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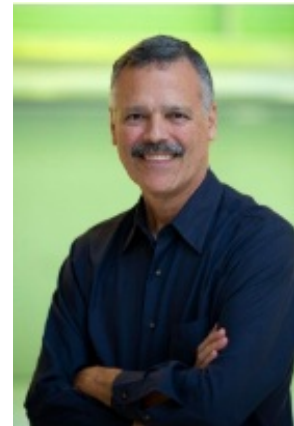
The latest news from the North American At-Large Regional Organization (NARALO)

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Chair's Corner

Eduardo Diaz, NARALO Chair

Applications for ATLAS III went public on 15 April 2019 (click HERE). ATLAS III will take place 4-7 November 2019 during ICANN66 in Montreal. If you are interested in participating, it is imperative that you apply even if you are planning to go by yourself or are funded by an organization other than At-Large. This is because you are required to take five ICANN Learn courses and provide evidence of your involvement with working groups and participation. ATLAS III will be an assembly of future leaders of At-Large, focused on developing and nurturing their abilities to become thought leaders and change agents who will effectively implement what resulted from the ALAC Review Process.

Next NARALO Monthly Call
The NARALO Monthly meeting for May will take place on 13 May 2019 at 19:00 UTC. Join us for the latest NARALO and At-Large community updates, including ATLAS III and policy activities.

NARALO 2019 Elections, Selections and Appointments
Also, I would like to encourage all of you to participate in our regional elections by nominating yourself (or being nominated by someone else) to one of the current open positions: Secretariat (two year term), ALAC (two year term) and NomCom (one year term). Deadline for applications is May 10, 2019. See Glenn's NARALO Secretariat update for more details.

At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)
And again, I want to encourage all of you to join the Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG). It is a great space to learn about current ICANN policy issues and discuss them from the Internet end user perspective. Send an email to ICANN staff asking to be included in the CPWG email discussion list.

CPWG Workspace
CPWG Next Meeting

ALAC / At-Large Policy Comments & Advice

All of NARALO and the At-Large community are invited to contribute to ICANN public comment proceedings. For more information, please visit the <u>At-Large Policy Advice Development Page</u> or contact <u>At-Large Staff</u>.

Vote Proposed Renewal of .asia Registry Agreement 07 May 2019

Drafting Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model 04 June 2019

Drafting Process Proposal for Streamlining Organizational Reviews 15 July 2019

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) submitted (2) policy statements:

Comment: ALAC Statement on Registry Agreement Renewals .org, .biz and .info
The ALAC generally refrained from commenting on these prior proposed Registry Agreement renewals, with the exception of the proposed renewal of the .NET Registry Agreement in 2017. The ALAC in general favors standardizing Registry Agreements as this allows for transparency and predictability, as well as ease of review and compliance monitoring of one standard contract (with necessary but controlled variations through Addendums) instead of managing many disparate/varying contracts. Being supportive of this approach, the ALAC has not objected to the base Registry Agreement, or to its use in prior renewals.

In respect of the intent to standardize the said 3 proposed Registry Agreement renewals (.org, .biz, .info), the ALAC welcomes the following proposals:

(i) inclusion of Public Interest Commitments (per Specification 11),
(ii) inclusion of Minimum requirements for Rights Protection Mechanisms (per Specification 7),
(iii) adoption of the Registry Code of Conduct (per Specification 9), and
(iv) amendment of the relevant section in Specification 5 to govern the allocation of two-character labels at the second level to avoid confusion with corresponding country codes.

The ALAC also noted there are differences in opinion within At-Large regarding the omission and quantum of price caps.

Advice (sent to ICANN Board): GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Policy Recommendations for ICANN Board Consideration
The ALAC provided advice to the ICANN Board, noting significant concern related to three aspects of the EPDP Report. Specifically, the ALAC is concerned not only with the outcomes, but with the process that was followed to address the issues. All three impact the ability to access registration data and the completeness of that data, specifically: "to identify the appropriate balance for a path forward to ensure compliance with the GDPR while maintaining the existing WHOIS system to the greatest extent possible". The ALAC advises the ICANN Board to:
- Request that the issue of Thick WHOIS be discussed during the EPDP Phase 2 in light of the new legal opinion;
- Request that the issue of geographic differentiation be re-opened during the EPDP Phase 2 in light of the new legal opinion and the lack of considering the competing needs of privacy vs the benefits of non-redaction on cyber-security activities and that the ensuing discussion factor in the needs of those using the data for cyber-security and other legitimate purposes;
- Request that the issue of legal/natural differentiation be discussed during the EPDP Phase 2 explicitly considering the competing needs of those using the data for cybersecurity and other legitimate purposes;
- Initiate independent studies related to the implementation of geographic and legal/natural differentiation as well as the impact of the Temporary Specification implementation on cyber-security, or request that the EPDP Phase 2 commission such studies. If the latter, the Board should ensure adequate funding for such work.

Have your say! To contribute to ALAC public comment, please comment on the wiki space or volunteer as penholder, and join the weekly <u>At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)</u> meetings.

<u>Additional Resources</u>

NARALO Secretariat Update

Glenn McKnight, NARALO Secretariat

ATLAS III

ATLAS III will take place 4-7 November 2019 during ICANN66 in Montreal.

- Application Guidelines
- Application Form

Please provide a valid email address as you will be sent a copy of your submission, which you may edit up to 23:59 UTC on 31 May 2019.

NARALO 2019 Elections, Selections and Appointments

NARALO Selection Timetable for 2019 ALAC Members:

- 29 March 2019- Announcement of call for nominations and Nominee's Statement.**
- **29 April – 10 May 2019 - Nomination period (nominations accepted for 10 working days).**
- 17 May 2019 - Deadline for nomination acceptances
- 20 May - 22 May 2019 - Calls with the candidates if desired by the RALOs.
- 23 May - 30 May 2019 - Elections (If required, elections will begin no later than one week after the deadline for nomination acceptances and end no later than two weeks after that deadline).
- 2019 AGM [ICANN 66] - Newly elected ALAC Members and RALOs Leaders shall be seated at the end of the 2019 AGM following the close of the Board Meeting on 7 November 2019 | More details

CROP Selection Committee Call for Volunteers

NARALO has three CROP trips per year. The FY20 Crop trips start on July 1, 2019 to June 31, 2020 and the process that NARALO has created and is in the process of refinement. The three trips for NARALO this year were all in the winter/spring of 2019 and most of the CROP trips will occur later in the FY 20 budget period. Important to note that we need to give substantial time to permit ICANN staff to book the flights and hotel for the travelers so the selection committee convenes well in advance to the CROP trip (10 weeks).

In an effort to be more transparent we are calling out to community members to volunteer for the selection committee. Since its an adhoc committee, it will serve to review all the applications and propose the top two candidates (the second name as an alternative).

Use this form for your Expression of Interest (EOI) for the CROP Selection Committee.

Approved Additional Budget Requests (ABRs)

RALOs had their requests for RALO discretionary funding approved and At-Large had the request for up to 10 hours monthly of RTT services.

ALAC Update: ICANN64 Report

Marita Moll (Telecommunities Canada) is the NARALO appointee to the At Large Advisory Committee (ALAC). She gives us an update on this month's ALAC activities.

As usual, At-Large has been busy dealing with many different agendas. From the recommendations and changes required by the At-large Review to the agenda and activities for ICANN65 in Marrakesh,

our able chair, Maureen Hilyard, with the assistance of staff, keeps the ship on course. The group organizing the Montreal At-large Summit (Atlas III) is in full swing. Webinars and mandatory preparation courses, are already underway for potential delegates.

After considerable discussion in Kobe and in the policy (CPWG) working group, the majority (10/15) of At-Large members voted to submit *Advice to the Board* on various issues related to the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) which is working to ensure that domain registration data is not in violation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) now in effect in the European Union. Also on the EPDP, ALAC and GAC released a joint statement in Kobe highlighting various concerns. Both of these statements can be accessed from the At-large policy summary page.

At-Large Liaison
I have taken on the role of At-large liaison to the ICANN strategic plan project. As part of a new series called NARALO INSIGHTS, I participated in an impromptu discussion with Brian Cute, coordinator of the process as it relates to the multistakeholder system. A blog re: this discussion is available here and the video (30 min) is available on youtube here.

Read Out
There is a pre-ICANN65 read-out being organized for May 30. Details for eventbrite registration and remote participation will be announced soon. As well as being a face-to-face session in Ottawa, Ontario, this read-out will be accessible via Zoom and ISOC's Livestream platforms.

Lots of work to do still between now and the upcoming policy meeting in Marrakesh.

ICANN: North America Stakeholder Engagement Team Update

ICANN's Chris Mondini, Vice President, Global Business Engagement, heads up the Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) North America team.

We are in the ICANN64 read-out season and have already presented highlights of the Kobe meeting via webinar to Puerto Rican stakeholders, with trips to Ottawa and New York planned in the days ahead. We are always happy to present highlights of the ICANN meetings to groups of 10 or more, wherever you may gather across North America, and will make ourselves available, even if by webinar, to facilitate or lead a discussion on current topics at ICANN, so please keep those invitations coming.
Improving Engagement
In recent weeks the engagement team at ICANN Org has been brainstorming with community-facing colleagues on how to make engagement more efficient and effective. Much has changed since the Global Stakeholder Engagement team was established in 2013, and we want to be sure we are taking advantage of the best technology, the enthusiasm of the ICANN community, and the latest best-practices in outreach and community building. We started by looking at other global organizations and their approaches, then we conducted interviews, both internal and external, on the objectives and methods of engagement. While ICANN is clearly a world class organization in many respects, we nevertheless identified areas for improvement. We decided to focus on: surveys and feedback gathering, mentorship programs, and large format meetings (outside the three regular public meetings). We are in the process of gathering information and will be seeking community input on these topics soon.
Academic Relations
In other news, we have been working with a number of universities to determine how best to engage. We are frequently asked to contribute course content or deliver lectures, while, at the same time, we are eager for students to consider a period of involvement in the work of ICANN as part of their personal training and development. We have encountered more than one institution expressing interest in semester or year-long programs granting academic credit for ICANN participation, but have been challenged in determining how best to deploy talented students in a way that furthers the work of ICANN, for example in policy development. That said, we are in the process of formalizing academic content for universities and welcome invitations. If you know of schools where curriculum materials, a full course, or a single lecture on ICANN topics, would be welcome, please be sure to let us know. You can reach me directly at chris.mondini@icann.org or you can write to engagement@icann.org.

At NET Inclusion 2019, 369 total registrants this year. Video recordings of all plenaries and the break-out sessions on the Livestream stage are available on the Net Inclusion 2019 page.

The fourth Annual National Digital Inclusion Alliance (better known as Net Inclusion) was held April 1 - 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina with an attendance of individuals from 32 states in the USA, and representation from Canada, Washington, DC and for the first time from Puerto Rico and Belgium. A detailed agenda can be found here.

The NDIA is an alliance among leaders of local government, community organizations, public libraries, housing authorities and other institutions committed to reducing digital disparities among its community members. To improve the daily lives of all community members, the organization calls for widespread and actionable digital inclusion public policies that reflect what experience has taught.

I had the opportunity to engage with technical and professional organizations with complete ignorance of ICANN and the work done. Some showed great interest in getting involved as 'individual members' These will need some follow-up which is now ongoing through social media and direct email messages Some representatives of non-profit organizations will seek engaging, as expected, with a special focus in NCUC or NPOC constituencies.

Alfredo Calderon speaking with participants during NET Inclusion 2019:

Special outreach was done to native Americans (tribal organizations) in Arizona, Texas, and Kentucky and to organizations that were aligned to the ICANN mission. Including Library systems in under-served regions with a special interest in understanding the multistakeholder model, as an approach to better engage more partners in their decision-making process. However, it was made clear that for their type of organization, timely manner decisions are very important, and the multistakeholder model might not fit all.

As part of my pre-Conference, I participated in a workshop on 'Federal Policy's Impact on Local Digital Inclusion: Current and Potential Agency Policies and Legislation'. This 3-hour workshop covered topics related to dealing with Broadband and the Digital Divide in the context of 1) increasing access, 2) local, state and national government awareness of the lack of broadband in specific communities, 3) how to better train individuals in the importance and usage of broadband, 4) how to become the 'voice' of the under-served and under-represented communities (indigenous and/or native Americans), 4) opportunities through coalitions to increase adoption, among others. I had active participation in this workshop using Puerto Rico's recovery process after the hurricane's Irma and Maria, and the resilient plan to increase engagement and adoption of a secure and renovated Broadband infrastructure.

Lively conversations and a great exchange of information continued during the following days.

As part of the follow-up strategy, invitations to NARALO monthly calls will be sent. This will give interested parties an idea of the issues discussed. Having had a conversation with individuals I have an idea of the content that might be pertinent to them and serve as an engagement tool.

As a new affiliate individual member of NDIA, I will use its communication platform to engage with its members sharing relevant resources from NARALO and ICANN. Some of the participants of the 4th NDIA conference are also volunteers in some SO/AC constituencies and we had a chance to share some ideas.

The fact that I am bilingual gave me an additional advantage since some affiliate members and organizations represent Latinos within their respective communities | *Alfredo Calderon, ISOC Puerto Rico.*

ARIN 43: CROP TRIP Report

From April 7th to 10th, Michael Casadevall, ICANN Fellow attended ARIN 43 as part of a CROP trip to Bridgetown, Barbados on behalf of NARALO. For those unaware, ARIN (American Registry for Internet Numbers) covers distribution and management of IP address space throughout most of the NARALO region. During the conference, Mr. Casadevall advocated for advancement of IPv6 within the NARALO area. He also pushed for greater transparency of IP space holdings via the ARIN WHOIS database and introduced NARALO and ICANN to those new to ARIN.

He also provided practical knowledge regarding IPv6 to new attendees. He hopes to continue this work via ARIN policy discussions, and plans to attend ARIN events that will be hosted in his area in the next few months | *Michael Casadevall, ICANN Fellow and CROP Trip Recipient*

NomCom Update

Leah Symekher (SF Bay ISOC Chapter) is NARALO's appointee to the 2019 ICANN Nominations Committee (NomCom) & Outreach –Sub-Committee Chair. She gives us an update on the latest NomCom activities.

The application period for the open seats on the ICANN Board, PTI Board and Leadership positions closed on March 22, 2019. Immediately after the closing date, ICANN NomCom supporting staff worked diligently to prepare all the applications and the new portal to make the candidate information accessible to the NomCom team for review.
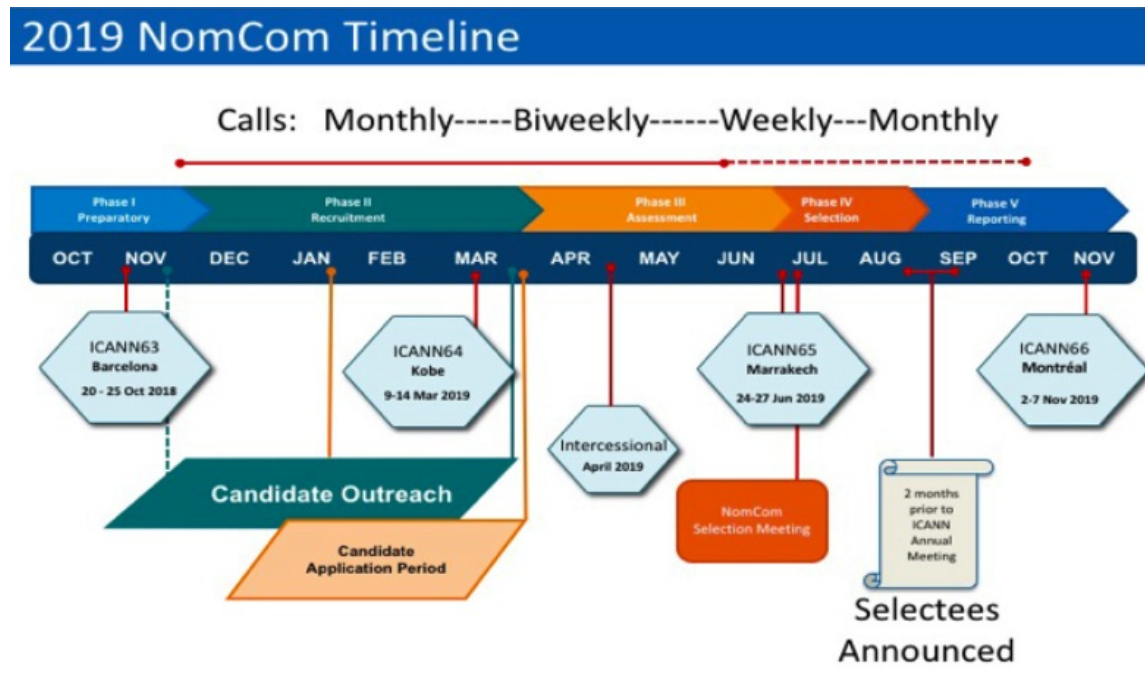
The Assessment Phase
The 2019 NomCom delegates reviewed and discussed each of the 128 applications from March 27 to April 8, 2019 in preparation for the first intersessional. This face to face intersessional meeting took place in Los Angeles from April 10 to April 13, 2019. During this meeting each application was reviewed, discussed and with the NomCom arrived at a list of 58 candidates who will proceed to the second phase of the selection process. All 58 candidates will be contacted by the NomCom to schedule audio interviews that will conclude before May 15, 2019 in preparation for the second

intersessional where candidates will be selected to a shorter list for the final interviews in Marrakesh, ICANN 65.

The ICANN NomCom staff has informed both the candidates who qualified for the second phase of the selection process as well as those who did not make it of their status. The NomCom thanks all the applicants who applied for leadership positions.

Please visit the 2019 NomCom website for more information. Here is the NomCom timeline:

ARIN Update

NARALO and The American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) have signed an MoU. Hollis Kara, ARIN Communications Manager, gives us a round up of news from its service region.

ARIN 43 Recap
ARIN 43, the most recent Public Policy and Members Meeting of the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN), took place 7-10 April in Bridgetown, Barbados. Over the course of three days, attendees discussed recommended and draft policies. Attendees also heard presentations about ARIN's Website and Routing Registry, updates from the other RIRs, department updates from ARIN directors, updates from the ARIN Board of Trustees, and more.

The ARIN 43 meeting report, including presentations, links to daily recaps on TeamARIN, transcripts, and webcast archives, is available here.

Upcoming Meeting: ARIN 44
The next Public Policy and Members Meeting, ARIN 44, will be held 31 October – 1 November in Austin, Texas and fellowship applications will be opening soon. For questions about the meeting, email meetings@arin.net.

2018 Annual Report
After the end of each fiscal year, ARIN staff compiles and publishes an annual report. These reports contain information about the activities of the ARIN staff, Board of Trustees, and Advisory Council. Included in the report are summaries of ARIN's public policy discussions and actions, as well as its activities within the global Internet community | Read the 2018 Annual Report.

Participate in Policy Development
You can find status of current policy discussions and subscribe to ARIN-PPML (Public Policy Mailing List) to voice your opinions here. ARIN Membership is not required to participate! You can find an

overview of the policies currently under discussion here.

Stay connected with ARIN on social media: Twitter | Facebook | LinkedIn

At-Large Blog Round Up

Check out a selection of the latest posts on the At-Large Blog:

- Interview on At-Large Outreach and Engagement with Capacity Building WG Co-Chair Joanna Kulesza and Outreach and Engagement SC Chair Daniel Nanghaka | Watch Video.

- Interview with Johnathan Zuck and George Kirikos to discuss the impacts on the changes to the ICANN registry agreement with .Biz, .ASIA and .ORG | Watch Video.

- Compliance Panel Report by John Laprise.

ALS and Individual Membership Update

ISOC Puerto Rico Chapter (ISOC PR)
The Internet Society Chapter of Puerto Rico (ISOCPR), in collaboration with the College of Engineers and Surveyors of Puerto Rico (CIAPR, in Spanish), dot PR and Chris Mondini, ICANN VP Global Engagement, held the second ICANN Read Out in Spanish after an ICANN meeting. Sharing with the audience online and in the venue were Norberto Cruz (ISOC Puerto Rico President), Eduardo Díaz (NARALO Chair), Pablo Rodriquez (ccNSO), Javier Rúa-Jovet (ALAC), and Alfredo Calderon (ALAC representative in the Fellowship Selection Committee and co-Chair of At Large Capacity Building Working Group).

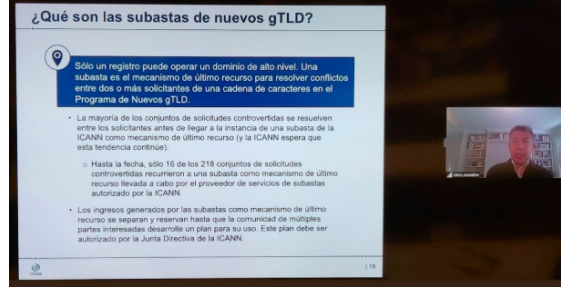Eduardo Diaz, NARALO Chair at the ISOC PR event:

Norberto Cruz gave a welcome message to the audience. A vivid exchange of ideas were discussed with the twenty individuals participating, online and onsite.

A video of the presentation by Chris Mondini is available here. The main topics covered included:

- EPDP and GDPR
- Subsequent Procedures and Rights Protection (gTLDs)
- Auction Proceeds
- Strategic Planning
- Fellowship, NextGen and Newcomers Programs

The audience represented different sectors of our community (academia, NGO, and civil society) interested in learning more about ICANN and the issues discussed during ICANN 64 in Kobe, Japan. During the Q&A segment, how to better get involved in ICANN was the main concern. The way ICANN uses the 'multistakeholder model' to reach consensus and develop policy raised interest and various examples were mentioned to illustrate the Policy Development Process (PDP) | *Eduardo Diaz.*

Noberto Cruz presenting during the ISOC PR event:

Participants during the ISOC PR event:

ISOC San Francisco Bay Area Internet Society Chapter ([SF Bay ISOC](#))
The SF Bay Area ISOC Chapter is working on a set of Technical Webinars that will be open and available to all. More details soon. Our most recent guest post from the Universal Acceptance Steering Group's ([UASG](#)) Secretary General, Don Hollander, on *Making New Internet Domains Work for Everyone,* will be of interest to NARALO Members. Take a look at the first blog in our three-part series [here](#) | ***Susannah Gray***