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes</b>	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	February 8, 2026 (Sunday) 11:30 am – 13:00 pm JKT (UTC +8)
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom Meeting Room: <a href="https://agm.dot.asia/zoom">https://agm.dot.asia/zoom</a> Venue: MR8, Sheraton Grand Jakarta Gandaria City
<b>Member Representative Attendees:</b>	<p>Babu Ram ARYAL (APSIG)            Thomas BARRETT (PW Registry &amp; DotAsia Board)            Joyce CHEN (APNIC)            Atsushi ENDO (JPRS)            Noelle Francesca de GUZMAN (ISOC-APAC)            Boyoung KIM (KISA &amp; DotAsia Board)            Jose LAY (ANC &amp; DotAsia Board)            Holmes LEONG (MONIC)            Shah Zahidur RAHMAN (APRALO)            Rupesh SHRESTHA (SANOG &amp; DotAsia Board)            Aftab SIDDIQUI (APNOG)            Kimsann SRUN (TRC)            Jo-Fan YU (TWNIC &amp; DotAsia Board)</p>
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	<p><b>Other Representatives of Member Organizations and participants Onsite/Online:</b></p> <p>Satish BABU (APSIG &amp; Outgoing DotAsia Board)            Wenyu CHEN (TWNIC)            Justine CHEW (APRALO)            Amrita CHOUDHURY (CCAOI)            Phavanhna DOUANGBOUPHA (APTLD)            Pavel FARHAN (APNG)            Hideaki GOTO            Samiran GUPTA (ICANN)            Christopher HAWKER (Internet Australia)            Maureen HILYARD (APRALO &amp; DotAsia Board)            Hiro HOTTA (JPRS)            Noriatsu KUDO (WIDE Project)            Alban KWAN (CSC &amp; AP* Co-Chair)            Anthony LEE (TWNIC)            Akinori MAEMURA (JPNIC &amp; DotAsia Board)            Marcos S. MAEKAWA (APNIC)            Kevin MEYNELL (APNOG &amp; Incoming DotAsia Board)            Arth PAULITE (APNIC)            Jean F. QUERALT (IO Foundation)            Yien Chyn TAN (ICANN &amp; AP* Co-Chair)            Hsu-Ping TANG (TWNIC)            Au Yi TENG            Sagarika WICKRAMASEKERA (APSIG)            Shaista ZAIB (APNIC)            Jonezia ZAHID (APNIC)</p> <p><b>Elections Committee:</b>            Cheryl LANGDON-ORR            Paul Wilson (EC Chair)</p>

	<p><b>Nomination Committee (NomCom):</b> Bertrand CHERRIER</p> <p><b>Financial Services Provider:</b> Mabel LAM (Fusion FS)</p> <p><b>Backend Registry Services Provider:</b> Jitender KUMAR (Identity Digital)</p> <p><b>DotAsia Team:</b> Rebecca CHAN (DotAsia Team) Jennifer CHUNG (DotAsia Team) Edmon CHUNG (DotAsia Team) Phyo Thiri LWIN (DotAsia Team) Amina MEIRASBEK (DotAsia Team)</p>
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No.	Member Resolutions / Decisions:
2026.02.001	<p>Re-Appointment of Auditors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to Appoint Forvis Mazars CPA Limited as Auditors for DotAsia.</li> </ul> <p>The resolution was resolved unanimously.</p>

**Discussions:**

**1. Member Representative Roll Call**

- 1.1. As the Chair of the DotAsia Board, Akinori MAEMURA chaired the DotAsia Annual General Meeting on Feb 8, 2026.
- 1.2. Roll call. Member representatives present for all or part of the meeting are included in the Member Representative Attendees section.
- 1.3. According to DotAsia's Articles of Association, the quorum of the Annual General Meeting is 10. A quorum of members was present and the meeting was duly convened.

**2. Board Chair Opening Remarks**

- 2.1. The Chair welcomed DotAsia Members to the AGM on behalf of the Board, thanking both in-person participants at the AP\* Meeting venue and those attending remotely.
- 2.2. The Chair provided an overview of developments since the previous AGM at APRICOT 2025, emphasizing DotAsia's significant contributions to the WSIS+20

process, and underscored DotAsia's support for youth engagement in Internet governance, noting the work of the NetMission and APAC Youth Network in successfully advocating youth as a stakeholder group for Internet governance discussions, and DotAsia's ongoing role as joint secretariat of the TCCM initiative.

- 2.3. The Chair highlighted also the progress on implementation of the Strategic Plan 2024–2027, including member engagement developments such as the Sponsor Community Projects (SCP) common pool concept, completion and adoption of a Risk Management Plan, and work supporting projects in the Asia Pacific region in the upcoming new gTLD round through ICANN's Applicant Support Program.
- 2.4. The Chair characterized these developments as visible and tangible advances for DotAsia, expressed his satisfaction in sharing them with Members.

### **3. Board Elections 2026 (Election Chair & NomCom Reports)**

#### **3.1. Election Committee (EC) Chair Report**

- 3.1.1. Paul WILSON, Election Committee Chair, delivered the Board Elections 2026 report. He noted that it was an honor to serve as Election Chair and confirmed that the election procedures and results had been documented and published on the DotAsia website, with the election page URL available in the AGM slides for Members' reference.
- 3.1.2. Paul explained that for the 2026 Board Elections there were two (2) seats open in the Sponsor Member category and one (1) seat open in the Co-Sponsor Member category, and that one Board Director, Satish BABU (Co-Sponsor, Central and South-East Asia), had his term ending at this AGM.
- 3.1.3. It was noted that no geographic diversity requirement applied in this election cycle because the sitting Board composition already satisfied the diversity requirements mandated in the DotAsia Articles and Board Election Procedures.
- 3.1.4. Paul reported that in the Sponsor Member category there were two (2) candidates for two (2) vacancies, namely Rose JAMESON and Try THY and therefore no voting was required and both candidates were deemed elected. In the Co-Sponsor Member category there were two (2) candidates for one (1) vacancy, and voting was conducted. The successful candidate elected by the Members was Kevin MEYNELL. The results had been announced to the community a few days prior to the AGM together with the scrutineer's report.
- 3.1.5. The EC made process recommendations. It was suggested that the voters' list and key election details be made more clearly available on the election webpage, and that the methodology for validating geographic diversity requirements be explained with an example.
- 3.1.6. The Chair thanked Paul and the Election Committee for the well-documented and smoothly conducted election process.

- 3.2. Bertrand CHERRIER reported on the compilation of the Nominations Report 2026 as the NomCom Member.
  - 3.2.1. The roles and responsibilities of the NomCom were explained, including the confirmation of the Election Code of Conduct, and the delegated authority to determine the eligibility (or non-compliance) of a candidate.
  - 3.2.2. Bertrand explained a key change in the Board Election Procedures for 2026. It was noted that previously the Board would suggest an individual satisfying a geographic diversity requirement for the NomCom's consideration, whereas under the updated procedures the NomCom itself is responsible for identifying an individual satisfying any geographic diversity requirement to be nominated directly, thereby strengthening the Committee's independence.
  - 3.2.3. The Nomination Report listing all confirmed eligible nominees was submitted to the Board on January 13, 2026, after the nomination period and before the voting period, in line with the Board Election Procedures.
  - 3.2.4. Bertrand confirmed that, consistent with the Election Committee's report, there were two (2) candidates for two (2) Sponsor Member vacancies, resulting in deemed appointment with no voting required, and two (2) candidates for one (1) Co-Sponsor Member vacancy, resulting in an election in which Kevin MEYNELL was elected.
  - 3.2.5. The Chair thanked the Nomination Committee for their independent and thorough work on the 2026 election cycle.
- 3.3. Acknowledgment of Outgoing Director
  - 3.3.1. Akinori noted that long-serving Director Satish BABU was stepping down from the Board following completion of his term and invited him to address the Members.
  - 3.3.2. Satish reflected on his nine years of involvement on the DotAsia Board and service as Board Governance Committee (BGC) Chair. Satish emphasized that governance is never a destination but an ongoing process, and expressed gratification that the reforms linked to earlier crises are now considered closed, and stressed the importance of continued improvement in governance work.
  - 3.3.3. Former Board Chair Atsushi ENDO expressed his appreciation to Satish for his long-standing contribution and said it had been his privilege to work with Satish as a colleague on the DotAsia Board.
  - 3.3.4. The Chair and Members joined in thanking Satish for his service to DotAsia and acknowledged his role in leading key governance reforms with a round of applause.

#### **4. Board Governance Committee (BGC) Report**

- 4.1. Satish BABU presented the Board Governance Committee (BGC) Chair Report as the BGC Chair.
- 4.2. As part of his remarks, Satish explained that the Board Governance Committee (BGC) report captured the committee's formal achievements this year, but that it also represented the completion of a long series of governance reforms initiated to address historical issues within DotAsia.
- 4.3. It was noted that the Board and AGM had previously agreed on remedies to past problems, that these remedies had been implemented through various policy and process reforms, and that the current state of governance reflected the culmination of this reform phase, allowing the Board to focus on forward-looking governance improvements rather than crisis remediation.
- 4.4. Satish specifically mentioned progress on clarifying the Board Observer role, which had been a point of concern for some time, and now effectively completed.

#### **5. Board Community Projects Committee (BCC) Report**

- 5.1. Maureen HILYARD presented the Board Community Projects Committee (BCC) Chair Report as the BCC Chair.
- 5.2. Maureen explained that the BCC focuses on the support DotAsia provides to the Asia Pacific community, ensuring that this work aligns with the Strategic Plan, embodies DotAsia's core value of being community-driven, and fulfils the mission to reinvest surpluses into community initiatives relevant to the region.
- 5.3. Three significant developments for 2025 were highlighted: WSIS+20 activities, the evolution of the Sponsor Community Projects (SCP) fund in the implementation of the new common pool concept, and the refinement of strategic positions in supporting the team and Board in advancing DotAsia's advocacy in the community.
  - 5.3.1. On WSIS+20, Maureen echoed the earlier remarks of the Chair, in acknowledging the contributions of DotAsia staff and community members to the successful WSIS+20 outcomes, and highlighting the role of the NetMission project in bringing together and amplifying youth voices in global processes.
  - 5.3.2. With respect to the Sponsor Community Projects (SCP) fund, Maureen noted that the policy has been broadened and the fund increased thereby providing more opportunity for Members to submit funding proposals for projects in their communities. Maureen further explained that under the new SCP common pool concept, expiring allocations and new contributions are pooled so that community organizations can apply through both Sponsor and Co-Sponsor Members. It was clarified that DotAsia Members themselves cannot be grant recipients and that DotAsia relies on Members to identify and vet local organizations and initiatives for SCP funds.

- 5.4. A comment was raised acknowledging the new SCP/common pool distribution mechanism. It was further raised that although the number of DotAsia Members has remained relatively stable, the potential number of Members is larger; that the new mechanism can potentially benefit some of those from the developing economies, and it may be good time to make an effort to reach out to potential Sponsor Members to attract more participation. Maureen expressed agreement with the opportunity.

## 6. **Board Finance Committee (BFC) Report**

- 6.1. Tom BARRETT, Board Finance Committee (BFC) Chair, presented the BFC report. Tom began by acknowledging the exceptional DotAsia team, highlighting their strong support in governance, the CEO's strategic leadership in setting operational priorities, and the high performance and professionalism of staff in reporting on and executing their activities.
- 6.2. Tom referred to the past organizational crisis related to a dispute and explained that the BFC had undertaken a systematic Risk Management Plan over the past year to address both legacy and emerging risks.
- 6.3. Tom reported on the discovery process related to the Namesphere dispute, noting that the analysis had arrived at a conclusion that no further investigations are warranted, which provides the Board with clarity on how to proceed with that dispute going forward.
- 6.4. It was further noted that during the previous crisis period the regular cadence of financial audits had been disrupted, and that he is pleased to report that the audits are now back on track, and expressed appreciation to the team for the efforts in driving towards restoring the audit cycle.
- 6.5. Tom noted that the BFC continued to improve financial reporting, including closer monitoring of actual results against budget and simplification of quarterly reporting to focus on key financial metrics, thereby helping the Board maintain effective oversight.

## 7. **Member Resolution: Re-Appointment of Auditors**

A resolution for re-appointment of Forvis Mazars CPA Limited as auditors was presented. The resolution was resolved unanimously. (2026.02.001)

## 8. **.Asia Registry Backend Provider Report**

.Asia Registry Technical Update was presented by Jitender KUMAR of Identity Digital.

## 9. **Financial Report 2023-2024**

- 9.1. Financial Report for fiscal year ending Sep 30, 2025 for DotAsia Organisation was presented.

- 9.2. Financial Report for fiscal year ending Sep 30, 2025 for DotAsia Foundation was presented.
- 9.3. It was noted that the consolidated financials will be posted on DotAsia's website when they are available.

## 10. DotAsia Highlights 2025 & Strategic Plan Progress Report

- 10.1. Edmon CHUNG presented the DotAsia Highlights 2025 and Strategic Plan Progress Report.
  - 10.1.1. The launch of the "GoCreate Domain Innovations" event series as a key initiative under the Strategic Plan was reported. Initial sessions were held at the APAC DNS Forum in Hanoi, co-organized with ICANN, and followed up at DomainSummit.Asia 2025 in Hong Kong. Each workshop includes a structured brainstorming component with industry participants and is followed by a written article capturing innovative ideas on domain usage and marketing.
  - 10.1.2. Efforts to deepen relationships with registrars as well as DotAsia's outreach into new markets, particularly Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan was highlighted.
  - 10.1.3. DotAsia's involvement in WSIS+20 was reported, highlighting that Jennifer CHUNG, DotAsia's VP Policy, served as co-convenor with Vint Cerf for the Informal Multistakeholder Sounding Board (IMSB), an unprecedented structure in UN processes that allowed non-state actors to input into WSIS+20 outcomes. It was noted that Jennifer became the first Hongkonger to address the UN General Assembly, which was a point of pride for DotAsia. It was further reported that DotAsia's NetMission Youth Network and NetMission+ contributed through multiple interventions, statements, and formal inputs to WSIS+20, and that one tangible impact of this work was the inclusion of youth as a distinct stakeholder group in the WSIS+20 outcomes document, whereas earlier drafts had not clearly recognized youth in this way.
- 10.2. Progress on the Strategic Plan 2024-2027 was reported. It was highlighted that 39 specific tracking measures across 4 key areas of DotAsia works were identified and included in a full report. The overarching priorities were determined by the Board and the progress on each was highlighted, along with the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) Reports from which much of the data for the Strategic Plan Progress Report 2025 draws from.
- 10.3. DotAsia's continued work on .KiDS for the global children's rights and welfare community as well as on .MO for the Macau government, along with the new work in supporting APAC NGOs in the next round of New gTLD through ICANN's Applicant Support Program (ASP), was reported.
- 10.4. Returning to the SCP common pool, it was explained that historically SCP funds were channeled through ccTLD (Sponsor) Members, but under the expanded model, grant recipients can also apply through Co-Sponsor Members (i.e. APAC Internet organizations). It was highlighted that a dedicated webinar will be

scheduled later in the month to provide Members with detailed information, as well as Q&A opportunity, on the SCP common pool process.

- 10.5. The Chair thanked all Members and participants for attending the DotAsia AGM 2026, both onsite and online, and formally adjourned the meeting.

## **11. Joint Dinner with AP\* Retreat**

The Joint Dinner with AP\* Retreat was held at Seribu Rasa Restaurant in the Gandaria City Mall.