

Report title: <b>CEO's report</b>	Author: <b>Jon Davies</b>
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Report description: <b>Report on matters not covered elsewhere on agenda</b>	



#### Decisions needed

Item	Explanation	Action required	Risk
The Watercooler	Respond to user feedback.	Decide whether to have two different parts.	Confusing people. Negative impression of the chapter putting people off.
Legal advice re board powers	Reference through Govcom	Agree to receive legal advice re delegation and revisions to Memorandum and Articles.	Board processes not operating as efficiently as possible.

#### See also:

- 2014-19 Five Year planning document.
- Traffic lights summary of project progress
- Quarterly planning review
- Q3 Financial reports
- 2014-15 final budget
- PQASSO report.
- Suggested Board dates 2014-16
- Risk register.

#### For decision:

- The use of the watercooler – we need to make it a more positive venue. There seems to be a consensus for splitting it into a page for information and events and another for internal chapter discussions. Preliminary feedback from the member survey demonstrates significant dissatisfaction with some unpleasant and fractious content.

- **The need to review our Memorandum and Articles** in order to ensure best practice. This was our suggestion to the lawyers.

*a. to provide a summary of the powers available to Wikimedia UK's directors under the charity's Articles of Association to delegate matters to the chief executive, and to committees comprising people other than directors. We are specifically interested in the delegation of membership approvals to the CEO.*

*b. If the summary identifies any uncertainty about the extent of the directors' authority to do so, the note should also consider the mitigation of principal risks arising and possible courses of action.*

*c. Advice to guide us as to whether changes to the Articles would be necessary as a result of (b) above and if so what they would be.*

*It is important that you pay regard to the recommendations of the Hudson Review (January 2013) and the Chapman Review (October 2013).*

#### For discussion:

- A member has asked me to raise the issue of association with CIPR involving G4S with the board. I promised to do so. Verbal report.

### **Work from the last three months**

Apart from the usual duties the last three months have seen attention being given to:

- Preparing 5 year strategy.
- Re-visiting PQASSO.
- Working with new trustees.
- Arranging Edinburgh event for next Board Meeting.
- Moving office.
- Working with Chapman governance review.
- Making FDC application and responding to it.
- Looking at diversifying the places we deposit our funds.
- Preparing 2014-15 budget.

### **Work in the next three months**

- Q4 reporting to FDC and closing books.
- Finalising 2014-15 programme and revising targets.
- Support Wikimania 14 team.
- Preparing for chapter ED's (AKA CEOs) two day conference in March
- Initiating a review of our Wikimedians in Residence programme in Spring, deciding parameters etc..
- Trying to take some of the leave I am due.