

# 2009 AGM Director Nominations

## Candidate Statements

### **Brett Fenton – Supply**

Brett Fenton is the Chief Operating Officer of Online Growth Solutions. This represents the brands Netregistry, PlanetDomain, MDWebHosting and Hostess in addition to the aftermarket brand NetFleet. Brett has previously sat on the auDA Board, in addition to having participated in a number of auDA sponsored panels and brings over 10 years of specific domain industry experience with his application. Brett is standing on a platform of auDA reform, wants there to be a review of the maximum number of 2 year periods that a candidate can nominate to the board and in addition the formation of an industry ombudsman (*statement truncated at 100 words*).

### **Amin Kroll - Supply**

I have supported a firm, open and accountable governance of the .au name space for all stakeholders and look forward to the opportunity to continue contributing to the auDA Board and to the Internet community. As MD of Intaserve - an auDA Registrar, and GM of Hostway Corporation I have over a decade of Internet and DNS experience plus strong commercial & governance skills from both an Australian and International perspective. During my Board term I also continued to be as active as possible, contributing in ICANN events, and Competition Panel and also Strategic and Structural reviews within auDA.

### **George Pongas – Supply**

Currently I am the CEO of the registrar DOMAIN8 PTY LTD. As an active member in Australia's domain industry for over six years, I have participated on two auDA names panels, attended three international ICANN conferences, and many more domain related events. Through my experience and passion for the domain industry, I will deliver a fresh and relevant perspective to many of the commercial challenges our industry faces.

I have a commercial sensibility, a strong sense of fairness, and extensive experience both internationally and domestically that I believe will make an effective contribution to the board and ultimately our industry.

### **Kartic Srinivasan – Supply**

I would like to bring my experience working in the Domain Name Community to:

- Promote .au domain space by maintaining competition & growth of the namespace
- Preserve & improve the trust of the .au domain space
- Increase the stability of the .au DNS and registry infrastructure
- Co-ordinate with the supply side of the industry to ensure they are aware of major board agenda items and key decisions displayed on auDA web site
- Ensure appropriate transparency on major items on expenditure to ensure public gets a return

Work Experience:

- Operations Manager – Global Partner Solutions
  - (*statement truncated at 100 words*).

### **David Cake – Demand**

I'm a board member of Electronic Frontiers Australia, since 2002 (currently Secretary), and I have been active in national policy debate via that organisation and others. I have registered many .au domains, and administered many DNS servers. I was the founding chairman of the board of the community ISP bur.st Inc. and I have a long history of volunteer involvement with community and non-profit organisations. I am active within ICANN, and currently seeking election as the ICANN NCUC Executive Committee representative for the Asia region.

I'm a Perth-based consultant and software developer. Further information at <http://www.difference.com.au/auda>.

### **Simon Johnson - Demand**

Simon Johnson co-founded one of Australia's first ISP's and Internet Security companies. For the past 15 years he has held Senior Management positions within many Australian public and private companies in the areas of Internet Security, Fraud and Risk. A former contributor to APC Magazine, he is also a best selling author in the area of Internet Safety, having written "Keep Your Kids Safe on the Internet" published worldwide (McGraw-Hill USA).

Simon runs the popular domain site [www.domainincome.com](http://www.domainincome.com) and stands for reform within auDA to increase transparency and the free-market commercialization of Australian namespace.

### **Josh Rowe – Demand**

Domain names are fundamental and essential parts of the Internet's functionality. Australian domain names provide the platform for Australia's \$81 billion online economy. Josh Rowe is a current director of auDA seeking re-election. Josh has over 17 years experience with the Internet. Josh is an active participant in the debate of Australian and global domain name governance. Josh has recently completed research on the usability of domain names; [www.domainusability.com](http://www.domainusability.com). Josh is a staunch consumer advocate within the Australian domain name industry; [www.domainwatch.org](http://www.domainwatch.org). Josh maintains a Price Comparison of auDA Accredited Registrars; [www.whatsinaname.com.au](http://www.whatsinaname.com.au). More information about Josh is available at [www.josh.id.au](http://www.josh.id.au).

### **Rosemary Sinclair – Demand**

The role of auDA is essential to fostering an effective, trusted Internet that can contribute to growth, innovation and economic well-being in Australia. I am keen to contribute to these outcomes. My experience gives me an appreciation of a wide range of demand groups –academic and research, community sector organisations, governments delivering education, health and community support services or businesses providing services to customers that are more convenient and lower cost. All of these groups are using the Internet to improve outcomes and all need to be supported as the Internet becomes more and more critical to service delivery.

### **Antony Steven – Demand**

I'd like to thank members for their trust in me over the past two years I have spent on the auDA Board. The organisation is healthy; however there is always room for improvement. If elected I would like to focus attention on the lack of knowledge in the general user community about its structure and governance.

From a small business perspective, domain names and the procedures to secure them are confusing and add to red tape.

I ask for your support so that I can continue to highlight issues for small business and ensure the best governance for auDA and (*statement truncated at 100 words*).