NARALO Monthly Meeting
March 8, 2010

Attending: Heidi, Matthias, Dev, Beau, Evan, Gareth, Darlene, Seth, Alan, Joly, Eduardo Diaz

1. Update on Nairobi Meeting

This has been a very unique location to have an ICANN meeting. Yesterday's ALAC meeting was very productive. Many said that we need more outreach and gave presentations on same. We also need to work on "in-reach" to retain and engage existing ALSs. We had a good session on At-Large improvements. We have a new project manager on this by the name of Seth Greene. Rob Beckstrom is a member of the SF ISOC chapter. Analisa Roger is the president of that chapter and has put herself forward for the board selection team. Miles Braithwait has also put his name in. Today's series of meetings were culturally impressive but had a great deal of repetition by the CEO but that was good.

2. Update on the NARALO brochure

It is still being worked on. LACRALO, AFRALO and EURALO have already got theirs done. We have a good general brochure on ICANN but we still do not have anything that is NARALO specific. Gareth and Darlene will be at the ICT Summit in Vancouver and will be presenting there to improve outreach and will give feedback on same. Further work on the brochure will be done as soon as possible. We should look at the differences in style between the existing brochures to be able to design our own. A good deadline would be 4-6 weeks so that we can have it by the Brussels meeting. Scott Pinzon also offered his help on the brochure.

3. Regional input on the public consultation on the ICANN budget

NA hasn't had any kind of regional assembly since we formed in San Juan. Revenues are down and it looks like ICANN is cutting back in staff and travel policies. Commenting on the budget would be good but trying to increase line items will probably not fly. We will work with the Global Outreach people for outreach but not request a regional assembly. We may want to draft language to suggest another Summit in a couple of years. ICANN may be able to use a reserve fund for same. This way a Summit wouldn't take a huge bite out of one year but spread it out over several.

4. Announcement to find people to …

Alan's term is up for the NomCom position for NA. Essentially the nominating committee in Nairobi has been recruiting for all kinds of positions. Alan still wants to remain active in ICANN but not sure as in what respect. April 2 is the deadline.

5. Finding people from NA for the at-large director selection team.

Should we put Analisa Roger and Miles Braithwaite forward? Yes, these have already been put forward and everyone is happy with those two people.

6. Where to have the NA ICANN meeting?

Seth has provided the information to the Hawaiian tourist bureau but has not heard back. Many people would like to see the next NA meeting in Honolulu. Seth will pass that on to the agency. He is unsure whether they have followed through or are interested at all. There should already be a call for proposals out for this and then its up to Hawaii to put in a proposal.