

# Operating Principles of the APRALO

## PART 1: GENERAL

### **1 Name:**

1.1 The name of this organization shall be the Asia Pacific Regional At-Large Organization. ( hereinafter referred to as “APRALO” )

### **2. Definitions:**

2.1 In these Operating Principles the words standing in the first column shall bear the meaning set opposite to them if inconsistent with the subject or context.

“ALAC” .....At-Large Advisory Committee

“ALS” .....At -Large Structure

“APRALO” .....Asia Pacific Regional At-Large Organization

“ICANN.....Internet Corporation for Assigned Names  
and Numbers

“RALO” .....Regional At-Large Organizations

“Member” .....A full member of the APRALO unless  
otherwise specified

“Region” .....Geographic Region as defined by ICANN

“Provisional Member .....The status belonging to an organisation  
that has applied for ALS status, and has  
been endorsed by APRALO to ALAC, during  
the period between the APRALO’s  
endorsement and the decision on the  
application by ALAC.

### **3. Objectives:**

3.1 This body is formed with the following objectives:

- 3.1.1 to provide a forum and promote and encourage Asia/Pacific Internet users' participation and involvement in ICANN in an open, accountable and transparent manner;
- 3.1.2 to promote, understand and advocate for individual Internet users and to provide a forum for outreach, co-ordination and exchange of information and knowledge for persons who live in the Asia Pacific region as defined herein;
- 3.1.3 to act as an interface between individual Internet users and ICANN and to promote skills development and information exchange related to the Internet amongst Members;
- 3.1.4 to bridge the digital divide and encourage users in developing countries to participate in APRALO.
- 3.1.5 to select two individuals as representatives of the Members of APRALO to ALAC;
- 3.2 APRALO shall be certified by ICANN and abide by the by-laws of ICANN regarding individual users' participation and involvement.

## **PART II MEMBERSHIP**

### **4. Membership**

- 4.1 All ALS in the Asia Pacific region shall be Members of the APRALO.
- 4.2 There shall be no limit as to the number of Members of the APRALO.
- 4.3 All Members and Provisional Members shall be entitled to attend and participate at all Meetings and be entitled to access information via a publicly accessed World Wide Web site maintained by APRALO.
- 4.4 All Members and Provisional Members shall be entitled to participate in APRALO mailing lists

## **PART III: MANAGEMENT**

### **5. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretariat:**

- 5.1 The Chairperson shall be selected for a period of two years and shall act as Chairperson at all APRALO Meetings and shall represent the APRALO in its dealings with outside entities.

- 5.2 The vice-chairperson shall be selected for a period of two years from the first annual general meeting and shall assist and deputize for the Chairperson in the latter's absence.
- 5.3 A secretariat for the APRALO may be appointed.
- 5.4 The secretariat shall be responsible for recording meetings and performing administration functions.
- 5.5 If a vacancy occurs a replacement for the remainder of the term shall be selected at an extraordinary Meeting

## **Part IV: MEETINGS**

### **6. Meetings**

- 6.1 The APRALO shall hold once every year an Annual General Meeting, in addition to any other meetings in that calendar year, and not more than fifteen (15) months shall elapse between the date of one Annual General Meeting and that of the next.
- 6.2 The fiscal year shall be from July 1 to June 30.
- 6.3 The Annual General Meeting or a Meeting shall be held at a venue accessible to all members physically and/or electronically and shall be called with at least thirty (30) days notice and shall specify the time, date and venue of the Meeting and an agenda.
- 6.4 A quorum at any Annual General Meeting or Meeting shall be one third (1/3) of the Members, or seven (7) members, whichever shall be greater.
- 6.5 The Chairperson shall announce the results of any decision that has been made to the entire membership in a timely manner.
- 6.6 At any meeting where at least one half (1/2) of members are present, a motion to amend, change, or repeal the Operating Principles may be initiated. Two-thirds of the whole membership must consent for the motion to carry.
- 6.7 All Meetings shall be public.

### **7. Decision Making**

- 7.1 Unless otherwise specified herein, to the extent possible all decisions shall be made by consensus; if a consensus cannot be reached then a vote shall be held. Only those ALSes that have been accredited prior to a vote will be able to vote. Each accredited ALS will have one (1) vote.

7.2 Where a vote is needed, it may be carried out using such electronic and or on-line means (including web applications, e mail and/or video or tele-conferencing) as determined appropriate by the chairperson.

## **8. Dissolution**

- 8.1 APRALO may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership if:
- 8.1.1 it is determined the objectives of APRALO have been achieved and its existence is no longer necessary, or;
  - 8.1.2 it is determined that APRALO will no longer be able to function effectively, or;
  - 8.1.3 the number of Members is less than the minimum required by the ICANN Bylaws for a RALO.
- 8.2 A motion for dissolution may be passed at a General Meeting provided notice of the intent to move for Dissolution is given to all Members 90 days before the Meeting is held.
- 8.3 Any motion for dissolution must provide for the disposal of any assets of APRALO.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, these Operating Principles are initialled this 28th day of February 2007 by the ALS representatives present this day, confirming their consensus approval of this text and signalling their intent to sign it subject to ICANN General Counsel's positive review and a public comment period.