Application for "At-Large Structure" (ALS) Designation

Organisation Contact information

1. Organisation's Name:

Internet Society India Kolkata Chapter

2. Organisation's email address:

admin@isocindiakolkata.in

3. Organisation's phone number (include country/city codes):

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4. Organisation's address (location and postal address, if different):

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Kolkata, West Bengal, India 700 069

5. Organisation's website (URL) (if available):

www.isocindiakolkata.in

6. Primary contact:
    a. Name: Anupam Agrawal, Chair
    b. Email address: agrawal_anupam@hotmail.com
    c. Telephone: 91 990 399 2838

7. Secondary Contact:
    a. Name: Rajib Losalka, Chapter Administrator
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Description

1. Structure and Governance:

    a. Is your Organisation constituted so that individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the Geographic Region in which your Organisation is based control your Organisation?

    Yes

    b. Please explain the answer above in sufficient detail so that a person not familiar with your Organisation would be able to understand the reasons for your answer, and attach or reference the URLs where any statutes or operating principles or other supporting information related to this question can be found:

    ISOC India Kolkata Chapter was chartered In January-2009. At present the chapter has 560 individual members. This chapter works as per the bye laws prepared by chapter and approved by Internet Society. Any individual internet user can become the member of the Kolkata Chapter however, the chapter has kept its prime area of operations as the state of west bengal. Most of the chapter activities in terms of capacity development and awareness are restricted to the defined state only. However, there are members from all over the place who do contribute in various other research projects which the chapter has undertaken or contribute in the public policy process.

    c. Is your organization formally incorporated or organized under a national legal jurisdiction?

    No

    d. Describe your Organisation's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes):

    ❖ The officers of the Internet Society Kolkata Chapter are Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary & Treasurer. They constitute the executive council. All decisions are taken by the consensus of the executive council and Chair is the head of the executive council.

    ❖ There are committees below the executive council which are formed from the membership. The various standing committees are Program Committee, Education Committee, Membership Committee, & Publicity Committee.

    ❖ Proposals are sent by members to the Executive Council and once they are passed in the council, they are delegated to the Standing Committees for execution. The leaders of the committees are part of the every executive council meeting.

    e. Does your organization have written bylaws or other constitutional

instruments?

Yes. (Being sent along with application)

 f. Explain the eligibility requirements (if any) for your Organisation's constituents/membership (if you provide a written application for admission as a member, you may attach a copy):

All members of the Internet Society- India Kolkata Chapter shall also be members of the Internet Society; They register in the Internet Society website and then after becoming a global member indicate for membership in the chapter. Once they show their interest in the chapter, the online application request comes to the Chapter Administrator for his approval. On approval in system, the ISOC global member becomes the member of the chapter.

 g. In what language/s does your Organisation conduct its business?

English

2. About Your Members

 a. Do you have individual members with the ability to vote in or otherwise control the management of the organization?

Yes

 b. Do you have organisations as all or part of your membership?

No

 c. Do you have governmental bodies, or quasi-governmental bodies, as members of your organisation?

No

 d. Describe the general membership – are they predominately of one (or more) professional background or interest group? (e.g. journalists, online rights activists, consumer organizations, individual consumers, etc.):

The membership is diversified. Most of the members are from business

organizations, followed by students and academics, Individual internet Users, Parents, Technical community.

e. Describe how your Organisation keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest:

isockolkata@googlegroups.com

Members of ISOC India Kolkata Chapter are added once they become a member of Kolkata Chapter. This google group is open for post, discussions by members of the chapter. They are added to this groups once their membership is approved for the chapter in the ISOC membership system.

f. Approximately how many members, of each type of membership class if you have more than one, do you have?

Membership is currently 100% individuals. They are in turn affiliated to business organization, technical community etc.

3. Provide support for the statement that your Organisation is self-supporting (by answering "yes" you confirm that it will not rely on ICANN for funding):

Yes

4. What is the primary source, or sources, of funding for your Organisation? (if unfunded/entirely voluntary simply indicate "N/A"):

The annual chapter funds received from ISOC against event, and grants received are the source of funding. Also local sponsors are there who provide in kind sponsorship in various events.

5. Do you receive any funding from government agencies or for-profit entities? If so, please describe below and describe their involvement in the activities of the organization (if they so participate):

No

6. Does your Organisation commit to supporting its individual constituents'/membership's informed participation in ICANN?

Yes

6. Does your Organisation post on the Internet publicly-accessible, current information about your Organisation's goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s) (if this information currently is available, provide URLs)?

Yes

www.isocindiakolkata.in

7. Provide information on your Organisation's leadership (leaders' names, positions, emails):

Anupam Agrawal; Chair; agrawal_anupam@hotmail.com

Niel Hirjee; Vice Chair; niel@calport.com

Rajib Losalka; Chapter Administrator; rajib.losalka@yahoo.com

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Hemant Sampat; VP Membership; hemantsampat2003@yahoo.co.in

Objectives

1. Please describe your Organisation's mission and purpose (please attach any mission or policy statement for your Organisation, if in writing, or provide a URL, if posted):

The overall purpose of the Internet Society India Kolkata Chapter will be to:

- ❖ Be part of worldwide Internet society (ISOC) and be a supporting factor in its activities.
- ❖ Be an enabler in the region for increased growth of Internet through increased awareness.
- ❖ Act as a liaison between Government Organizations and memedium of collaboration Be a catalyst in Increase awareness about Internet Capabilities
- ❖ a collaborator collaborative and of

Further the purpose of the chapter will primarily be divided into two distinct focus areas namely Urban & Rural.

In Urban Areas the focus will include but not limited to:

- ❖ Spread Proper Awareness about the internet capabilities, dos and dont's and how internet can impact the bottom lines of the businesses.
- ❖ Liaison with the local government to facilitate new data centers and lower internet charges are also options.

- ❖ Interacting with large business houses and ICT companies to fund the research activities.
- ❖ Creating a forum wherein people from industry , academia, users can interact to iron out the issues

In Rural Areas the focus will include but not limited to:

- ❖ Increase Internet penetration & Awareness
- ❖ Reduce High cost of Wireless connectivity

2. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your Organisation's constituents/membership:

IDN related issues as India's application has been approved under the fast track process. The organization is working closely with government agencies for testing on Bangla as it is one of the languages approved and is the language of the region.

IPv6 Issues : ISOC India Kolkata Chapter has signed an MoU with APNIC for capacity development in the region.

3. If your Organisation is accredited, will it commit to participating actively in the Regional At-Large Organisation (RALO) for the region in which your Organisation is based?

Yes

4. If your Organisation is accredited, does it or will it agree to adhere to the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the other ALSes in your Geographic Region and ICANN, as if it were an original signer of that document?

Yes

Signature

Signature: Anupam Agrawal

Name: ANUPAM AGRAWAL

Date: 07-APR-2011

Title: CHAIR, INTERNET SOCIETY INDIA KOLKATA CHAPTER