



Your August 2019 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

A warm welcome back from your vacations!

During this past month, ALAC has been working very diligently to make ATLAS III a successful event. 100 people from all over the globe will be participating for four days in workshops and plenaries framed around a GDPR/EPDP case study. You can find more details about this event [here](#).

Universal Acceptance

NARALO is creating a dedicated group of three individuals to focus on Universal Acceptance ([UA](#)). This group will liaise with the Universal Acceptance Steering Group ([UASG](#)) to create work synergies. My expectation for this group is that its members will become experts in UA concepts and help the region in understanding why this is 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!

Next NARALO Monthly Call

The NARALO Monthly meeting for May will take place on [09 September at 19:00 UTC](#). Please view the agenda for the latest NARALO and At-Large community updates, including ATLAS III and policy activities.

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.

[CPWG Workspace](#)
[CPWG Next Meeting](#)



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 Post-ICANN65 Policy Report is now available! Read it [here](#).

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) submitted (5) policy statements:

[Proposed Definition of Name Collisions and Scope of Inquiry for the Name Collisions Analysis Project](#)

The ALAC considers the issue of Name Collision in the DNS an area of importance for the minimization of unintended consequences for Internet end users. The ALAC appreciates the need to have a Name Collision definition for purposes of scoping the inquiry for the Name Collision Analysis Project (NCAP), in order for the NCAP Study One to be manageable and on point, and therefore supports the Proposed Definition of Name Collision and Scope of Inquiry for the Name Collision Analysis Project of 1 July 2019. Of particular importance to us are:

(1) The recognition and inclusion of Type B situations (ie. B. In scope but not intended to be the subject of data studies) which provides built-in peripheral consideration of such situations with decision for examination through data analysis at a later stage if a compelling case were to arise within Study One; and

(2) The possibility of amending the Definition of Name Collision and Scope of Inquiry for the Name Collision Analysis Project should further pertinent information come to light at a later stage either through the ongoing work of the NCAP DG, NCAP Working Party and/or input obtained from the party/ies eventually contracted to undertake NCAP Study One.

[Evolving the Governance of the Root Server System](#)

The ALAC strongly supports the overall proposal and appreciates the opportunity to comment. The RSS, according to RRSAC37, needs to evolve so it remains a reliable, resilient, and sustainable service in the face of increasing traffic and cyberattacks. However, the ALAC finds it difficult to accept that ICANN is not considered a primary stakeholder with regard to the RSS, given that the Domain Name System and its reliable and trusted operation is a prime reason for ICANN's existence. The ALAC also encourages that Internet users, the ultimate user and beneficiary of the DNS, should be listed as having a stake in the existence and evolution of the RSS.

The financial model is also of some concern to the ALAC. No figures are provided to allow even order-of-magnitude estimates. It is surely time that we begin to understand exactly what level of funding will be required and hypothesize on where such funding will come from.

[Draft Financial Assumptions & Projections and Operating Initiatives for the development of Fiscal Years 2021-2025 Operating & Financial Plan](#)

The ALAC considered the Draft Financial Assumptions, Projections and Operating Initiatives, and offered comments on the following topics among others:

- The ALAC is not optimistic that Financial Assumptions A (Roll-out of New gTLDs) and B (New Business Models – Geographic gTLDs and Brand gTLDs) will be highly successful vehicles to new revenue. Although the first round of new gTLDs did bring in considerable revenue, the ALAC notes that these earlier rounds represented the "low hanging fruit" in the new gTLD market.
- The ALAC agrees that ICANN continue to put money towards the an urgent need to resolve current challenges around Universal Acceptance, as well as the primary strategic goal of security, stability and trust.
- The ALAC agrees that work which needs to be done on evolving the multistakeholder system is substantial and complex and that it must be ongoing with adequate resources directed towards its completion. The objectives related to diverse and inclusive participation in policy making in an efficient and effective way are essential to improving the system, underlining that face-to-face meetings are essential to the functioning of the multistakeholder model.
- The ALAC/At-Large community propose some clarity via a listing of priorities and statements on the impact of each project on ICANN org and on each of the unique ACs and SOs. The community believes that while policy development and implementation activities are integral to the planning process, so are other activities, such as those that enable communication, collaboration, and outreach, between RALOS, At-Large members and other constituencies.

[Proposed IANA SLAs for Publishing LGRs/IDN Tables](#)

The ALAC supports the recommendations of the CSC and PTI for the proposed IANA SLAs for publishing the LGRs/IDN Tables.

[Fundamental Bylaws Amendment Proposal - IANA Naming Function Review](#)

The ALAC supported the current version of the ICANN Bylaws Section 18.7(a) and 18.7(b), but understands that it has now proven to be difficult to implement. The ALAC agrees that the proposed change preserves the intent of the original Fundamental Bylaw and supports the change. Subject to any new information being brought to the ALAC's attention, the current intention is that the ALAC will

support this Fundamental Bylaw change when it is presented to the Empowered Community.

(2) informal comments are being drafted regarding:

[Comment CPWG SubPro Comment](#)

[Comment SAC 105 Comment](#)

Read the Post-ICANN65 Policy Report [here](#).

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.

[Additional Resources](#)

NARALO Secretariat Update

Glenn McKnight, NARALO Secretariat



An important and newsworthy item is the sad loss of [Tom Lowenhaupt](#), who was a pioneer in city-based domain names.

NARALO Activities

It's been a quiet summer for NARALO members, and we're looking towards an active fall with the Second North American School of Internet Governance ([NASIG](#)), followed by a GDPR for Citizens, [ICANN 66](#) and [ATLAS 3](#) will bring many NARALO members together from Oct 31st to Nov 8th in Montreal, QC, Canada.

New Members

We are pleased to announce that we have three new unaffiliated NARALO members. Welcome Nat Cohen, Denise de Alcantara-Hochbach and Bill Jouris.

ATLAS III

ATLAS III will take place 4-7 November 2019 during ICANN66 in Montreal. ATLAS III preparation is advancing. The Selection Committee has [selected At-Large members](#) to be eligible to seek travel support to the ATLAS III. Two Program group meetings were held, one with David Kolb, the facilitator. Plans for preparation of the case study on the EPDP Phase 1 were made. Another call focused on the ATLAS III schedule. There will be a series of ATLAS III plenaries followed by break out sessions. All ATLAS III will be asked to participate in the EPDP Phase 2 Plenary and the GAC meeting with the Board as learning exercises. A live feed of these two meetings into the main ATLAS III room is being explored. David Kolb will join a call of the ATLAS III Organizing Committee the week of 19 August to discuss the At-Large Leadership ATLAS III prep session to be held on Sunday, 3 November before the start of ATLAS III on Monday, 4 November. A set of readings and webinars for ATLAS III participants will be planned for late September or early October. All ATLAS III supported travelers were sent a set of expected activities during ATLAS III. Please visit the [At-Large ATLAS III workspace](#) for more information.

At-Large Review Implementation

Maureen Hilyard continues to work on the activities related to increasing the ability of ALSes to access capacity building courses and setting up a network of mentors/coaches. More information is available at the [At-Large Review Plan Development workspace](#).

NARALO CROP Trips

There are three NARALO CROP Trips available this year:

[ARIN 45](#): April 26-29, 2020, Louisville, Kentucky

Application deadline: January 10, 2020 | [Application form](#)

As of Aug 12 there were five applications

Nonprofit Technology Conference 2020 ([NTC 20](#)): March 24-26, Baltimore, Maryland

Application deadline: January 10, 2020 | [Application form](#)

As of Aug 12 there are no applications

Net Digital Inclusion 2020 ([NDIA 20](#)): April 7-9, Portland, Oregon

Application deadline: January 10, 2020 | [Application form](#)

As of August 12 there are no applications

RALO Discretionary Funding

Please visit the At-Large workspace for [RALO Requests for Funding to Support an Outreach Activity](#).

Funds (\$4k per RALO/individ.) are [available](#) for each RALO/individual member to assist with local outreach and engagement about ICANN and ICANN policy related issues within the region. Here's a reminder of how to apply:

- A [request form](#) needs to be completed to initiate the process.
- The request needs to be reviewed and approved by Regional Leadership prior to sending to ICANN org staff.
- The request must be sent to Silvia Vivanco and Heidi Ullrich at least three weeks prior to the planned activity.
- Approval (or not) will be informed via email to the organization representative that made the request.

[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. Please visit the [At-Large FY20 Budget Implementation Workspace](#) for more details.

Look forward to seeing many of you in the fall!

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.

Summer is in full swing, with two important milestones in the past month. The first was the annual Internet Governance Forum-USA, which took place 25 July in Washington, DC, and the second was the Year-End update on the ICANN North America Engagement Strategy.

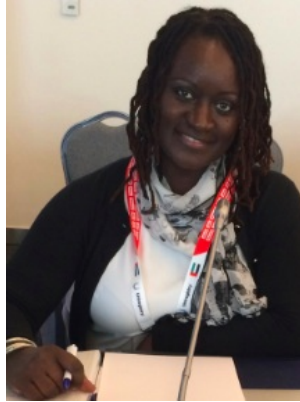
The IGF-USA brought together hundreds of stakeholders for a full day of knowledge sharing and educational offerings. The day included remarks from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Diane Rinaldo, Federal Trade Commissioner Christine Wilson, and Ambassador Rob Strayer of the US Department of State. Interspersed between the keynotes were panels on everything from US privacy law and 5G to cyber safety and resiliency. You can view recordings of all the sessions on the [IGF-USA website](#). ICANN Org was among the event's sponsors, participating alongside Community members in the planning of the event.

ICANN Org and Community continue to deliver against the North America Engagement Strategy. Some of the highlights include participation in 75 events and hosting seven ICANN meeting "read-out" sessions. I invite you to read my [blog on the update](#) and view the full report. We are looking forward to working with the community in the Spring of next year to develop the Strategy for FY21-22.

VOTE NOW!

*Finally, a call to action: we have teamed with the Internet Society and Access Now to propose a panel for the annual **South by Southwest (SXSW) Conference** next Spring. The panel will discuss*

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.

On August 19, 2019, the ICANN 2019 Nominating Committee was pleased to announce selections for the ten leadership positions mandated for the team this year. These selectees will begin their terms after the ICANN66 Annual General Meeting 2-7 November 2019 in Montréal, Canada. An overview of the selected candidates can be found [here](#).

Profile of 2019 Applicants

The 2019 Nominating Committee received 127 applications from 42 women and 85 men during its nomination period from 17 January 2019 to 22 March 2019. The regional breakdown of this year's applicants was:

- 56 from Africa
- 35 from Asia, Australia, Pacific Islands
- 13 from Europe
- 21 from Latin America, Caribbean Islands
- 2 from North America

We congratulate all the selectees and thank all the candidates that applied.

Please visit [our website](#) for a message from the NomCom Chair, the NomCom Report, Leadership & Peers Reviews and any updates.

I would like to personally thank NARALO, ALAC and the ICANN Community for this incredible opportunity to contribute and to serve on the 2018 & 2019 NomCom.

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.

ARIN 44 Registration Open

Registration is open for the [ARIN 44](#) Public Policy and Members Meeting, which will take place from 31 October – 1 November 2019 at the JW Marriott Austin in Austin, Texas. ARIN 44 will be held back-to-back with NANOG 77.

Can't make it to Austin? ARIN 44 proceedings will be webcast with a live transcript and chat functionality for remote participants. Registered remote participants may follow discussions, submit comments and questions, vote in straw polls, and more. It's the next best thing if you can't join us in

person. [Register today to attend in person or participate remotely!](#)

2019 Call for ARIN Board of Trustees, ARIN Advisory Council, and NRO Number Council Nominations Now Open

[Nominations are being accepted](#) now through 5:00 PM ET on Thursday, 22 August 2019, to fill two seats on the ARIN Board of Trustees, five seats on the ARIN Advisory Council, and one seat on the Number Resource Organization Number Council (NRO NC). Candidates are expected to serve three-year terms effective 1 January 2020 and incumbents may be re-elected for consecutive terms.

NRPM 2019.2 - New Policies Implemented on 10 July 2019

On 20 June 2019, the Board of Trustees adopted the following Recommended Draft Policies and editorial changes:

ARIN-2018-2: Clarification to ISP Initial Allocation

ARIN-edit-2019-1: Remove IPv4 Reference in NRPM Section 6.10.1

Recommended Draft Policy ARIN-2019-16: Advisory Council Recommendation Regarding NRPM 4.1.8. Unmet Requests

These policies are now in effect. A new version of the ARIN Number Resource Policy Manual (NRPM) has been published [here](#). NRPM version 2019.2 is effective 10 July 2019 and supersedes the previous version.

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:

- [Ensuring that browsers do not automatically open the Zoom Conferencing app](#)
- [Calendar of events](#)
- [News from the Regional Internet Registries \(RIRs\)](#)

ALS and Individual Membership Update

ISOC Puerto Rico Internet Society Chapter ([ISOC PR](#))

Eduardo Diaz

As part of its 30th anniversary on the island, Puerto Rico Top Level Domain (PRTL) and ISOC PR organization will celebrate Domain Name System Week (DNS Week) by holding an IPv6 Workshop, which will be led by [LACNIC](#) engineer and IPv6 expert Alejandro Acosta. The workshop takes place on August 20 from 9am - 6pm at the Hyatt Place, San Juan, Puerto Rico. More details/registration is available [here](#).

ISOC San Francisco Bay Area Internet Society Chapter ([SF Bay ISOC](#))

Susannah Gray

ICANN65 Recap Webinar

The San Francisco Bay Area Internet Society Chapter held its ICANN65 Recap Webinar on July 16 at 12:30 PST. You can find the recording of the event on the Chapter website [here](#).

Universal Acceptance Blog Series

We teamed up with the Universal Acceptance Steering Group ([UASG](#)) to bring our members a three-part blog series on why UA is so important:

- Universal Acceptance: Programming Language Hacks
- Bridging the Digital Language Divide: Is Your Email Ready for the Global Market?
- Making New Internet Domains Work for Everyone

Read these posts - and more! - on our blog [here](#).

New Board Members

Elections will be coming up at the end of the year and we are actively looking for committed and motivated individuals with a deep understanding of the Internet ecosphere to join our team. If you know anyone in the San Francisco Bay Area who fits this profile, please get in touch with us at info@sfbayisoc.org

Stats for Last 5 NARALO Newsletters

May 2019

25% open rate, 3% click rate

April 2019

30% open rate, 3% click rate

March 2019

28% open rate, 9% click rate

February 2019

42% open rate, 0% click rate

January 2019

34% open rate, 15% click rate