Your April 2020 NARALO Newsletter

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

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Chair's Corner

Eduardo Diaz, NARALO Chair

Welcome to another issue of the NARALO newsletter.

We are currently surveying our regional membership to have a better understanding of the type of interest, expertise and experience that our membership brings into region . The purpose of the survey is to learn about your interests and concerns in ICANN regarding the coordination of the global Internet's systems of unique identifiers. Knowing these will help in the formulation of future plans for our region for Capacity Building, Policy Development and Outreach and Engagement.

In addition, I'd like to share the following resources in English and Spanish available to use to aid teachers and students during this pandemic, and resources on Internet Governance.

My sincere hope that when you receive this you and your family are in good health and safe.

ICANN68 Virtual Policy Forum
ICANN68 will be ICANN's second virtual public meeting. See the announcement here. The latest schedule, including key At-Large sessions, may be found on the At-Large ICANN68 workspace.

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NARALO Selection Timetable for 2020*:
- **9 April 2020** - Announcement of 30 DAY call for nominations and Nominee's Statement.*
- **27 April – 8 May 2020** - Nomination period (nominations accepted for 10 working days).
- **15 May 2020** - Deadline for nomination acceptances
- **18 May - 22 May 2020** - Calls with the candidates if desired by the RALOs.
- **22 May - 29 May 2020** - 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).
- **2020 AGM [ICANN69]** - Newly elected ALAC Members and RALOs Leaders shall be seated at the end of the 2020 AGM following the close of the Board Meeting on 22 October 2020.

The Third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III)

The Post-ATLAS III Activities are ongoing, in four areas of activities: 1) Policy, 2) Capacity Building, 3) Outreach and Engagement and 4) Organization/Communications. These activities include Post-ATLAS III Feedback, At-Large Regional Policy Engagement Plan (PEP), Completion of At-Large Review Implementation Plan Activities, 2020 At-Large Plan Activities (including policy involvement, capacity building, outreach and engagement, communications). Both the Post-ATLAS III Survey and Report Analysis Report, which I am leading, will soon be released.

See ongoing Post-ATLAS III Activities here.

Universal Acceptance
NARALO has a dedicated group of three individuals (Denise Hochbaum, Judith Hellerstein and Michael Casadevall) to focus on Universal Acceptance (UA). This group is liaising with the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) to create work synergies. Its members will become experts in UA concepts and help the region in understanding why this so important to the evolution of the Internet and for Internet end users in particular. Participate in the NARALO monthly meetings to learn more about this and other matters!

NARALO Monthly Call
The most recent NARALO Monthly meeting was held on 11 May 2020. Please join the monthly meetings for the latest NARALO and At-Large community updates, including post-ATLAS III and policy activities.

Update to Operations, Finance and Budget At-Large Activity
The ALAC Finance and Budget Subcommittee, formerly known as the FBSC, is now the ALAC Operations, Finance and Budget Subcommittee (OFB-SC). The group oversees all ICANN Public Comments related to these topics, and will be meeting later this month to discuss ALAC statements on these related topics.

At-Large Capacity Building Working Group (CBWG) Webinars
The CBWG recently held two webinars, on EPDP II and DNS Abuse. Several more are planned for 2020. See all 2020 At-Large Capacity Building Working Group (CBWG) Webinars here.

At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)
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.

Workspace
Next Meeting

ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach & Engagement
I also want to encourage all of you to join the ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach & Engagement. Send an email to ICANN staff asking to be included in the ALAC O&E SC email discussion list. The Subcommittee is currently finalizing a FY21 Strategy in a virtual environment.

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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 At-Large Policy Advice Development Page or

contact **At-Large staff**.

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) is currently developing (3) responses to public comment proceedings:

Comment ICANN Africa Regional Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-2025 27 May 2020

Drafting Draft PTI FY21-24 Strategic Plan 01 Jun 2020

Drafting ccNSO PDP3: Initial Proposals for Process to Retire ccTLDs 10 Jul 2020

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

The ALAC submitted (4) policy comments since the last NARALO Newsletter:

Addendum to the Initial Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team – Phase 2
Executive Summary TBD

Phase 1 Initial Report of the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs Policy Development Process
Executive Summary TBD

Revised Community Travel Support Guidelines
The ALAC noted that At-Large is unique within the ICANN community in that virtually all volunteers in At-Large activities, including those involving travel, do so as true volunteers. Without ICANN travel support, the number of active At-Large participants at ICANN meetings would be few in number. The ALAC specifically commented on wire transfer and foreign exchange fees/losses, visa reimbursement, travel insurance, ICANN arranged travel, room guarantees, forced overnight delays, early check-in and late check-out, as they pertain to the successful participation of the community during ICANN meetings.

AFRALO-APRALO Statement: Middle East and Adjoining Countries (MEAC) Strategy 2021-2025
The AFRALO and APRALO joint statement was the first joint RALO statement within the At-Large Community, in response to the ICANN MEAC Strategy 2021-2025. The countries that fall under the MEAC Strategy within AFRALO and APRALO provided feedback on strategy topics as security, ICANN's governance, unique identifier systems, and geopolitics.

Note: *Ratified by the AFRALO & APRALO Leadership Teams and the ALAC.*

In addition, there are ongoing workspaces regarding CPWG SubPro Comment and PDP 3.0.

See: At-Large Website Policy Comments & Advice
See: Executive Summaries: ALAC Policy Comments & Advice
See: Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)

ALAC Update

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In addition, ICANN Board announced that they withheld consent for a change of control of the Public Interest Registry (PIR).

ICANN North America Stakeholder Engagement Team Update

ICANN's Joe Catapano, Stakeholder Engagement Manager - North America gives us a round up of what's going on in his world.

By now you have probably noticed that nearly all of ICANN's engagement has gone virtual. Earlier this month, ICANN announced that its 68th public meeting, the annual Policy Forum, will be held virtually. This will be the second virtual public meeting for ICANN following ICANN67 last month. Soon, ICANN's regional teams will be rolling out more educational webinars for the community, some of these have already taken place, and we'll be letting you know about more opportunities as they arise.

The other activity I'd like to highlight are ICANN's publications. The Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) and the Government Engagement (GE) teams have been hard at work unveiling new research and digests that I'm sure will be of great interest to the community. You can find all of the OCTO papers (topics such as 5G, encrypted DNS, and DNSSEC are covered) here. The GE papers on European Union policy and UN deliberations on cybersecurity and cybercrime are available here.

I encourage you to check those pages frequently for the latest research. In the meantime, I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy, and we'll see you online!

ARIN Update

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

Registration is now open for the ARIN 45 Virtual Meeting, which will be held entirely online on 16-17 June, from 12:00 – 3:00 PM ET each day. ARIN is holding this Public Policy and Members Meeting so that attendees may gather virtually to discuss draft Internet number resource policies and learn more about ARIN services and operations.

During ARIN 45, the ARIN Advisory Council will be seeking your feedback on eight policies. The agenda will also feature many other informative sessions, including updates on ARIN's IRR and RPKI.

Registration is free and a link to access the virtual meeting will be emailed to all registered attendees in the days leading up to the event. Register now at: https://www.arin.net/ARIN45

Read more details about ARIN 45 at: https://www.arin.net/announcements/20200506_arin45/

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ICANN NomCom Update

by Glenn McKnight, NARALO NomCom Delegate

The current ICANN NOMCOM is in the midst of shortlisting the candidates.
In this timeline we detail our progress. The lack of face to face meetings in Cancun and the Washington soft dive meetings were cancelled and the team has been putting in substantial time in all the members attending discussion of each candidate. A lot of work is expected and I can predict that our soft dives will be extended past the original time well in later May.

Commencement in Montreal in November 2019
The committee composed of new NOMCOM members and second term members received their orientation which included our responsibilities, confidentiality, timelines and expectations.

Training
Our committee participated in a special training in a Un-bias Selection process from a UK consulting firm to help us understand our inherent biases in our assessment as to diversity gender, geography, skills, age etc

Outreach
A combination of membership promotion and the use of professional HR Recruitment firm the efforts have produced good results
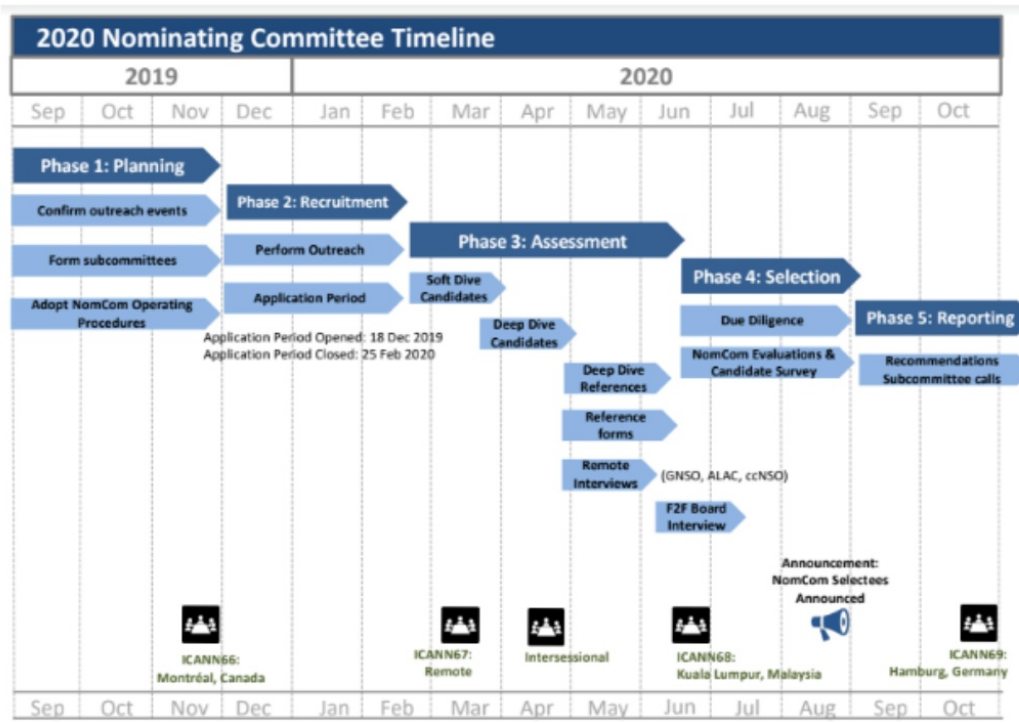
Total of 126 Applications:
- 75 applications for the Board,
- 20 applications for PTI,
- 9 applications for CNSO,
- 13 applications for GNSO,
- 4 applications for ALAC North America
- 5 applications for ALAC Europe

Available are seven positions (2 Board, 1 PTI, 1 CNSO, 1 GNSO, 2 ALAC/EU/NA) from all regions of the world.

In special interest for NARALO is the number of NARALO applications and we need to be conscious of the fact that NOMCOM has few applications for the ALAC

Meeting Schedule
- March ICANN Cancun canceled.
- April Face to Face meeting Washington, D.C., canceled and replaced by intensive Zoom meetings to produce a "short list".
- April to May - Zoom meetings soft dive on all candidates producing a short list.
- June ICANN KL face to face interviews canceled.

Timeline

ALS and Individual Membership Update

San Francisco Bay Area ISOC Chapter New Leadership Team Announcement
By Leah Symekher

In January 2020, the San Francisco Bay Area ISOC Chapter held elections for leadership positions for the organization. We are excited to announce the successful candidates that are now leading the Chapter into its next phase. Fatema Kothari, Chapter Chair/President in 2019 will be succeeded by Supheakmungkol Sarin (Call him Mungkol). Delia Sabau will continue as Vice President and Treasurer, Vipul Singh is the new Secretary, Rick Whitt will transition to Board Member from Secretary and Director of Policy, Jessica Dickinson Goodman joins as a Board Member. Robin Gross, who has many years of experience with ICANN, joins as a Board Member and will take over from Susannah Gray as NARALO Secondary Representative. Susannah has stepped down from her position as Board Advisor to focus on her new role at the Internet Society. Jeff Tantsura will continue as Board Member and Fatema Kothari has taken on a Board Member role. Leah Symekher will continue as NARALO Primary Representative throughout 2020.

Focus areas for the new team will include:
1) Data security and privacy
2) Internet governance
3) Connectivity for all / Bridging the digital divide

This is a talented team with diverse skills and experience that will benefit the Chapter, its members, the California Internet community, ISOC and all Internet industry stakeholders. To learn more about the team please visit the Chapter website for their bios: https://www.sfbayisoc.org/board/

ICANN At-Large Caring Community - Emergency Aid Request

During this awful COVID-19 disaster some of our ICANN At-Large community members are trapped out of country, low on financial resources and facing a dire situation that require our immediate help.

You can help with a small donation to make it possible that these individuals are provided with financial assistance in their moments of need. The funds will forward 100% (less the GoFund Me fees) to those individuals that are in, most need. The ICANN At-Large Caring Community Committee is a group of volunteers will be determined which individuals are most deserving and arrange as quickly and privately transfer the emergency funds.

We respect the privacy of the recipients. If they opt to acknowledge the community, it's their option. Please give what you can afford, and your help is appreciated.

ICANN At-Large Caring Community Committee Members:

Maureen Hilyard, Sebastien Bachollet, Eduardo Diaz and Glenn McKnight

You may access the GoFundMe campaign through this link.

Stats for Last 5 NARALO Newsletters

March 2020
31% open rate, 11% click rate

(February skipped) January 2020
31% open rate, 5% click rate

(December skipped) November 2019
28% open rate, 6% click rate

October 2019
24% open rate, 14% click rate

September 2019
21% open rate, 4% click rate