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Subject: Re: [AAI Board] Resignation
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To: AAI Board and Officers Discussion aaibod@googlegroups.com



No [REDACTED] it does not sound reasonable at all.

I did not resign because I thought that I did something wrong or because I thought that I was to blame for something. I resigned because of how seriously I view the idea that Directors on the AAI Board should be admonishing other Directors for immediate reporting, and how seriously I view the suggestion by an AAI Director, that reporting should be impeded or delayed until there is 'authorisation'. If this was made public, I imagine that lots of members would resign their AAI membership too. I need to register how seriously I view this situation and resignation is the route open to me by which I can do that.

For clarity, what [REDACTED] admonished me to do would be a crime here in Ireland. If a priest was told by a bishop that he could not make a report to the police until the bishop provided authorisation, then the bishop would have committed a crime and would undoubtedly be sent to prison. I understand that the law may be different in other countries but we shouldn't need a law to tell us what is right and what is wrong.

I really think that the AAI Board has totally failed to grasp the gravity of what has happened in relation to these very serious allegations and I believe that your description of the situation is highly inaccurate [REDACTED]. As far as I can see, the following is the case:

1.

I'm not aware that [REDACTED] has been suspended or that he has stepped away from the Board. In contrast, I believe that [REDACTED] has continued to engage with other Directors in discussion of these topics.

2.

One Director has proposed that I should handle serious allegations in a manner that is illegal and could see me prosecuted in the Irish courts. Irrespective of whether it is legal or not though, I was admonished to behave in a way that is totally immoral and unethical. I absolutely will not continue to serve in any Board under such circumstances. Despite this fact, the reaction of many other Directors has been to downplay how serious this situation is, and suggest that resignation is an over reaction. I humbly submit that other Directors should be spending more time trying to resolve a number of very serious issues and less time trying to pretend that the issues are not so serious.

3.

Some very serious allegations were made in public and to high profile people, about the current President of AAI. To date, the public response of AAI has been precisely zero.

4.

I will not check the mailing list for resolutions and I will not count votes. I am not the Secretary of AAI and I am not a member of the AAI Board. As I have repeatedly said, I should be removed from both Google Groups and the Google Drive.

I have committed to continuing my volunteer work on the CoE application, on the UN submission and on the asylum project. I am doing that. I have also committed to helping with the transition to a new Secretary. I will do that too. If you like, I can create the Skype call in a few hours to facilitate the meeting but I will not be contributing to it or taking minutes.

My advice to Directors is to manage these issues as if a journalist was looking over your shoulder, getting ready to write about it on tomorrow's front page. So far, I don't think the story is going to reflect well on AAI. Seeking to minimise issues instead of addressing them does not look good.