AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ALAC Statement on the Draft Criteria and Process for Selection of Multistakeholder Ethos Award Pilot Program

Introduction

Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Chair of the ALAC and ALAC member from the European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO) and ALAC Leadership Team member, composed an initial draft of this Statement after discussion of the topic within At-Large and on the Mailing Lists.

On 4 February 2014, this Statement was posted on the At-Large Draft Criteria and Process for Selection of Multistakeholder Ethos Award Pilot Program Workspace.

On that same day, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Chair of the ALAC, requested ICANN Policy Staff in support of the ALAC to send a Call for Comments on the Recommendations to all At-Large members via the ALAC-Announce Mailing list

On 12 February 2014, a version incorporating the comments received was posted on the aforementioned workspace and the Chair requested that Staff open an ALAC ratification vote on the proposed Statement.

On 31 January 2014, Staff confirmed that the online vote resulted in the ALAC endorsing the Statement with 13 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions. You may review the result independently under: http://www.bigpulse.com/pollresults?code=3670e62nvmg9aGUTLkRk39Vv

Summary

1. The At-Large Advisory Committee applauds the initiative of the Multistakeholder Ethos Award. Indeed whilst oftentimes the upper strata of the ICANN ecosystem receive frequent praise, seldom are the people working hard in working groups credited for their efforts.
2. The ALAC agrees with the suggested list of criteria but would recommend adding a factor of time spent (devotional factor) by the candidates in achieving their goal of facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogue. Discussion and dialogue are one thing - doing the hard lifting to keep the system going is another.
3. In a bottom-up environment such as ICANN, it is vital to recognize people at all levels of the multi-stakeholder system in any of ICANN's many communities, if only to keep the bottom-up multi-stakeholder system going. The ALAC therefore fully supports the creation of this award and looks forward to applaud its first laureate(s).

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