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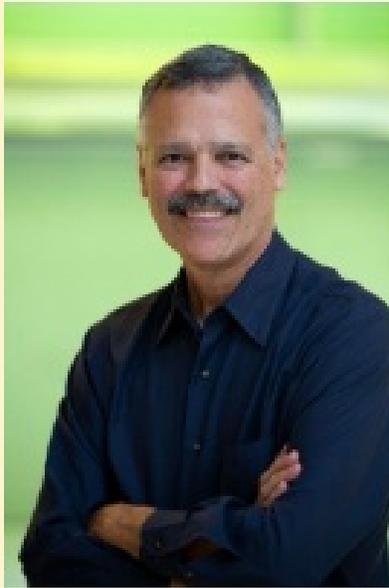
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**February 2019**

**Chair's Corner**



**Eduardo Diaz, NARALO Chair**

Some of us will be on the way to ICANN64 in Kobe, Japan by the time you read this. ICANN64 is the ICANN Community Forum, with multiple workshops sessions planned between ALAC and RALO leadership, ranging from policy discussions to increasing communications between both bodies. A post-ICANN64 update will be provided during our April NARALO monthly call.

At ICANN64, the At-Large community will focus on the following areas:

- **Policy Discussions --** Balancing privacy and security/stability, Universal Acceptance, and new generic top-level domain (gTLD) subsequent procedures.
- **Projects --** At-Large Review implementation and the third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III).
- **RALO Activities --** Cross-RALO activities, including African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO)/AfrICANN and Asian, Australasian, and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO) sessions, as well as At-Large Regional Leadership outreach and engagement planning with regional partners.
- **Stakeholder Meetings --** Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG); joint meetings with the ICANN Board, Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), and the Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency (NPOC); meetings with the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO), and Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) leadership; capacity building sessions, including leadership skills development; outreach and engagement sessions, including a joint At-Large and Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC) outreach session.

For more details, please read the [Pre-ICANN64 Policy Report](#).

By the way, 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.

## 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 a response to the proposed [ICANN Charter on Government Engagement Approach](#), and plans to comment on the next public comment related to the EPDP.

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 (5) policy comments in February:

### [Updated Operating Standards for Specific Reviews](#)

It is the view of the ALAC that the level of specificity for specific reviews is necessary to prevent misunderstandings and missteps by any of the parties involved in the review. The ALAC believes scope should be well defined within the confines of bylaws and review teams should be free to pursue their mandate within that scope. Accordingly, the ALAC voiced their strong support for the updates to the Operating Standards for Specific Reviews.

### [First Consultation on a 2-Year Planning Process](#)

The ALAC/At-Large community agrees that more time should be given for additional community involvement, and requests that ICANN Org provide a listing of priorities and statements on the impact of each project within ICANN Org and on each of the unique ACs and SOs. The ALAC also encourages ICANN Org to provide the appropriate level of resources to ICANN IT for continued support of services which are vital for community policy work. The ALAC believes that the additional time from 15 months to 2 years would provide more transparency as the community becomes more aware of priority ranking of projects or has collaborated with ICANN Org on priority ranking. The At-Large Advisory Committee believes that beyond the priorities of keeping the Internet secure and stable, and maintaining the multistakeholder model, the community should be directly involved in setting other priorities. In addition to policy activity, the ALAC emphasizes that outreach and engagement are integral to the planning cycle, and the benefit of CCWGs and CCEGs in planning activities. The ALAC supports a formalized, dedicated planning phase to plan for SO/AC activities. The ALAC noted it strongly believes that for ICANN to be as inclusive as possible, documents should be translated into multiple languages; important community meetings should be held in different time zones and in different languages, with real time translation (language channels) and captioning / real time transcription (RTT) provided on all calls. Finally, the ALAC strongly believes that for ICANN to be seen to be truly multistakeholder-focused and inclusive, then appropriate resources must be made available to remove barriers that might prevent the full participation of the ICANN community in policy activities.

## [ICANN Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2021 - 2025](#)

The ALAC stressed the importance of ICANN's role in the multistakeholder model of Internet Governance (including 6 recommendations to improve its effectiveness), suggested a rebalancing of representation on the ICANN Board to enhance the Internet end user perspective, and noted that more fulsome cost/benefit analyses of programs like the gTLD expansion should be available in order predict the future impact on total resources. The ALAC also commented on strengthening the security of the Domain Name System (DNS) and the DNS Root Server System, evolving the unique identifier systems to continue to serve the needs of the global Internet user base, addressing geopolitical issues impacting ICANN's mission to ensure a single and globally interoperable Internet, and ensuring ICANN's long-term financial sustainability.

### **2nd** Comment: [ICANN Draft FY20 Operating Plan and Budget and Five-Year Operating Plan Update](#)

The ALAC Chair determined to submit an additional ALAC statement on this public comment, in accordance with new rules regarding FY20 Additional Budget Requests (ABRs). As ABRs are no longer intended to request travel support to ICANN meetings, the ALAC decided to submit an additional comment to the FY20 Budget public comment, requesting two travel slots to support the attendance of active At-Large policy/outreach leaders in At-Large work session activities at ICANN meetings.

### **1st** Comment: [ICANN Draft FY20 Operating Plan and Budget and Five-Year Operating Plan Update](#)

Of principle concern to the ALAC/At-Large is their ability to achieve the objectives of the At-Large Review Implementation Plan. The comments in the statement relate to particular portfolio or project areas and incorporate specific At-Large concerns, namely: language services, raising stakeholder awareness of ICANN worldwide, engage stakeholders regionally, support policy development, policy related and advisory activities, reinforce stakeholder effectiveness, collaboration and communication capabilities, coordination of ICANN participation in Internet Governance, supporting organizational reviews, and supporting stakeholder participation.

[In addition, the ALAC submitted a statement regarding the EPDP Final Report, which was not a formal ICANN public comment.](#)

See: [At-Large Website Policy Comments & Advice](#)

See: [Executive Summaries: ALAC Policy Comments & Advice](#)

See: [At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group \(CPWG\)](#)

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ALAC Update



**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.**

Policy work at ALAC is still in high gear. Our incredibly dedicated leads on the EPDP discussions, Alan Greenberg and Hadia El Miniawi, continue to spend hours per week resolving the remaining thorny issues in this file. Recently the team's final report was posted for community review. With assistance from the rest of the community, I have worked with Bastiaan Goslings (EURALO) crafting a response to the ICANN draft strategic plan for 2021-2025. In this document we stressed the importance of ICANN's role in the multistakeholder model of Internet Governance and the need to support the volunteers working in this space. The search for efficiency and effectiveness will lead to compromises but they should not be at the expense of volunteers whose time and energy keeps the system functioning. We also voted on the draft FY20 operation plan and budget, the 5 year operating plan update, and the proposed 2-year planning process.

Our hard working chair, Maureen Hilyard, is requesting that the community help build a list of innovative ways for the Board, ICANN Org and the community to implement their strategic plan and all their other goals for the next few years, as well as provide some advice on how the Board could work more collaboratively and productively with their partners to achieve ICANN goals. As Maureen has said, "We should be able to do this as **ADVICE** is what we do." Please view the questions and topics [here](#).

In addition, the ALAC held their Monthly Call on 26 February, where the topics discussed included At-Large policy activities, including policies that were ratified by ALAC; a review of current ALS and Individual Member applications, and reports and discussions by At-Large Leaders. There was also discussion on the EPDP, final review of the At-Large ICANN64 meeting schedule; next steps on on ARIWG implementation plan and preparations for ATLAS III.

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**ICANN: North America Stakeholder Engagement Team Update**



**ICANN's Chris Mondini, VP, Stakeholder Engagement North American and Global Business Engagement. He gives us a quick look at the team's latest activities.**

**Twenty-nineteen is off to a busy start for the GSE North America team.**

**This month we released our mid-year report on the North America Engagement Strategy, which you all helped develop. I'm pleased to report that we held or attended more than 40 events (including four ICANN meeting readouts with ALSes), have more than 190 North Americans represented in GNSO working groups, and have added more than 100 subscribers to our newsletter. The full report can be found [here](#). A blog announcing the report can be read [here](#).**

**On 26 January, the GSE North America team, in collaboration with colleagues in the Global Domains Division, Policy, and Compliance - as well as Michele Neylon and Jothan Frakes from the Registrar Stakeholder Group - hosted a workshop for registrars and potential registrars on the sidelines of the annual [NamesCon Global](#) conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. More than 20 people representing 10 countries participated. You can visit our [event web page](#) for a look at the agenda and our slides from the day.**

**On 31 January, the team hosted an events on ICANN and Internet governance at [Civic Hall](#) in New York City, USA. Attendees got a flavor of what it's like at ICANN from the perspective of an Org member, Board member, and community member. Greg Shatan highlighted NARALO and the work you all do on behalf of the Internet end user. Read more about the event in the latest edition of the [North America newsletter](#).**

**Finally, in more personal news, I'm pleased to announce that I have relocated to San Francisco, California, USA. This will allow me to increase engagement with West Coast stakeholders in the US and Canada and increase the geographic diversity of ICANN participants. I will still carry out my region-wide duties, while Joe Catapano, Engagement Manager for North America, remains in Washington, DC.**

**Where the GSE North America Team will be in the next month:**

- 27 February, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - "[Canadian Internet Governance Forum](#)"
- 9-14 March, Kobe, Japan: [ICANN64](#)

# ICANN NomCom Update: Apply Now for NOMCOM 2019 ICANN and PTI Leadership Positions!



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

[Video: Why You Should Join the ICANN Board](#)

ICANN Board members speak in this newly released [video](#) by NomCom.

The application period closes on 22 March 22 2019 at 23:59 UTC.

Please read requirements and apply [here](#) for the open positions below:

## 10 Open Leadership Positions to be filled by the 2019 NomCom

Public Technical Identifiers (PTI)	Internet Corporation of Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)	
<p><b>PTI Board of Directors</b> 1 seat   3 year term</p> 	<p><b>ICANN Board of Directors</b> 3 seats   3 year term</p>  <p><b>GNSO Council</b> 2 seats   2 year term</p>  <p>Voting Non-Contracted Party House      Voting Contracted Party House</p>	
	<p><b>At Large Advisory Committee</b> 3 seats   2 year term</p>  <p>Asia, Australia &amp; Pacific Islands      Africa      Latin America &amp; Caribbean Islands</p>	<p><b>ccNSO Council</b> 1 seat   3 year term</p> 

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## North American School of Internet Governance Update: NASIG



Glenn McKnight, NARALO Secretariat, points out where NASIG will take place.

The Second North American School of Internet Governance (NASIG) is a two-day event scheduled prior to the ICANN66 Annual General Meeting in Montreal, from Oct 31- Nov 1, 2019. Many of our NARALO members are active in the planning and implementation of the program.

Our program promises to set a high standard in North America on intensive training, with many of the leading thinkers in the Internet Governance space. We aim to avoid "death by powerpoint" style presentations, and we are committed to sharing resources with daily session summaries. The event will be a learning experience in a professional and inclusive environment, including youth and gender sessions. There will also be Creative Commons access to thousands of pictures and session videos.

We will be opening limited number of NASIG Fellowships to the NARALO community. More details will be forthcoming.

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | Hashtag: #NASIGMontreal2019

## ARIN Update



Susannah Gray (SF Bay ISOC Chapter) offers an overview of what's going on in the [American Registry for Internet Numbers \(ARIN\)](#) community.

- [Find out more about the newly elected Board of Trustee Officers for 2019.](#)
- [Register](#) for the ARIN and the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) Public Policy Group Meeting. The theme for this event is "Caribbean Priorities for the Global Internet". The event takes place on Thursday April 11 2019 in Barbados.
- ARIN has deployed [DNSSEC monitoring enhancements](#), including proactive RRSIG expiration checking, zone syntax checking, and DNSSEC validation.
- Find out more about the current [policy proposals under discussion](#) in the ARIN Region.

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## Membership Updates

### [ISOC Puerto Rico Chapter \(ISOCPR\)](#)

The Internet Society, Puerto Rico Chapter (ISOCPR, a NARALO ALS) in collaboration with the Hispanic Educational Technology Services (HETS, a NARALO ALS) and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), celebrated on February 15 the event "Fall in love with Internet".

The objective of the activity was to understand the Internet and its ecosystem in detail. Also, to explain to the participants how they can have an active voice in governance processes. We wanted to invite the audience to know the importance of accessibility when we use content on the web and how to make efficient use of the resources available online.

Mr. Norberto Cruz Cordova, ISOCPR President, was the Master of Ceremonies for the event and offered an introduction on the importance of the Internet. The activity began with the official welcome from Dr. Miguel Vélez Rubio, interim Rector of the University of Puerto Rico, Bayamón Campus, which was also venue of the event.



**Eduardo Diaz, NARALO Chair, in action.**

The presentations began with a holistic view of the Internet ecosystem presented by engineer Eduardo Díaz, Board Member of the Puerto Rico chapter and NARALO Chair.

On the other hand, Rodrigo de La Parra, Vice President for ICANN GSE, Latin America and the Caribbean, explained to the audience the importance of an active role in the organization of the development and governance of the Internet.

Nancy Quiros, ISOC Chapter Development Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean, also addressed the audience. Mrs. Quiros explained ISOC plans for 2019. And José "Manolo" Álvarez talked about web accessibility and the importance of the Internet. It is important to mention that "Manolo" is visually impaired. I should add here that he did this by himself and without any external help; prepared and presented his presentation using accessibility technologies. During his presentation he demonstrated the importance of developing web pages for people that are visually impaired.

ISOC Board Member and Professor Alfredo Calderón addressed the audience by briefing the takeaways of each presentation and promoting educational exchange. The executive director of HETS, Yubelkys Montalvo, highlighted the different services that the organization has for the university community.

The activity was a success. Approximately 100 people participated in the event and 10% became members of our ALS that day. There was a wide presence of professors, academics, professionals of technology areas and students. | Norberto Cruz, ISOCPR President

### **ISOC New York Chapter (ISOC-NY)**

On January 30, several members of the Internet Society - New York Chapter participated in a panel discussion at United Nations Headquarters, entitled "Turning the corner on the digital divide: 50%+ now online - How do we leave no one behind?"

With global Internet connectivity now over 50%, the panel discussed the varying challenges in connecting the next billion, maintaining the essential nature of the Internet, and moving beyond connectivity to issues involving hardware, software, economics, digital literacy, and equity. The panel looked at issues and advancements around the world, noting challenges particular to New York and other urban areas in more developed economies.



Greg Shatan, President of ISOC-NY, was on the panel and helped organize it, along with Ursula Wynhoven of the ITU Liaison Office to the UN. Sherry Antoine, Project and Outreach Manager of AfroCROWD and a member of the ISOC-NY Board was also on the panel. Stu Reid (Digital Divide Partners and ISOC-NY Secretary) and Reuben Loewy (Living Online Lab and ISOC-NY Board) participated in the ensuing discussion | [Watch the event on UN Web TV.](#) | Greg Shatan ISOC NY President

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

The SF Bay Area Chapter is easing into 2019 by onboarding new Board members and preparing its strategy for the year. Chapter representatives Leah Symekher and Susannah Gray will be attending ICANN64 in Kobe - please reach out to either of us if you see us around. | Susannah Gray, SF Bay ISOC Advisor to the Board/ICANN Liaison

### North American Graduate Students (NAGS)

On February 22, Dustin Phillips of [ISOC-DC](#) and co-Chair of the [IGF-USA](#) led a round table at the USC Annenberg Research Network for International Communication ([USC ARNIC](#)). Hosted by Anna Loup, of the North American Graduate Students ALS, the round table engaged emerging scholars from communication, political science, and public diplomacy backgrounds.



The conversations focused on how their work and research can be tied with ongoing Internet Governance policy discussions. Entitled, "IGF-USA on the Road: the role of emerging scholars in shaping Internet governance," the conversation focused on a variety of issues, including privacy, security, increasing importance of infrastructure, and the role that cities can play in

shaping the Internet. A report on the conversation will be published on the [ARNIC website](#) at a later date. This will hopefully be one of many more IGF-USA on the Road conversations with emerging scholars moderated by Dustin Phillips. If you are interested in hosting Dustin and having a similar discussion, please reach out to him or Anna Loup. | Anna Loup, NAGS

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## Next NARALO Monthly Meeting: TBD April 2019 @ 20:00 UTC

The agenda and call details will be shared after ICANN64.

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

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## RALO Discretionary Funding

There is still approximately \$1,000 of RALO Discretionary Funding available for NARALO ALS Read Outs, etc. through 30 June 2019.

See the [workspace](#) for more details.

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## NARALO Secretariat Report

Another way to [stay on top of events](#) across the region!

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## 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](#).

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## Resources and E-Books



[NARALO on the At-Large Website](#)

[Pre-ICANN64 Policy Report](#)

[GNSO Pre-ICANN64 Policy Summary](#)

[Internet Governance Hub Facebook Group](#)

[Free Online Course: Introduction to Internet Governance](#)

## Thanks for Reading!

Send any content, updates and suggestions to [Susannah Gray](#).

Deadline for content is the 20th of each month.

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January 2019: 33% open rate, 15% click rate

**December 2018: 30% open rate, 6% click rate**  
**November 2018: 30% open rate, 13% click rate**  
**October 2018: 32% open rate, 5% click rate**  
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