

TECHN RAMA

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Be part of the inaugural Technorama AGM

The first Annual General Meeting of Technorama Incorporated will be held on Thursday 15 December at 1900 Australian Eastern Daylight Time. All members of Technorama will be invited to attend. In this case, the term “member” refers to a person who has been accepted for membership of Technorama Incorporated, in accordance with the details given on the Technorama website. And “attend” means via telepresence.

What you need to know

This is both the first AGM of the organisation and it is being conducted under new Rules which came into effect on 1 September 2016. These Rules allow conduct of meetings and Association activity to be virtualised (that is, we may run the meeting and voting processes using telepresence tools). Our Constitution was automatically updated to take the new process into account, and the version available on our website is the new Model Constitution.

This is excellent news for us, since our Membership is nationally distributed.

However the change in legislation was not accompanied by a “how-to” manual, and there is no guidance on what might be best practice or even legally permitted practice. Consequently we are still in the process of establishing what tools might work.

The AGM itself will be conducted using GoToMeeting (that is, it won't matter where you are as long as you can connect by web or phone), and elections will be managed using a suitable secret ballot tool.

An agenda and meeting details will be distributed on Thursday 1 December. Our AGM will have specific and structured agenda, but adequate time will be

available for members to discuss the progress of Technorama Incorporated, and to offer suggestions to the incoming Committee.

Join Technorama – act now

You need to be a Member to vote on Technorama Incorporated matters, or stand for Committee.

Join Technorama Incorporated as a Member by filling in the membership application form that you can find on the website here. Return it to the Secretary via secretary@technorama.org.au

All Membership applications received by 1200 Tuesday 6 November will be considered by the Committee in time for the Annual General Meeting.

Elections

The current constitution requires all Committee positions to be declared vacant, and an election will be held. Current Members of Technorama may stand or nominate for any position. The constitution requires that nominations should be signed by two members and the nominee, but for the purposes of electronic balloting “signed” includes an evident email chain. Nominations must be received by the Secretary by 1900 on 8 December 2016.

The Technorama Q&A Facebook group

To help stations with advice and guidance for the next round of CBF grants (opening in January) we’ve created the dedicated [communityradiotechqa](#) Facebook group. You can help us by both asking and sharing. Full details and the link are on the Technorama homepage.

Announcing TR17

Following the incredible success of Technorama 2016, we have locked down the date and location for **TR17**, which will be held at the [Campbelltown RSL on the weekend of 16-18 June 2017](#).

It’s especially good to have these details so early, as you can start planning travel and accommodation arrangements and take advantage of cheap airfares (all the major airlines run regular sales, so grab the seats while you can). Once again, we will negotiate hotel rates, and you can expect accommodation detail to be announced early in the new year.

We’ve already started considering the suggestions and programming ideas from the TR16 exit survey – if you have thoughts, jot them down because we will be calling for your input as part of event planning.

Membership system: what's out there?

We're on the lookout for a membership system that we can use to support Technorama Incorporated, as part of our push to be accessible, national and fully electronic. We asked around at CBAA and phoned a few friends: what's best of breed? Much to our surprise, the stations we've contacted so far have manual membership systems. Are you already using a good online membership/CRM system that might work for Technorama – if so, we'd like to hear from you. The preferred environment is either WordPress (to integrate with the website) or CPanel (to install easily within our hosting). It needs to take signup, maintain membership records, support 200-1000 members, maybe handle fees, and be inexpensive (or less).

CBAA 2016

It was great to meet so many old friends, and make new ones, at the CBAA 2016 conference in Melbourne. Technorama participated in a workshop on building technology support and teams, and it was great to see increasing involvement of women and youth. We talked to the vendors, and expect most or all of them to back us for TR17.

Special congratulations to Technorama Committee member Jim Parish who received "Technologist of the Year" award in a tightly contested field, and past Technorama presenter Max Benyon who received the Michael Law award.

So... what can you and should you do to help?

- Become a member of Technorama
- Be ready to volunteer.
- Be ready to help with ideas.
- Be ready to jump into the online forums and the support facebook page with both questions and answers.

We are a community, and we are as good as our ability to support ourselves and the rest of the Sector.

Talk to and with us

Drop a line via the website contact page, post something in the open Technorama Australia Facebook page, or follow @technorama_au on Twitter.

All the best

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