

ALAC

Roles & Rules

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A Bit About Me

- Live in Montreal, Canada
- Computer professional: 55 years
 - Variety of roles!
- Internet Training Workshops
- Developing Country ICT Support
- Involved with ICANN since 2006
 - ALAC Member: 10 years
 - GNSO Liaison: 8 years
 - ALAC Chair: 4 years (ending 2018)

The ALAC

“Represents the interests of individual Internet users within ICANN.”

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The Others

- Those whose interests lie with those who provide Internet and domain name registrations and services, domain name registrants and content, and service providers.

What We Do

Consider and provide input and advice on ICANN activities as they relate to the interests of individual Internet users. This includes policies developed by Supporting Organizations, ICANN organization operations, and other issues for which community input and advice is appropriate.

How We Do It

- Meetings, in person (someday??) and virtual
 - Worldwide participation implies challenges
- Provide representatives to a wide range of ICANN groups and activities, both formal and informal
 - Formal and informal activities
 - Formal and informal representation
- Outreach and Engagement
 - Communications and to develop new active participants

ALAC Member Characteristics

- People of integrity, objectivity, and intelligence who have an abiding desire to ensure that individual end users' needs are addressed as ICANN carries out its role of coordinating in the global Internet's systems of unique identifiers.
- Technical knowledge an asset.
- Thoughtful, collaborative, with an understanding of consensus.
- Willingness and ability to get actively involved.
- Self-starters
- Ability to participate in English.

- A word about ego...

ALAC Culture & Rules

- Generally, a pretty informal group
- Generally, operates by Consensus
- ICANN and the ALAC often not easy to understand, but people are willing to help!
- Despite informality, there are formal Rules:

<https://tinyurl.com/ALAC-RoP>

ALAC Rules of Procedure

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Key RoP Areas

- Selections
 - Chair, leadership
 - Appointments
- Decisions
 - Consensus
 - Voting (in person, teleconference, BigPulse)

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