**RALO Rules on mailing lists**

Issue: Satish Babu requested to add an AOB item to the Regional Leadership meeting Agenda: **"Cleaning up RALO email lists: A preliminary discussion"**

**Issue:** We have been facing a problem of "sock-puppet" email accounts who are subscribed to the RALO lists. From their postings so far, these appear to be mildly malicious in their intent, and appear to be acting with the intention of stirring disruption and confusion in the list. There have been several discussions within the LT on how best to eliminate such subscribers from the list, but it has been suggested that this is taken up as a joint-RALO process.

There is also the case that many several other people who are currently subscribed are not available or are not interested any more. These also need to be removed.

We would like to start discussions among the RALOs on how best to address this issue. Some ways to address the problem would be:

1. Restrict the mailing list to members (individual member, member of a RALO, NomCom appointees etc)

2. Have a validated-participants-only policy (validation could be through a human reference such as another member, or by joining our WhatsApp group which requires a telephone number, or some other method)


**At-Large Rules on mailing lists:**

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| **Rules on mailing lists** | ALAC E-mail Guide Version: 24 October 2018<br><br>The ALAC and At-Large use e-mail as a primary communications vehicle. This document describes the | Operating Principles 2017<br><br>5.5 | APRALO ROPs 2014-24.2.<br><br>**Email**<br>**24.2.1** Email is a prime communication | EURALO Articles of Association 2019<br><br>7.5.2. Members | NARALO Rules of Procedure 2017<br><br>**Membership standards –**<br><br>7.1 | LACRALO Operating Principles 2018 |

| | primary e-mail lists and specifies their use for particular application It does not cover work group lists or others setup up to address specific topics or purposes<br><br>**All RALOs list have the following parameters:**<br><br>**Purpose:** Primary discussion list for RALOs.<br><br>**Who may send:**<br><br>Any list member. Messages from non-list members are held for administration action.<br><br>**Subscription method:**<br><br>Subscribed Anyone may self-subscribe.<br><br>**Members:**<br><br>ALAC from region<br>RALO leaders from the region<br>-Formal ALS reps<br>-Individual unaffiliated members<br>-ICANN staff<br><br>**De-subscription**:<br>Anyone may de-subscribe without staff interventionALAC members, | All members and Provisional members shall be entitled to participate in AFRALO's mailing lists. | technology used by the APRALO.<br>**24.2.2** The APRALO and AtLarge will have a variety of email mailing lists to allow easy communications amongst APRALO Members, Appointees, WT members, RALOs, and members of AtLarge.<br>**24.2.3** The APRALO will from time to time publish the **APRALO Email Guide** to ensure that these lists are used properly and have the correct membership. The Guide also specifies what email lists or other mechanisms, known as Approved Distribution Lists are used in relation to communications required in these RoP noting that**:**<br><br>**24.2.4** Most AtLarge mailing lists are archived and viewable by the public. The APRALO Email Guide will identify which lists are public and which are not. | are required to maintain an e-mail address and to communicate it to the Association, as well as other details of his, her, or their particulars as the Board decides. The Association will act in accordance with European Union data protection regulations and directives, as applicable.<br>**7.5.3.** The Association will inform | Participation in NARALO is subject to the following standards:<br><br>**7.1.1**<br>All NARALO Members, Appointees and At-Large participants shall adhere to the ICANN Expected Standards of Behavior in all of their ICANN related activities. (https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/expected-standards-2016-06-28-en)<br><br>**7.1.2 NARALO** Members, Appointees and At -Large participants must always behave in a professional manner and treat all ICANN participants and ICANN staff with respect, whether in person, on teleconferences, via email, or through other electronic work methods. Examples of inappropriate behavior include but are not limited to postings or other actions used to abuse, harass, stalk, or threaten others**;** or<br><br>7.1.2.2<br><br>that are libelous, knowingly false, ad hominem, or misrepresent another person. | No rules on mailing lists |

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| | RALO leaders and ALS representatives from the region must maintain subcritptions.<br><br>**Archived:** Yes. RALO lists are publicly viewable.<br><br>**Comments:**<br><br>Level to which subject matter is strictly limited to ICANN matters is at the discretion of the RALO. | | **24.2.5** Communication by electronic mail will be considered equivalent to any communication otherwise required to be in writing. The APRALO shall take such steps as it deems appropriate under the circumstances to assure itself that communications by electronic mail are authentic. | its Members about its activities and programmes, especially via its Internet page and its mailing lists**.**<br><br>**7.5.4.** Members are required to inform the Association without delay, about any changes of representatives, e-mail address, postal address, or other relevant data.<br>7.5.5. The Association is not | | |

| | | | | responsible for damages resulting from undelivered communications due to missing or incorrect particulars of Members who have not communicated changes as required in this Article. | | |
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| **Code of cond uct** | **14.4 Code of Conduct**<br><br>14.4.1 All ALAC Members, Appointees and At-Large participants shall adhere to the ICANN Expected Standards of Behavior ( https://www.icann.org/resources/p ages/expected-standards-2012-05-15-en) in all of their ICANN-related activities. | | **Section - 25 Code of conduct**<br><br>(Adopted from the ALAC RoP and modified for Regional use)<br>25.1    All APRALO Members, Appointees and AtLarge participants shall adhere to the ICANN Expected Standards of Behavior in all of their | **5.3. Code of Conduct**<br><br>5.3.1.  The Association shall  at  all times  act in  an open, accountabl e  and transparent | | **LACRA LO Rules of Proced ure**<br><br>**Section 26.**<br><br>**About the** |

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| | 14.4.2 ALAC Members, Appointees and At-Large participants must always behave in a professional manner and treat all ICANN participants and ICANN staff with respect, whether in person, on teleconferences, **via e-mail,** or through other electronic work methods. Examples of inappropriate behaviour include but are not limited to postings or other actions: a) used to abuse, harass, stalk, or threaten others; or b) that are libellous, knowingly false, ad hominem, or misrepresent another person.<br><br>14.4.3 ALAC and At-Large meetings and electronic communications are largely in support of ALAC activities.<br><br>14.4.4 Most ALAC and At-Large meetings and electronic communications are open, archived and viewable by the public. Care must be taken so as to not violate any obligations of confidentiality or violate the privacy of others. | | ICANNrelated activities. (http://www.icann.org/en/news/in-focus/accountability/expectedstandards)<br>25.2 APRALO Members, Appointees and AtLarge participants must always behave in a professional manner and treat all ICANN participants and ICANN staff with respect, whether in person, on teleconferences, via e-mail, or through other electronic work methods. Examples of inappropriate behaviour include but are not limited to postings or other actions:<br>25.2.1 used to abuse, harass, stalk, or threaten others; or<br>25.2.2 that are libellous, knowingly false, ad hominem, or misrepresent another person.<br><br>25.3 ICANN facilitated APRALO and AtLarge meetings and electronic | manner and is committed to cultural and geographic diversity and gender balance in its work internally and externally.5.3.2. The Association shall pursue activities which are exclusively and directly for the benefit of the Internet-using public | | **code of conduct –**<br><br>LACRALO shall adopt the code of conduct approved by ALAC for internal purposes. |

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