GAs, Summits, Reviews and Rules

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General Assemblies (GAs)

• 2006/7 as each RALO was created, ALSes were invited to an ICANN meeting to sign their agreement with ICANN.
  – These constituted first in-person GAs
• Important to occasionally have in-person contact
  – GAs continued on a rotating basis with ad hoc funding
At-Large Summit

• 2009: First At-Large Summit (ATLAS)
  – Following the first At-large Review
  – Brought together ALS representatives from all 5 regions
  – Targetted discussions on critical topics (At-Large Engagement in ICANN, Structure and Governance of ICANN, New gTLDs, Transparency & Accountability, DNS Security Issues)
  – Five concurrent GAs
Why Summits?

• The overall concept remains
  – At-Large is world-wide and there needs to be contact and exchange
  – The specific of each summit have been different, and that goes along with At-Large evolving and growing
GAs & Summits

• The process of periodic GAs and another Summit continued with ad hoc funding (Please sir/ma’am, may I have some money ...).
  – We had concept of the GA and Summit pattern, but ICANN had no provision for multi-year funding.

• 2016: Proposal for Multi-Year Planning of At-Large Face-to-Face meetings
  – Approved and incorporated into the ICANN planning and budgeting process
GA & Summit Cycle

• 1 Summit every 5 years
• 1 GA per region between summits
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And then there was the pandemic!
ATLAS III

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2nd At-Large Review

• Period Review by external reviewers
• Conclusion: ALSes were not effective contributors to At-Large involvement in ICANN Policy (the main function of At-Large!).
  – Therefore focus only on individual members
• ALAC Response: Need to go back to basics
  – ALSes were created to give ICANN access to their members
  – We need to be in contact with these members
  – We need to ensure that there ALSes have a bond with ICANN
  – We need to also put more focus in Individual Membership
Revised NARALO Rules of Procedure (RoP)

• Overall cleanup and clarification.
• Changes to address minor problems that have arisen since the RoP were adopted.
• Clarification of the role of the Individual Member representative.
• Included NA ALAC Members as Advisors to NA Chair/Secretariat.
• Extending the number of consecutive terms an ALAC Member may typically serve from 2 to 3.
• Incorporation of ALS criteria and expectations in support of the ALS Mobilization Report.
• Incorporation of the ALAC Individual Member Mobilization Report.

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