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December 2018: A Year In Review

by Eduardo Diaz, NARALO Chair

Greetings everyone and happy holidays!

This year we welcomed three new individual members and two At-Large Structures (ALS) to NARALO, making our family a total of 47.

The NARALO Educational Group, led by Alfredo Calderón, kept us informed and up to date on the following issues: Net Neutrality, Typo Squatting, Accreditation & Access Model for Non-Public Data, Universal Acceptance, Highlights of ICANN63, New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP, and work related to the At-Large Review Implementation.

On average, 40% of members attended our monthly call.

In July, NARALO submitted a comment with full consensus to the ICANN Fellowship Program (IFP) Consultation Process, emphasizing the need for active outreach to global indigenous communities.

We continue to publish the NARALO newsletter. I want to welcome Susannah Gray, from ISOC San Francisco as our new editor for 2019.

Elections for NARALO Chair, Secretary, ALAC Member and NomCom Representative were held during April/May. The results were as follows:

Chair: Eduardo Díaz (2 years)
Secretary: Glenn McKnight (1 year)
ALAC Member: Marita Moll (2 years) and
NomCom Representative: Leah Symekher (1 year)

The First North America School of Internet Governance (NASIG) was held in Puerto Rico from 7-9 March, three days before the ICANN61 Meeting. NASIG was an in-depth capacity building event that focused on teaching the development and application of shared principles, norms, rules, policies, decision-making processes and organizations that shape the evolution and utilization of the Internet. Additionally, NASIG sought to empower the next generation of Internet leaders. A total of 51 people (including staff, faculty and students) participated in the event. Please visit northamericansig.org for summary reports, testimonials, pictures and much more. For information about NASIG 2019, (see below).

NARALO celebrated its **11 year anniversary during ICANN61**. The original ICANN MOU was signed in San Juan, Puerto Rico 11 years ago.

This year we incorporated, for the first time, a standing agenda item for the North America Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) office to keep us all abreast of the developments happening on that front. Our three CROP trips are being scheduled for Spring 2019 with NTC 19, Digital Inclusion Conference and the ARIN meeting.

We said farewell to Alan Greenberg as our ALAC Chair and Member representative for several years. We are glad he will continue to contribute as an Individual Member.

In 2019, we will have elections again, this time for Secretary (2 years), NomCom Representative (1 year) and ALAC Member (2 years). I would like to invite anyone interested to apply for any of these positions.

Also, we expect to see the final results of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification sometime in May. Alan is one of the two ALAC Members representing the ALAC in the EPDP working group.

ATLAS III and the First North American Internet Governance Forum (NAIGF) is coming to our region around the time of the ICANN66 Meeting in Montreal, in October 2019. These are going to be VERY busy days, but worth it - so be on the lookout for our January 2019 Newsletter for more information on how to apply to these events and more.

Overall, I think 2018 was an exciting year and I expect 2019 to be even better.

Thanks to all for your contributions and for being part of the NARALO family.

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 ALAC is currently developing 6 responses to public comment proceedings:

Drafting **Work Track 5 on Geographic Names at the Top Level - Supplemental Initial Report of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process** 22 January 2019

Drafting [ICANN Draft FY20 Operating Plan and Budget and Five-Year Operating Plan Update](#) 08 February 2019

Drafting [ICANN Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2021 - 2025](#) 11 February 2019

Drafting [Updated Operating Standards for Specific Reviews](#) 11 February 2019

Drafting [Amendment to the IANA Naming Functions Contract, Annex A](#) 18 February 2019

Drafting [First Consultation on a 2-Year Planning Process](#) 20 February 2019

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 At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) submitted 6 policy comments in December:

[Initial Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team](#)
The ALAC submitted a Word Doc form mirroring the new Google Form requested by the EPDP Team for collection of this public comment. In its statement, the ALAC provided its answers on the questions posed by the EPDP Team. In particular, the ALAC made recommendations on additional purposes for processing registration data, including the Accuracy Reporting System (ARS) and research and threats analysis/prevention from the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO). Regarding data elements, the ALAC noted Registrant provided data must not be unilaterally removed without due consultation with the data provider, and the registrant must declare whether it is a natural or legal person. The ALAC noted the technical contact fields must be mandatory, and the Organization field should not be redacted. The ALAC also noted in its conclusion the SSAC revised version of SAC101, a paper previously supported by ALAC, drawing particular attention to the statement, "RDDS access must comply with the law, but access should not be less timely, more restricted and less public than law requires."

[Supplemental Initial Report on the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (Overarching Issues & Work Tracks 1-4)](#)
The ALAC put on record their responses, suggestions and in some cases, advocacy, to the preliminary recommendations, options and questions in the Report. In particular, the ALAC strongly opposes the retention of the regular highest-bid auction process which was used in the 2012 round ("regular auctions") as the mechanism of last resort for resolution of contention sets within the Program, proposing instead that the ICANN Community explore the introduction of a multiplier-enhanced Vickrey auction. The ALAC also notably does not support a total ban of all forms of private resolutions, but we is strongly in favor of disallowing forms of private resolutions, detailed in the ALAC statement.

[Proposed Consensus Policy on Protections for Certain Red Cross and Red Crescent Names in All Generic Top-Level Domains](#)

The ALAC continues to take 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. The ALAC cited its June 2018 statement of support for the Initial Report on the Protections for Certain Red Cross Names in all gTLDs - Policy Amendment Process, and affirmed support for the Reconvened WG's recommendations on proposed amendments.

[Initial Report of the New gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group](#)

The ALAC have been following this issue closely, and discussed the issues internally prior to the issuance of the Initial Report. The ALAC discussed each of these mechanisms among the participants and members of the working group, and in their statement commented on Recommendations 1-10, noting it believes strongly that At-Large Structures (ALSes) and Individual members should be able to apply for funds; the proceeds from past auctions were intended for use in capacity building activities enhancing the mission of ICANN and consistent with one of its core principles for an "open and interoperable Internet", for the benefit of the Internet community.

[Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team (CCT) Final Report & Recommendations](#)

As the principal voice of Internet end users within the ICANN community, the ALAC were interested in the findings and recommendations from the CCT Review, particularly in the areas of Choice and Trust. The ALAC is supportive of all of the recommendations in the Report, including the new ones relating to DNS abuse in New gTLDs. The ALAC reiterated they do not share a sense of urgency when it comes to subsequent procedures, but instead believe the community should address all of the deficiencies in the 2012 program before accepting additional applications. The ALAC commented on additional sections of the Report and Recommendations, including Recommendations 1, 8-10, 11-13, 14-25, 29-31, 32, 33 and 34-35.

[Draft Final Report of The Second Security and Stability Advisory Committee Review (SSAC2)](#)

The ALAC is in support of the SSAC's continued role in the ICANN community as an Advisory Committee. It commented specifically on Recommendations 1-5, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16-17, 21-22, 24 and 25 in the Report, noting that the SSAC should, in addition to revising its advice to the Board, also simultaneously attempt to write advice in such a way that non-technical experts in the ICANN community more easily understand them.

In addition, the "[Follow-Up to the Joint Statement by ALAC and GAC: Enabling Inclusive, Informed and Meaningful Participation at ICANN](#)", was submitted by Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair as ALAC advice to the ICANN Board.

See: [At-Large Website Policy Comments & Advice](#)
See: [At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)](#)

EPDP Update

Watch the video on YouTube!

All At-Large discussions on the EPDP take place on the CPWG mailing list and weekly meetings.

Alan Greenberg, NARALO and Hadia Elminiawi, AFRALO are the ALAC representatives to the EPDP.

ALAC News

by Marita Moll, NARALO ALAC Member

ICANN functions in a global context and the pressures of the Christmas season, although they heavily affect the NARALO part of the ecosystem, are not felt by all. So, despite a brief closure of ICANN headquarters over Christmas, the work continues at a rapid clip.

The first few days of January saw ALAC finalizing and voting on comments to two major policy processes. The ALAC ratified comments on the Initial Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team - a very intensive and time sensitive process designed to bring existing WHOIS obligations in line with requirements of the European Union's General

Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) - and the Supplemental Initial Report on the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (Overarching Issues & Work Tracks1-4) - which focused on potential changes to the processes, particularly regarding auctions and other dispute resolution forms, which would govern any further round of a new gTLD program. As with all such work, the comments submitted seek to present the Internet end user perspective in these debates.

With ICANN64 in Kobe now coming into focus, ALAC leadership is designing a program that would highlight the work ALAC members are immersed in -- both on the policy and outreach side. Meanwhile, requests for comment on a number of interesting issues have arrived in our mailboxes. One of these concerns the draft ICANN Strategic Plan for 2021-2025. One of the five strategic objectives is to "improve the effectiveness of ICANN's multistakeholder model of governance." This is a must-read for all At-Large members, and it will certainly be a key topic for discussion over the next few months.

Happy New Year to all!

NASIG 2019

NASIG 2019 in Montreal

31 Oct 31 - 1 Nov

The initial work is underway for the Second North American School of Internet Governance (NASIG) on October 31 and November 1 in Montreal, Canada. This NASIG will precedethe ATLAS III Summit during the ICANN66 AGM in Montreal.

A call for volunteers will be made in the New Year. Details will be posted on the NASIG Facebook page and website. Follow updates on Twitter via the hashtag #nasig2019.

ATLAS III Summit

The ICANN At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) along with the At-Large community will hold a third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) at ICANN66 Montréal, Canada in November 2019.

ATLAS III will be an assembly of the future leaders of At-Large, focused on developing and nurturing their abilities to become thought leaders and change agents who will effectively implement what has resulted from the At-Large Review Process.

ICANN64 Community Forum in Kobe, Japan
9 - 14 March 2019

See the **ICANN64 At-Large workspace** for all At-Large activity.

Deadlines for CROP Trips

Don't forget to apply soon for upcoming three CROP trips in the spring:

NTC 19
13-15 March 2019 in Portland, Oregon

The annual NTEN event called NTC 19 will be held in Portland, Oregon from 13-15 March 2019. Details can be found **here**.

RESULT: Judith Hellerstein is the selected traveler.

ARIN Meeting
7-10 April 2019 in Bridgetown, Barbados

Open to one NARALO traveler.
Find details **here**. Apply **here**.

Please note that the GSE has approved our out of region trip to this location as a one time approval. An independent committee evaluated the applications and selected the recipient.

RESULT: Michael Casadevall is the selected traveler.

Digital Inclusion Conference
1-3 April 2019 in Charlotte, North Carolina

Open to one NARALO traveler.

Details: Hosted by the **National Digital Inclusion Alliance**.
Apply **here**.

An independent committee evaluated the applications and selected the recipient.

RESULT: Alfredo Calderon is the selected traveler.

ICANN Fellowship

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) closed the Fellowship Program application round for ICANN65. This round was open only to those who have previously completed an ICANN Fellowship, as ICANN65 is a Policy Forum.

The meeting is from 24-27 June 2019 in Marrakesh, Morocco. Successful candidates will be announced on 28 February 2019 on the **ICANN org website**.

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.**

At-Large FY20 Budget Development Workspace

See the **At-Large FY20 Budget Development Workspace**:

Timeline	Start	End	Status
Kick off and Submission period	11/05/2018	25/01/2019	In progress
FBSC representatives and/or staff to send notice of opening of FY20 Additional Budget Request (ABR) process to RALOs	15/11/2018	15/11/2018	
RALOs to review any ALS request or complete a template on behalf of the RALO and send requests to staff@atlarge.icann.org	26/11/2018	04/01/2019	
Discussion of Proposals with Finance Staff and FBSC	07/01/2019	11/01/2019	
Revised proposals to be sent to the FBSC for final review.	14/01/2019	18/01/2019	
The ALAC to review the proposed At-Large FY20 ABRs during their monthly call	22/01/2019	22/01/2019	
The FBSC to review all the RALO requests.	23/01/2019	23/01/2019	
Submissions Due – send to planning@icann.org	**25/01/2019**	**25/01/2019**	**On target**
Preliminary review of requests by ICANN.org	28/01/2019	08/03/2019	On target
SO/AC consultations at ICANN 64 (by request, during Constituents' Day)	09/03/2019	15/03/2019	On target
Final assessments and recommendations by ICANN.org	18/03/2019	31/03/2019	On target
ICANN Board Finance Committee Review and recommendation for approval to the Board	15/04/2019	19/04/2019	On target
ICANN Board review and approval at May Board meeting	22/04/2019	03/05/2019	On target

The workspace has been created to assist the ALAC/At-Large community in developing FY20 Additional Budget Request (ABR) proposals.

The ALAC Finance and Budget Subcommittee (FBSC) is now reviewing all draft Annual Budget Requests (ABRs).

Membership Update

ALS Membership: 23
Individual Unaffiliated Membership: 24

Recently accredited NARALO At-Large Structure (ALS): Alternatives, Inc.
Next month's newsletter will provide a profile of Alternatives, Inc.

Recently joined Individual: Robert Jacobi

   Robert Jacobi
   1. President, Open Source Matters (Joomla)
   2. Chair, Technical Outreach, i2Coalition
   3. Board Member, MIT Enterprise Forum Chicago

   Professional experience includes:
   1. Executive Vice President, Perfect Dashboard
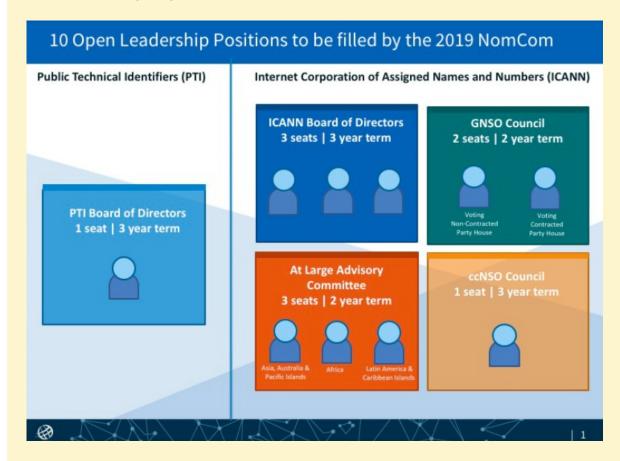   2. President and Founder, Arc Technology Group

ICANN NomCom Update

by Leah Symekher, 2019 NomCom Delegate and Outreach Subcommittee Chair

Since its kickoff during ICANN63, the [2019 NomCom](#) has been working within established subcommittees and with ICANN staff to implement processes and solutions to support the recruitment, assessment, selection and reporting phases of our work.

We are currently in the recruitment phase where we are focused on candidate outreach in search of qualified candidates to fill 3 Board seats and 7 other leadership positions on the ICANN Board. The candidate application period is scheduled to begin in mid-January 2019 and to end in March 2019. The job descriptions and criteria will soon be posted on the [NomCom website](#).

Please support our outreach efforts by informing suitable candidates about the open seats and direct them to our [website](#) for more details on each of the open seats and important deadlines.

Here are the open positions for the ICANN Board:

10 Open Leadership Positions to be filled by the 2019 NomCom

Public Technical Identifiers (PTI)

Internet Corporation of Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

PTI Board of Directors
1 seat | 3 year term

ICANN Board of Directors
3 seats | 3 year term

GNSO Council
2 seats | 2 year term

Voting Non-Contracted Party House

Voting Contracted Party House

At Large Advisory Committee
3 seats | 2 year term

Asia, Australia & Pacific Islands

Africa

Latin America & Caribbean Islands

ccNSO Council
1 seat | 3 year term

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Next NARALO Monthly Meeting:
14 January 2019 @ 20:00 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!

NARALO Regional Calendar

If you have an event you would like to share, please email Glenn McKnight, NARALO Secretariat with your details and we will add it to the **ICANN Calendar**.

Resources and E-Books

NARALO on the At-Large Website

GNSO Policy Summary for ICANN63

Internet Governance Hub Facebook Group

Free Online Course: Introduction to Internet Governance

Thanks for Reading!

Do you have suggestions, concerns or information to add to the next NARALO newsletter?

Please contact **Susanna Gray** if you're able to help.

NARALO Newsletter Archives

Readership Stats of Past 5 NARALO Newsletters

November 2018: 30% open rate, 13% click rate
October 2018: 32% open rate, 5% click rate
September 2018: 28% open rate, 6% click rate
August 2018: 28% open rate, 6% click rate
July 2018: 27% open rate, 12% click rate

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