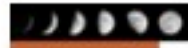


Independent Review of the At-Large Advisory Committee

*Presentation of Report
from
Westlake Consulting Limited*

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Background

June 2007 - ICANN issued RFP for
Independent Review of the ALAC

August 2007 - Westlake Consulting
Limited responded

February 2008 - ICANN Board appointed
WCL as independent reviewer



Aims of the Review



To determine:

- *Whether the organization has a continuing purpose in the ICANN structure; and*
- *If so, whether any change in structure or operations is desirable to improve its effectiveness;*

... and about 50 subsidiary questions.



Information gathering



- Westlake Consulting came to ICANN New Delhi
- We interviewed many people from ALAC and ICANN
- We have since interviewed many more by email and phone
- ICANN website notices and ALAC mailing lists invited comments



Confidentiality



- The interviews and comments have helped us reach our conclusions
 - We have quoted from them in our report
- We respect the confidentiality of all comments:
 - We have not identified comments individually;
 - We will destroy our interview/meeting notes at the end of the assignment.



What people say about the ALAC



“it has always puzzled me whether ALAC has any agenda”

“ALAC is our conscience”

“the ALAC is a complete waste of time”

“the interim ALAC only took the privileges and travelled free over the world”

“ALAC has made significant improvement over the past 1-2 years”



How we see the ALAC

- A means for individual Internet users to participate in ICANN's work
- A channel for ICANN's accountability to the community
- ALAC, like ICANN, is:
 - Bottom-up
 - Consensus-driven



This is a new ALAC

- Interim ALAC until 2007
 - focus on institution building
- Now...ALAC 1.0
 - gaining respect as contributor to ICANN
 - policy initiatives
 - outreach
- ALAC history is not a reliable predictor of ALAC future
- This review is forward looking



ALAC Structure - our views

- We identified 8 options
 - e.g. abolition, merger with other body, change to SO
- Option chosen: status quo with minor changes
 - just implemented
 - 5 years in building
 - no compelling reason to change fundamentals
- Recommendation: 2 year term for Chair

Regional balance

- ICANN geographic regional structure does not reflect:
 - global population or Internet users
 - AP growing rapidly, NA and EU levelling off
- Recommendation: keep RALOs, add 2 Asia members to ALAC
- Recommendation: review RALO role next time

Board Liaison

- Board members vote, Liaisons advise
- Duties of Board members
 - interests of ICANN are paramount
- Accountability of Liaison is to ALAC
- Recommendation: Board representative remains Liaison
- Recommendation (new): 2 year term

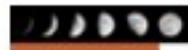
Resourcing

- ICANN support for ALAC has improved substantially this year
 - ...but there needs to be more
- Recommendation: Dedicated support for each RALO
- Recommendation: Chair to agree staff support level
- Recommendation: More and faster translation



Where to from here?

- Report is now with the ICANN Board Governance Committee
 - Review Working Group
 - Chair: Tricia Drakes
- Two workshops at ICANN Paris
- After Paris, final version of report



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Gracias

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ありがとうございました

Thank you

