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## AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Proposed Updates to the GNSO Operating Procedures Public Comment Proceeding

On 9 September 2022, the Public Comment proceeding opened for the [Proposed Updates to the GNSO Operating Procedures](#). An At-Large [workspace](#) was created for the Public Comment submission. The At-Large Operations, Finance, and Budget Working Group (OFB-WG), agreed it would be in the interest of end users to develop and submit a brief At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) statement. Based on text agreed to by the current and former ALAC Liaisons to the GNSO, this draft initial ALAC statement was presented to the OFB-WG during its teleconference on 27 October 2022.

On 27 October 2022, the OFB-WG drafted the initial ALAC statement, which was posted to its workspace by ICANN Policy staff in support of the At-Large community. The recommendations and At-Large positions were discussed on the 27 October CPWG call. At-Large members were invited to provide input during the OFB-WG calls and via email.

On 7 November 2022, the OFB-WG finalized the At-Large Public Comment submission. The ALAC chair, Jonathan Zuck, requested that an Executive Summary be added before statements are voted on by the ALAC. The ALAC chair also requested the statement to begin the ALAC ratification process for submission to the ICANN Public Comment feature.

On 11 November 2022, staff confirmed the online vote resulted in the ALAC endorsing the statement with 15 out of 15 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions. Please note 100% of ALAC Members participated in the poll. The ALAC Members who participated in the poll are (alphabetical order by first name): Bill Jouris, Carlos Aguirre, Dave Kissoondoyal, Eduardo Diaz, Joanna Kulesza, Jonathan Zuck, Laura Margolis, Marcelo Rodriguez, Matthias Hudobnik, Maureen Hilyard, Naveed Bin Rais, Raymond Mamattah, Sarah Kiden, Satish Babu, Tommi Karttaavi. You may view the results [here](#).

## **AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **Executive Summary**

The ALAC has only one request for the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) in regards to the Council Committee for Overseeing and Implementing Continuous Improvement (CCOICI). We request that the "At-Large Community" be included in addition to the existing option of "At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)" within the CCOICI's Review of Working Group Self Assessment Requirements document, under item 3, "Primary Organizational Affiliation."

Further explanation is enclosed in our statement.

### **ALAC/ At-Large Comments**

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and At-Large Community welcome the opportunity to respond to the call for Public Comment.

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A distinction between the ALAC and the At-Large Community ought to be recognized for the following considerations:

1. Membership to the ALAC is solely by way of either selection through Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs) or appointment by the Nominating Committee (NomCom).
2. Except for the (proposed) "NomCom appointee (GNSO)" and "NomCom appointee (other)" response options, all the other organizations listed are ones where a person can join as a 'grouping' in which case, the appropriate grouping for us is the At-Large Community (and not the ALAC).
3. Since the GNSO Operating Procedures still allow for open-model policy development process working groups, an At-Large member could still identify themselves as a

member of the At-Large Community and should do so if they are not appointed or selected by the ALAC to represent the ALAC in a particular PDP working group.

4. The requested amendment does not negatively impact the nature or substance of the assessment survey, but seeks to offer a respondent the ability to be more precise about their affiliation.

Justine Chew, ALAC Liaison to the GNSO, had also submitted this request during the GNSO Council meeting of 17 February 2022. Page 3 of the GNSO Council meeting [minutes](#) provide this as an action item with the following comment:

*With respect to the suggested revisions to the Working Group Self-Assessment, the CCOICI to consider those made during the meeting for incorporation in its Final Report which will be submitted after review of public comments (namely, whether it should be possible for respondents who choose to, to have their name published in the summary report and adding "At-Large Community" as one of the respondent affiliations to the survey).*