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Applicant Organization: IEEE Nicaragua

Region: LACRALO

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1) COMMITMENTS

a. Does the applicant commit to supporting individual Internet users' informed participation in ICANN?

YES: NO:

b. Does the applicant agree to assist the RALO in performing its function?

YES: NO:

2) GOVERNANCE

a. Which geographical area(s) is the applicants' membership drawn from?

LACRALO

b. Is the applicant constituted so that participation by individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the geographic region in which the ALS is based control the organization?

YES: NO:

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response:

As per application form: "IEEE is the largest professional organization in the world with more than 400,000 members distributed in 11 different geographic regions and represented by their respective sections in different countries. Individuals who are members in their local sections, student branches or technical chapters belong to IEEE worldwide. Also every section is legally constituted as a non profit organization where decisions are taken during general assemblies and board of directors meetings.

URL:

<http://www.ieee.org/about/corporate/governance/index.html>

http://www.ieee.org/about/corporate/compliance/conflict_of_interest/summary_conduct.html

<http://sites.ieee.org/r9/>

c. Does the applicant really have individual members?

YES: x NO:

Provide any references used to answer the question here: As per application form: “The organization has different type of membership grades who represent the assembly and is integrated by student members, professional members, senior members, associates, affiliates and fellow members.”

“IEEE membership is composed by a majority of electrical engineers and computer science engineers.

However, the organization is open to have affiliate and associate members who are not necessarily engineers but are related to technology and willing to improve their professional career and technology advancement. In addition, IEEE has 38 different technical society, where members can add value to their membership, access to more information and get more benefits. Among technical societies are computer society, communications society, power and energy society, industrial applications society, consumer electronics society, among others.”

“Student membership: 58, Young Professionals: 18, Professional Members: 81, Senior Members: 7. Total: 164”

If YES on (c) above, are these members active, or do they mostly just sign up and delegate to their leaders?

ACTIVE: x DELEGATE:

d. Does the applicant have organizations as members?

YES: NO: x

e. Does the applicant have governmental bodies or quasi-governmental bodies as members?

YES: NO: x

f. Does the applicant permit additional participation by others that is compatible with the interests of the individual Internet users within the region?

YES: NO:

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response:

As per email exchange with applicant: “Yes, we do welcome additional participation by non-members. IEEE strives for advancing technology for humanity and networking the world by collaborating with other organizations, schools, peers, experts and individuals.”

g. Is the applicant self-supporting? (i.e. will not rely on ICANN for funding).

YES: NO:

How is the organization funded and what source material or information did you rely on to make your judgment? Application form, please see reply 2.j

h. Does the applicant post on the Internet current information about their goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s)?

YES: NO:

<http://www.ieee.org/about/volunteers/rosters/index.html>

<http://sites.ieee.org/nicaragua/>

<http://sites.ieee.org/r9/>

i. Do the membership, leadership and internal mechanisms described in the application correspond to those exposed on the website?

YES: NO:

Staff question: I see no area on the Nicaragua section on the IEEE website where you mention leadership names. Could you please briefly explain the mechanism between your section and IEEE

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regarding membership, structure and leadership? The link you sent to the IEEE roster requires a username and login, which I do not have.

Applicant response: IEEE has today more than 429,000 members in 160 countries or sections, which are divided, in 10 different regions of the world. IEEE Nicaragua adopts the same bylaws and governing policies as IEEE headquarters. These can be found in the constitution document of Nicaragua section and [IEEE bylaws](#). IEEE is basically formed by volunteers, and leadership positions change every two years in every country. IEEE members can also be appointed to be an At-large member of different committees as part of the Member Geographic Activities MGA or Board of Directors. Information about leadership names in Nicaragua website will be updated soon since the start of a new period 2015-2016.

Staff question: You also sent a link to Region 9. Could you briefly explain the hierarchy between R9 and IEEE Nicaragua, and the main interactions between the 2?

Applicant response: Nicaragua belongs to Region 9, which include all countries in Latin America and Caribbean. R9 has a roster of volunteers who follow activities in these countries and promote technical events. R9 reports to IEEE Board of Directors HQ and provides training to section officers.

Additional Information provided by the applicant: “CAPANA council gathers all IEEE Sections and countries from Central America and Panama. You can find more information about our roster, history and objectives:

http://sites.ieee.org/capc/?page_id=93

http://ethw.org/images/1/13/IEEE_Geographic_Unit_Organizing_Document_-_Nicaragua.pdf

http://ethw.org/IEEE_Central_America_&_Panama_Council_History

<https://www.facebook.com/ieeeni/photos/a.58419393911.68813.57914968911/10153095917113912/?type=1&theate>”

j. How does the applicant appear to be funded?

Where / what sources did you use to find the answers to this question?

Application form: “Primary source of funding is through membership and technical activities. IEEE Nicaragua receives bonus compensation from IEEE headquarters based on the number of members and activities organized. Some other events are being sponsored by Industry and IEEE makes sure to cover organization expenses with no profit or revenue generated.

k. Does the funding mechanism show dependence on other interest groups (i.e. industry, government)?

YES: NO:

As per application form: “No, IEEE receives no funding from government agencies or any for-profit entities”

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As per email exchange with applicant: “Technical activities and events sponsored by any organizations and industries do not influence decision making within IEEE Nicaragua. The main driver for these events are fostering technical innovation and creating capacity building as part of membership benefits”

l. Are the leaders of the applicant organization involved in other organizations or entities?

YES: NO:

m. Is the mission / policy statement actually related to ICANN / Internet governance issues / advocating users'/consumers interests?

YES: NO:

If YES, include mission/policy statement, and reference the source:

Mission Statement: IEEE's core purpose is to foster technological innovation and excellence for the benefit of humanity. Vision Statement: IEEE will be essential to the global technical community and to technical professionals everywhere, and be universally recognized for the contributions of technology and of technical professionals in improving global conditions. http://www.ieee.org/about/vision_mission.html

3) INTERNET PRESENCE

a. Is the contact information for the organization and its contact person complete and reasonable?

YES: NO:

Does the listed URL work?

YES: NO:

Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

YES: NO:

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Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES: NO: x

They are visible in social media <https://www.facebook.com/ieeeni> . The Facebook page is very frequently updated, the website a little less.

As per email exchange with applicant “We do count on Facebook, regional newsletters and mailing lists.” “IEEE is on LinkedIn, Flickr and Twitter”

If archives are publicly available, do these forums show signs of recent activity (in the last few months)?

YES: NO: n/a Most exchanges take part on the mailing list and the Facebook page

If public, are they kept up to date?

YES: NO: n/a

4) ADDITIONAL DUE DILIGENCE

a. How active and well known is the applicant organization?

Number of results for a Google search of organisation in quotes: 505 for “IEEE Nicaragua”

Additional information if any:

In response to email from staff announcing IEEE’s application for ALS status:

“This is excellent news!

He has been a fellow last two meetings or so.

Hope LACRALO folks approve them!

Thanks

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Vicepresidente para América Latina y el Caribe”

b. Were you familiar with this applicant before the applicant applied to become an ALS?

YES: NO:

If ‘YES’ please provide some detail of your previous knowledge:

c. What kind of issues does it focus on mostly?

As per application form: “Our organization is collaborating with different actors related to Internet Governance in Nicaragua. Our partner at this moment is the Internet Association of Nicaragua (AIN), whom we commit to work on implementing a multi-stakeholder model throughout the creation of the Information and Communications Technologies Chamber in order to establish the proper scenario to discuss the Internet Governance and Connectivity issues in the country.”

- Has the applicant set up any event, meeting, or real-life activity pertaining to Internet governance issues, or other issues related to the interests of individual users?

YES: NO:

Additional information if any: As per application form: “Broadband Access and Connectivity in Nicaragua Internet Governance Model - Multistakeholder

<https://www.facebook.com/ypnicaragua?fref=ts>”

<http://sites.ieee.org/nicaragua/2014/09/27/ieee-conescapan-2014-nicaragua/>

- Has the applicant been active in international, regional or national Internet governance issues?

ACTIVE: INACTIVE:

ICANN 49 meeting Singapore, ICANN 51 meeting Los Angeles, ICANN 52 meeting Singapore, South School on Internet Governance Costa Rica 2015.