

DotAsia Board Governance Committee (BGC) Meeting Minutes

Date(s) & Time:	Nov 25, 2025 (Wed) 12:30 PM – 13:25 PM (HKT)
Location:	DotAsia Zoom Meeting Room: http://aji.asia/zoomboardgov
Attendees:	Satish BABU Tom BARRETT Akinori MAEMURA Edmon CHUNG Maureen HILYARD Jo-Fan YU Amina MEIRASBEK (DotAsia Team) Evin ERDOGDU (DotAsia Team)

No.	Action Items:	Owner	Remarks
G2025.10.A02	Include time allocations in the upcoming meeting agendas.	Edmon CHUNG	Completed.
G2025.11.A01	Provide fuller financial and risk management of the partner NGOs reporting at the next BFC meeting.	Edmon CHUNG	Completed. Financials provided to BFC.
G2025.11.A02	Cancel the next BGC meeting on December 3 rd if no items referred to BGC during full Board meeting.	BoardSec	Completed.
G2025.11.A03	Bring the potential scheduling options for the next F2F Board meeting for discussion during the next full Board meeting.	Edmon CHUNG	Completed.

Discussions:

1. Roll Call

- 1.1. Satish BABU chaired the BGC meeting on Nov 25, 2025.
- 1.2. Roll call. Those present for all or part of the meeting are included in the Attendees section.

2. Adoption of last BGC Meeting minutes (Oct 22, 2025)

- 2.1. Draft 1 of BGC meeting minutes Oct 22, 2025 and action items were presented.

- 2.2. BGC meeting minutes Oct 22, 2025 were adopted.

3. Board Elections 2026 Update

- 3.1. Updates on Election Committee seating were shared.
- 3.1.1. It was reported that Paul Wilson has agreed to serve as the Election Chair, and that Cheryl Langdon-Orr and Andrew Molivurae has agreed to serve for another term.
- 3.1.2. Draft resolution for seating the Election Committee for the upcoming full Board meeting was presented.
- 3.2. Updates on the Board Election Procedures were shared
- 3.2.1. The second draft of the Board Elections Procedures was circulated and presented. It was highlighted that the first draft was posted on Sep 24 and second draft on Nov 5 with very minimal changes, namely the addition of a link to the updated Board Code and Consensus Process (BGC-006) adopted in Dublin.
- 3.2.2. It was noted that both drafts were circulated to all members with no concerns received.
- 3.2.3. Draft resolution for adoption of the Board Elections Procedures (version 2.2) for the upcoming full Board meeting was presented.
- 3.3. Election timeline updates were shared. It was noted that Board nominations will open Dec 18 and run until Jan 7, with BGC meeting scheduled for Jan 14, when the Nominations Report is expected from NomCom, followed by a full Board meeting planned for Jan 16 when the AGM will be called.

4. Next Round New gTLDs Update

- 4.1. Updates on DotAsia's support to partner NGOs in the ASP application was shared. It was reported that a number of applications have been submitted and more are underway.
- 4.2. It was reported that financials of partner organizations were reviewed. Concerns were raised about partner NGO financial/governance risks, reputational risks, optics of DotAsia's involvements and conflicts of interest. It was suggested and agreed to bring fuller financial reporting for all prospective partners to BFC for further discussion. (G2025.11.A01)
- 4.3. Potential conflicts of interests regarding prospective partner NGOs for which DotAsia Board Directors are involved as directors was discussed. Edmon provided details on his involvements, including specifically on 3space which I organizes the Hong Kong Kids International Film Festival (<https://kiff.asia>).
- 4.4. A question was raised regarding pre- and post-application DotAsia resources for all partners. It was explained that depending on the final level of support

sought, DotAsia may provide complete support for operations, including marketing, registrar relations, financial management and ICANN compliance.

- 4.5. A question was raised about situations where partner NGOs decide to exit or sell the new gTLD. It was noted that certain ASP requirements restrict such transaction, and discounted fees may have to be returned. It was further discussed that in such cases, DotAsia should share in the economic benefits from any such sale.
- 4.6. A suggestion was made to develop and post an FAQ / fact sheet on the DotAsia website to proactively provide information on potential community concerns.
- 4.7. It was noted that full Board discussion is expected at each Board meeting through the F2F meeting at APRICOT, with a final decision on the matter closer to April when the next round application window is expected to open.

5. AOB

- 5.1. It was proposed that the next BGC meeting (originally scheduled for Dec 3) be cancelled given that all matters for Board Elections 2026 has been completed. It was agreed that cancellation will be confirmed after next full Board meeting if no items are referred back to the BGC. (G2025.11.A02)
- 5.2. The Board F2F scheduling challenges due to the overlap between APRICOT and APTLD meeting was discussed. Potential alternatives were suggested. It was agreed that further discussion be had at the next full Board meeting. (G2025.11.A03)