NARALO 2017 Election Results

NARALO elections have finalized. The following individuals will take their position during the ICANN 60 AGM Meeting to be held in Abu Dhabi on 23 Oct - 3 Nov 2017:

Eduardo Díaz
2017-2018 NARALO Chair Elected
Glenn McKnight
2017-2018 NARALO Secretary Elected

John Laprise
2017-2019 NARALO ALAC Representative Elected
National Digital Inclusion Conference

Judith Hellerstein of Capital Area Globetrotters attended the National Digital Inclusion Conference in St. Paul Minnesota. This conference was geared to people working on digital inclusion throughout the US. These include librarians, digital literacy consultants, Government workers, NGOs, and other groups. Digital Inclusion refers to the activities necessary to ensure that all individuals and communities have access to and use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and can become active members of the society. At the conference, very few people were aware of ICANN, how it works, polices regarding domain names and internet governance.
There was also no real knowledge about the new GTLDs or even the current rules and protection offered by EDU and dot org domains. The conference also included field trips to different digital inclusion sites. My trip covered amazing programs that the University of Minnesota has on digital literacy including supplier/vendor diversity, computer and digital literacy classes, affordable computers/laptops, low-cost repair programs, internships, and other programs to enhance education.
We next went to several housing focused NGOs and how they were teaching digital literacy and supplying broadband and computers to low income housing units. The sessions of the conference I attended focused mostly on how to get broadband out to low-income and tribal areas, teaching of digital literacy and teaching of critical thinking.

My goal was to reach out to states, cities, tribal areas of the US where NARALO had no current ALSes and also reach out and engage with groups who have historically been overlooked by ICANN and to try and engage with them and encourage them to learn about ICANN and NARALO and encourage them to get involved and advocate for their interests within ICANN.

Some pictures, showing the conference, which was in the St. Paul Library, The field trips to Univ of Minnesota's Urban Research and Outreach Center's computer lab and to the Project for Pride and Learning.
Community Networks Conference

On May 25 and May 16, Glenn McKnight attended the Community Networks Conference in Nairobi, Kenya.

The two day event focused on local community networking best practice in various countries across Africa. The key issue found by all these examples can be summed up in the statement that these disconnected communities have a sad choice between 'communicate or eat', meaning that the high cost of connectivity in many parts of the country has created a tremendous demand for low cost ICT solutions.

Maaaaaany picture here! by Glenn McKnight

Oakland Mesh Network

One of our board members, Eve Edelson, is involved with People’s Open Net, a group of volunteers working on a non-profit wireless mesh network (www.peoplesopen.net) in Oakland, CA. They have offered classes on setting up network nodes (routers sharing access through VLANs) and seek to expand the number of installations as locations with good line of sight become available. The larger movement of which Sudomesh is a part is aimed at providing truly affordable high-speed internet access to low-income and other communities. Volunteers, technical or not, are welcome at Sudomesh (sudomesh.org), which meets regularly at Omni Commons in Oakland, CA. People’s Open Net recently contributed to this NPR story: http://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2017/05/15/wireless-mesh-network-internet
Chapter Working Groups
Our recently launched Working Groups have been attracting a lot of attention from various stakeholders, both those interested in the set up and logistics involved in running them and those wanting to contribute. While we are still in start-up mode, we are pleased with the progress so far. Find out more: http://www.sfbayisoc.org/working-groups/

Rural Broadband Project
We are mid way through the year on our Internet Society Beyond the Net Program funded project on measuring rural broadband. Find out more: http://www.sfbayisoc.org/projects-overview/current-and-future-projects/rural-broadband-project/

Upcoming Chapter Event
Save the date! The SF-Bay Area ISOC Chapter will hold a chapter event in San Francisco on June 19, 2017, with a working title of ‘Blaming Technology’. More details will be released soon.
"Government Role on Internet Governance"

**Roundtable event by ISOC Puerto Rico**

Audience will learn about the role of the Government of Puerto Rico on Internet Governance Issues and the effect on the Island Internet related policies. **6 June 2017**.

This is the second of a series of informal events created to learn and discuss Internet issues between matter experts and our membership. These are being held monthly in preparation for the NASIG and ICANN 61 events to be held in Puerto Rico in March 2018. No streaming will be available.

Register [HERE](#)
The North American School of Internet Governance (NASIG) aims to maximize the opportunity for an open and inclusive in-depth capacity building on IG related issues to a group of 40 individuals. The event, to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico on March 7 - 9, 2018, prior to the ICANN 61 Meeting, will be focusing on the development and application of the shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures and organizations that shape the evolution and use of the Internet.

NASIG is the first school of its kind in the region, with the view of being periodically held at other North American destinations.

Resources

Available E-Books in ICANN

- How to make an EBOOK
- Introduction to NARALO
- ALS Beginners Guide
- AtLarge Guide
- Cross Community Working Groups
- Internet Day in Spanish
- Becoming a TTF Member
- IANA Functions and ICANN

AT-Large Webinars and Presentations converted to EBOOKS

Available playlist and pictures of various event covered by our chair

Glenn McKnight
Quick updates and links to useful Information

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