As always, please send along information about your ALS, your work as an Unaffiliated Member, NARALO, ICANN or other Internet governance-
At-Large/ALAC Public 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 following public comments were announced in August:

- **Study on Technical Use of Root Zone Label Generation Rules** closes 11 September 2018
- **Proposals for Kannada, Oriya and Telugu Scripts' Root Zone Label Generation Rules** closes 20 September 2018
- **Modification of Domains Protected Marks List Service** closes 24 September 2018
- **Proposed gTLD-Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) Profile** closes 13 October 2018

Have your say! To contribute to ALAC public comment, please comment on the wiki space or volunteer as penholder.

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) ratified 4 Policy Advice Statements in August:

- **Initial Report on the Protections for Certain Red Cross Names in all gTLDs - Policy Amendment Process**
  The ALAC has always taken the position that as a humanitarian organization, and one that has been regularly the target of those seeking to fraudulently attract donations, the Red Cross should be afforded the courtesy of having its various identifiers protected at the second level in gTLD domain names.

- **Short-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline for Specific Reviews**
  Of the three options presented on the public comment, the ALAC prefers the option to commence RT work upon Board action on CCWG-WS2 recommendations, to be started no later than end of June 2019. With this option, the review team will be in charge of the evaluation of implementation of prior review recommendations and other topics, with no duplication or overlap with CCWG-WS2 implementation.

- **Long-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline of Reviews**
  The ALAC approached the comment by separating it into two issues: (1)
Organizational Reviews and (2) Specific Reviews. The ALAC recommended ICANN Org stop initiating Organizational Reviews until it has assessed how effective they have been and develop a methodology to allow them to be cost effective and effective overall. The ALAC also recommends changing the Bylaws to give the Board more flexibility with the timing of Specific Reviews going forward.

Open Data Initiative Datasets and Metadata
The ALAC made specific comments in relation to: (1) Centralized, easy access to properly organized data repository, (2) Types and value of data collected, lack of discernable information; (3) Uniformity of and responsibility for data; and (4) Privacy rights. Overall, the ALAC believes it would be useful if ICANN Org could assist in re-generating a list of datasets with suggestions on what downstream or upstream information can possibly be gleaned from each dataset.

See: At-Large Website Policy Comments & Advice

ALAC Update

- Held its August Monthly Call. Apart from discussion on policy activity, the ALAC reviewed ALS and Individual membership applications, shared updates from the working groups, including the At-Large Review Implementation Working Group (ARIWG), and discussed the draft At-Large schedule for ICANN63.

- The ALAC Leadership Team has been confirmed: AFRALO - Tijani Ben Jemaa; APRALO - Maureen Hilyard; Europe - Sebastien Bachollet; LACRALO - Ricardo Holmquist; NARALO - John Laprise. They will take their seats at the end of ICANN63.

- Ratified four statements: Initial Report on the Protections for Certain Red Cross Names in all gTLDs - Policy Amendment Process; Short-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline for Specific Reviews; Long-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline of Reviews; Open Data Initiative Datasets and Metadata.

ICANN releases the proposed Unified Access Model for community input
ICANN has been working to develop its proposal for a Unified Access Model, in order to engage in discussions with the community and relevant data protection authorities.

Following the June publication of the Framework Elements for a Unified Access Model for Continued Access to Full WHOIS Data [PDF, 93 KB], they have striven to deepen their understanding of the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

To that end, they published and are seeking feedback on the Draft Framework for a Possible Unified Access Model for Continued Access to Full WHOIS Data - For Discussion.

The proposal is a working draft intended to facilitate further discussions with the European Data Protection Board (EDPB) and the ICANN community.

Greg Shatan from ISOC-NY is the penholder on this comment. Please send him an email if you are interested in contributing.

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RALO Discretionary Funding

Through the FY19 Additional Budget Request process, each of the five RALOs has been granted $4,000 for targeted local discretionary funds toward RALO outreach and engagement activities such as ALS read-out sessions, promotional displays and graphics and regional travel.

For more information, including the application form and criteria, please see the related workspace.

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NARALO NomCom Delegate Update
On 02 August 2018, the ICANN 2018 Nominating Committee (NomCom) announced its selection for eight leadership positions within ICANN.

Please visit the NomCom website for this announcement and a statement from the NomCom Chair, Zahid Jamil.

- Leah Symekher, NARALO NomCom Delegate

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So long, Joly, and thanks for all the webcasts!

Joly MacFie in action

The Internet Society New York Chapter (ISOC-NY) has been an At-Large Structure since 2008, and Joly MacFie has been one of their NARALO reps for the whole 10 years, eventually as President of the Chapter. He is now retiring from ISOC-NY and thus NARALO.

He mentions a couple of special memories, including the vigorous debate in 2007 over whether, as an NCUC member, joining At-Large was a good idea at all (see: https://isoc-ny.org/wiki/ICANN_ALC) and then, later, ISOC-NY's role in bringing together NARALO and the NCUC at a time of disagreement over ICANN restructuring (see: http://isoc-ny.org/886).

Joly is, of course, well known for his webcasting efforts for ISOC, a practice he aims to continue.
Glenn McKnight, NARALO Secretariat, says "We are sad to hear that Joly is stepping down as the NARALO rep for ISOC-NY. He has been an invaluable resource to our community for a long time, and a remarkable contributor to the ISOC educational committee via his dedication to live-streaming most of the important US and international Internet activities. We wish him well."

What happens at EUROSSIG?

This summer I attended the 12th annual European Summer School on Internet Governance (EUROSSIG) held in Meissen, Germany. Included in this intense week of study was an internet governance ecosystem day, a cybersecurity and human rights day, a technical regulation and management day, a business and internet governance day, and a wrap-up day of future challenges and perspectives. Most of the faculty was in residence the entire week so experts were continuously available for further discussions. One of the attendees properly described it as an internet boot camp.

We were 30 fellows and 30 faculty housed in a former monastery in this medieval town. Professor Wolfgang Kleinwächter, one of the school founders, set the week’s tone with a high level scan of how the internet evolved from a "technical problem with political implications" in 1998 to a present day "political problem with a technical component". He introduced many of the topics -- cybersecurity, human rights, the role of internet governance organizations and international organizations, and of governments and the private sector -- that would be addressed in depth over the next few days.

There was also a practicum -- a multistakeholder role playing scenario in which one (fictitious) country claimed it had been attacked by another (fictitious) country through cyberattacks on infrastructure, ransomware, interference in elections and fake news. The incident was to be brought to a mock United Nations Security Council and all fellows were assigned a role (a country or other stakeholder group). Daily negotiations ended in one final marathon evening when discussions continued into the early morning hours until the wording of a document addressing the issue was agreed upon. It was a brief taste of multistakeholder negotiations in action.

It was a wonderful opportunity to work with a group of people of all ages and from different disciplines. Although not everyone came from an ICANN background, I am sure many will be leaders in future internet governance events.

- Marita Moll, Incoming NARALO ALAC Member
Meeting participants

Judith Hellerstein of Capital Area Globetrotters along with Greg Shatan of ISOC-NY and Joe Catapano from ICANN GSE presented in front of about 30 people gathered to learn about the results of the ICANN62 meeting in Panama. Judith spoke about the work of the Cross Community Working Group on Auction Proceeds (CCWG-Auction Proceeds) and about the implementation of the At-Large Review (ARIWG).

The audience was very interested in learning about the work of the CCWG-Auction Proceeds as it moves closer to choosing a mechanism for distributing the more than $230 million that was left from the last expansion of global Top Level Domains (gTLDs). The proposed plan is for this money to be used for capacity building projects for the community that work to strengthen the core mission of ICANN. A report will be published prior to the ICANN63 Annual General Meeting in Barcelona.
Judith Hellerstein presents during the meeting.

ALS Update: SF Bay ISOC Chapter

The Chapter survey is carried out every year to gather feedback on what our members feel are the most important issues facing today's Internet. We analyzed the interim results: it's great news for Internet governance, data privacy and security, and regulatory issues/tech policy. Our members told us that they were less interested in gender and diversity, community networks, and decentralized Internet.

We'll publish a full report shortly, but you can find the interim results [here](#).

Our 2017 Annual Report has finally been published - better late than never! Check here for a brief overview of last year’s Chapter activities and progress [here](#).

Next NARALO Monthly Meeting:
Monday, 10 September 2018 @ 19:00 UTC

The agenda and call details can be found [here](#).

If you can't attend, please alert your ALS alternate or send your regrets to Yesim Nazlar, Staff.

NARALO Secretariat Report

Another way to stay on top of events across the region!

Follow Up on Tractor
Last month's newsletter mentioned my (non-working) tractor. I'm glad to announce that after a lot of work the tractor is running - it was backfiring because the spark plug wires were reversed, but it's now fully functional.

Above is a full picture of the replacement parts from distributor to a resister.

I can now cut the three foot weeds on the property. Coming up next, we're installing DC power to the new 35-foot trailer from our off-the-grid solar system.

- Glenn McKnight, NARALO Secretariat

Thanks for reading! Do you have suggestions, concerns or information to add to a future NARALO newsletter? Want to update us on life outside of ICANN?

Please send all ideas to Shelley Robinson.