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## Policy, Operational and Governance Participation with a North American Perspective

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# NARALO Participation in Policy, Operational and Governance Issues

NARALO members participate in ICANN Policy, Operational and Governance Issues through a variety of avenues.

- CPWG (At Large Consolidated Policy Working Group)
- OFB-WG (At Large Operations, Finance & Budget Working Group)
- GNSO Working Groups
- Implementation Oversight Teams
- Other Small Groups

# The At Large Working Groups

- CPWG and OFB-WG are open to all At Large community members
- ALAC Members are required to participate in both
- This set up provides members with various entry points into At Large Policy work depending on their particular strengths and interests

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# The At Large Working Groups

## CPWG: Focuses on PDP Working Groups

- Discusses work taking place in the WGs
- Helps develop ALAC positions on issues in the WGs
- Supports members participating directly in the WGs
- Develops and drafts Public Comments and ALAC Advice for consideration by the ALAC

# The At Large Working Groups

OFB-WG: Focuses on ICANN Process and Procedure, Operations and Governance, Strategic Planning, Budget & Finance

- Discusses work taking place in WGs dealing with ICANN processes and operations
- Helps develop ALAC positions on the issues
- Supports members in the WGs
- Develops and drafts comments on WG Reports
- Strategic Plans, ICANN Budgets, Budget Requests, Use of Funds

# NARALO Participation

**CPWG:** Approximately 10-15 NARALO members participate regularly in CPWG; most participate directly in GNSO PDP WGs and other groups as well

**OFB-WG:** Approximately 8-12 NARALO members participate regularly in OFB-WG; more will participate on specific topics or projects

- CPWG discussions can be very technical or require significant knowledge on policy areas.
- We have a good group of experienced NARALO participants in CPWG and OFB-WG
- However, it has been challenging to get new NARALO volunteers to engage in CPWG
- NARALO has been somewhat more successful in getting volunteer inputs into the Operational, strategic planning, and governance policy
- In both areas, experienced members are glad to act as mentors to get new members involved

# CPWG Participation

- Followed and supported participation in 7 Working Groups and other policy-related groups
- Prepared 11 Public Comments in 2023
  - Reviewed 5 other Public Comment periods and decided not to comment
- Ongoing work on DNS Abuse
- Supported liaisons to GNSO, ccNSO and GAC



# OFB-WG Participation

Some of the areas where NARALO users are active are:

- Commenting on annual ICANN and IANA/PTI budget: financial statements and operating initiatives
- Participating in annual strategic trends outlook sessions
- Reviewing At Large funding requests for inclusion in budget comments
- Participation in the holistic and continuous improvement community coordination program pilot reviews
- Establishing positions and discussion frameworks for other topics with the OFB-WG
- Assistance with Setting priorities for recommendations to the Board (Prioritization subgroup)



# OFB-WG Participation

Other areas include:

- Strategic Planning and Goals
- Discussions around the multistakeholder model
- Budget and financial planning
- ICANN Grant Program
- ICANN Board discussions surrounding the Strategic Plan and the Strategic Objectives.
- Efforts to work closely with other constituencies on these issues.

# OFB-WG: At Large Resources

- Members looking to increase engagement with other constituencies on these issues and to work closely with them, to increase information sharing and collaboration
- Members looking to increase the level of awareness within NARALO and At Large around the ICANN Strategic Plan
  - Considering affixing the Policy Development Processes to the goals of the Strategic Plan.
- The OFB-WG works to progress these issues by having staff from ICANN Planning speak to our group several times a year, effectively creating a relationship with At Large users.

# OFB-WG: Priority Considerations re: Annual Budget

Last year, At Large members were surveyed on which of ICANN's 15 Strategic Priorities are the most important to At Large.

The following three initiatives were chosen:

- Evolve and strengthen the multistakeholder model
- Promote the evolution of the DNS
- Strengthen the ICANN community's decision making processes

# Increasing NARALO Participation in At Large and GNSO Working Groups

- Increase efforts at Education and Awareness
- Increase Outreach efforts into NARALO At Large Structures and individual members
- Enhance recruiting within current NARALO participants
- Enhance mentoring of new participants

# Other ways NARALO members can become active

- Join a GNSO Working Group
- Helping to plan At Large sessions for public meetings
- Chairing or acting as panelist for meeting sessions
- Disseminating information through local networks
- Organizing UA days and ICANN readouts
- Monitoring Internet gov. at international level
- Social media campaigns
- Organizing NARALO summits
- Prepare project proposals for additional funding consideration

# Building Partnerships

- MOU with ARIN to co-locate some meetings (NARALO Summit)
- Working with organizers of North American School of Internet Governance (NASIG)
- Bilateral meetings and Joint Policy Work with GAC
- Bilateral meetings and other efforts to find commonalities with GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies



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