Your March 2019 NARALO Newsletter

The latest news from the North American At-Large Regional Organization (NARALO)
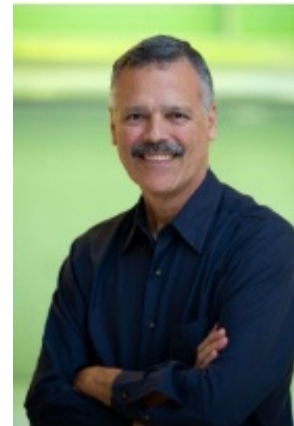
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Chair's Corner

Eduardo Diaz, NARALO Chair

Some of us just came back from Kobe, Japan after attending a very successful and action-packed ICANN64 meeting. The Post-ICANN64 Policy Report is now available! Read about the decisions and outcomes from the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees here.

Personally, I came back very satisfied with the work that ALAC and the rest of the At-large accomplished during this meeting. I participated in various policy sessions rich in debate and dialogue. There were other sessions focused on intercommunity exchanges, which provide us with a fresh perspective on the work of other ICANN stakeholders. These gave all us the opportunity to get to know the community more closely, and vice-versa. You can find various reports summarizing some of these sessions on the ALAC workspace.

Next Call
The NARALO monthly meeting for April took place on 8 April 2019 at 19:00 UTC. Chris Mondini gave a brief ICANN64 Readout and Jonathan Zuck provided a summary of the most important aspects of the ALAC policy discussion and follow-up from Kobe.

NARALO 2019 Elections, Selections and Appointments
NARALO Selection Timetable for 2019 ALAC Members:
- 29 March 2019- Announcement of call for nominations and Nominee's Statement.**
- 29 April – 10 May 2019 - Nomination period (nominations accepted for 10 working days).
- 17 May 2019 - Deadline for nomination acceptances
- 20 May - 22 May 2019 - Calls with the candidates if desired by the RALOs.
- 23 May - 30 May 2019 - 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).
- 2019 AGM [ICANN 66] - Newly elected ALAC Members and RALOs Leaders shall be seated at the end of the 2019 AGM following the close of the Board Meeting on 7 November 2019.

CPWG

And again, 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

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**.**

Comment GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Policy Recommendations for ICANN Board Consideration Note: to be ALAC Advice to ICANN Board.

Drafting Proposed Renewal of .asia Registry Agreement

Drafting Proposed Renewal of .org Registry Agreement

Drafting ICANN Charter on Government Engagement Approach Note: Not a formal ICANN public comment.

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) submitted (1) policy comment in March, during ICANN64:

ICANN64 Joint GAC-ALAC Statement on EPDP
During ICANN64, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) drafted and approved a Joint GAC-ALAC Statement on the EPDP. The GAC and ALAC are aligned overall with the EPDP Phase I Report, as it pertains to outstanding concerns as articulated in their respective statements to the report. The two advisory committees are in agreement on the need to distinguish between natural and legal persons. In addition, the GAC and ALAC highlighted the importance of data accuracy, the technical contact field, and protecting the public interest. The statement was drafted jointly with the GAC with input from the ALAC Liaison to the GAC, Yrjö Lansipuro, and GAC representative, Cathrin Bauer-Bulst, as well as the At-Large representatives to the EPDP, Hadia Elminiawi and Alan Greenberg.

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

ICANN64
The ICANN64 Community Forum was held at the same time as our monthly call, so our normal March meeting for NARALO was postponed. In place of it we held a cross-RALO leadership breakfast meeting, and our NARALO General Assembly (GA) was showcased as a successful event. NARALO is planning for the next GA, which will be held during the ARIN 49 or ARIN 50 event in two years' time. The location has yet to be determined, but ARIN staff expressed their interest in our participation.

During ICANN64, the At-Large community held three workshops on policy topics ranging from balancing privacy and security/stability, universal acceptance, as well as new generic top-level domain (gTLD) subsequent procedures. The policy workshops were led by Jonathan Zuck, Co-Chair of the At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG). Please see the ICANN64 Policy Discussions Summary for details of these workshops, and join the weekly CPWG calls.

The ALAC participated in joint meetings with many stakeholders, including the GAC, ccNSO, and the Global Commission of Stability in Cyberspace (GCSC), as well as the GNSO for the first time. Two joint outreach sessions were held with the NCUC and NPOC.

During a Regional Partners Workshop, Sally Costerton introduced the work of the ICANN Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) Team and collaborative outreach and engagement strategizing with regional leaders to support their on-the-ground efforts with stakeholders in their regions. There was also discussion of proposed activities of the GSE Team and their work with governments and universities which are valuable stakeholder partnerships for ICANN, in addition to ALS outreach. The discussion was followed by a breakout session where regional (RALO) teams met with their regional partners (RIRs and GSE) to discuss possible opportunities for regional members to participate in activities which they are running in the regions. The aim of the meeting was to acknowledge various partners who are providing capacity and relationship-building with ALSes and members. RIRs were specially noted, as some already include RALO leaders in their regional programs to the benefit of ALS awareness of ICANN activity. At the conclusion of the session, RALO Leaders reported their discussion outcomes to those in attendance.

Also during ICANN64, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) drafted and approved a Joint GAC-ALAC Statement on the EPDP.| ICANN 64 Kobe Pictures

ICANN At-Large Blog
Dev Anand Teelucksingh and Glenn McKnight have been working on a test bed location for a cross-community blog. The demo site is here. Many community members are contributing their short articles and the site is streaming the At-Large tweets. We are looking on plugins for the newsletter feeds as well. Please contact Glenn for more details on how you can contribute to the blog.

Reminder - ALS Discretionary Funds
There are still Discretionary Funds available for your ALS. Please complete this form if you would like to request support.

ALAC Update: ICANN64 Report

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.

In Kobe, At-Large held several well-attended sessions dedicated to high-interest policy issues. Panels of invited guests debated their positions on issues like privacy and surveillance in the context of GDPR and the subsequent procedures work which is focussed on refining the ground rules for new gTLD applications. There was also a special presentation by delegates from the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace (GCSC) which is developing proposals for norms and policies to enhance international security and stability and guide responsible state and non-state behavior in cyberspace… | **Read the rest of Marita's comprehensive overview on the (demo) At Large Blog!**

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.

I was delighted to spend time at ICANN 64 in Kobe with many NARALO leaders. In the Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) and Regional Partners Workshop, we were able to report on the results of a recent global capacity development survey and will be providing region-by-region analysis shortly. Globally, the survey results show the At Large community within ICANN cares about building both policy-making skills and subject-matter expertise.

Brainstorm
I took advantage of the breakout session to brainstorm with NARALO on how to do a better job on issue-based engagement with current and future participants at ICANN. We need ways to cross-reference the topics within ICANN's mandate with issues that are important to individual internet users. At Large Structures and surveys represent potential ways to access that information.

One area that seemed to generate a lot of interest and conversation was the meeting with the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace. It is clear that this issue resonates with At Large stakeholders, and commissioners commented to me how helpful it was to have questions and feedback from At Large.

Read Out Sessions

We are working now to schedule ICANN 64 read-out sessions. We have at least three in the works for April. If you or your At Large structure can gather 10 or more individuals, either Joe Catapano or I will be pleased to set up a read-out webinar for your group. We hope to see you in one of the upcoming sessions.

CPWG Update

Jonathan Zuck, Co-Chair of the Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG), gives us a round-up on how the CPWG functions and its current focus areas.

Where's the Beef?!

At #ICANN64 in Kobe Japan, we finally got to answer the question, "Were's the beef?!" This began as a slogan for an ad campaign for Wendy's in 1984 and went on to be a catchphrase that essentially meant, "Where's the substance?" At ICANN meetings, it's easy for the At-large to get lost in questions of process and budget but in Kobe, under ALAC Chair Maureen Hillyard, the At-large had a determined focus on policy. Specifically, we had three policy sessions on the topics of privacy, subsequent procedures (ie more new gTLDs!) and Universal Acceptance, one of the primary barriers to the success of the 2012 round. Of course, in Kobe, we all endeavored to have Kobe beef at least once, if not multiple times during the course of the week so we can definitively say "the beef" was in Kobe!... | **Read the rest of Jonathan's fascinating round up on the (demo) At Large Blog!**

CROP Funding Recipient Update

Judith Hellerstein (Capital Area Globetrotters) attended the NTEN Conference in Portland courtesy of CROP Funding. Here's a brief report of her trip.

The purpose of the trip was to engage with the Non-Profit Technology Conference (NTEN) community and staff in building awareness of NARALO, ICANN and in general Internet governance and domain security and engagement issues. The attendees came from a diverse spectrum of non profits looking to incorporate technology and learn how best to use social media and other tech tools to enhance the work of their organization. This event is one of the top non-profit technology conferences in the US.

Increasing Engagement

Within NARALO, one of the main focus is to reach out to areas of the country where we have no current ALSes and also to reach out and engage with groups who have historically been overlooked by ICANN. At the conference, I reached out to many of these groups and individuals to increase their understanding of ICANN, of At Large and of NARALO and encourage them to get involved and advocate for their interests within NARALO.

Workshop

My workshop was on Internet Governance and talked about the history of Internet Governance, explained about the different constituencies within ICANN and their functions, the concept of multistakeholderism, anatomy of a domain and GTLDs, Universal Acceptance and the impact on non-profits, and other tips for securing and protecting domains. My colleague Debra Socia talked about data security and protection for non-profits. Despite being located in a conference room down a service corridor, I had a very committed audience of about 25 people who were extremely interested in the topic.

Engaged Audience

Some people had no idea about Internet Governance, others knew but had no idea about Universal Acceptance and the impact it has on Non-Profits who are interested in domains longer than 3 characters. People in my session were engaged and asked questions about ICANN, about the Who Is Process, about GTLDs, about Internet Governance. Other questions were on GTLDs and about history of ICANN. Some of the questions related to EPDP as companies were marketing expensive proxy services whereas these might no longer be needed | Presentations

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.
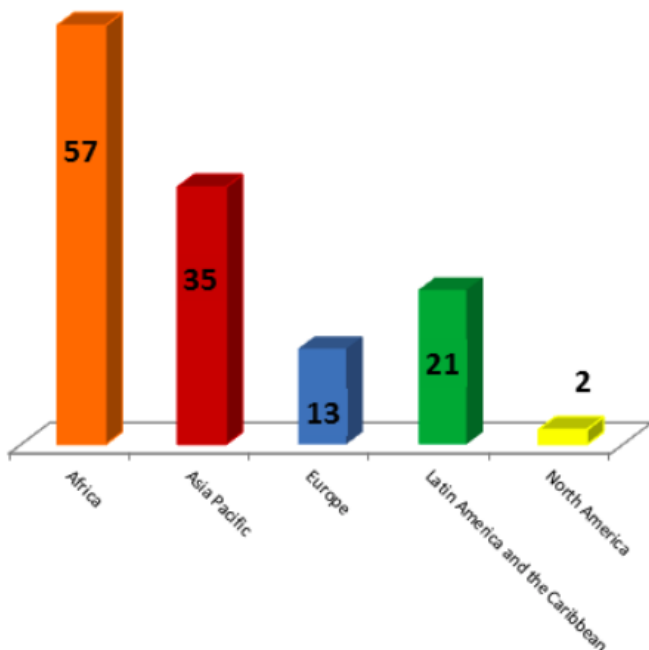
ICANN 64 in Kobe, Japan provided the NomCom team with the opportunity for the final push for outreach before the application deadline (March 22, 2019) for open seats on the ICANN Board, PTI Board and Leadership positions. Outreach activities included, amongst many other activities:

- Meetings with the various ICANN constituencies
- Video by the NomCom Chair, Damon Ashcraft
- A presentation at the APAC Space event by NomCom Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Leah Symekher & Pablo Rodriguez
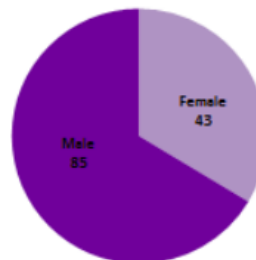- APAC Social & APRALO Networking and INTA events

The NomCom will now begin the important job of reviewing all applications and selections, and will culminate with the announcement of the successful candidates to the 10 open seats in September 2019. Please visit the 2019 NomCom website for continuous updates during this process.

At the close of the application period, on March 22, 2019, the NomCom had received a total of 128 completed applications distributed as follows:

Region Distribution of Applicants to ICANN Positions

ARIN Update

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

Unveiling a New ARIN.net
On 2 March, ARIN unveiled a redesigned website. Check out the recent blog post that explains how community input shaped the new www.arin.net. You can use the feedback button at the top of any page to provide comments regarding the changes to the website.

ARIN 43 Underway
The ARIN 43 Public Policy and Members Meeting will be held in Bridgetown, Barbados from 7-10 April, and CaribNOG 17 will immediately follow in the same location. If you can't attend you can always register as a remote participant. ARIN provides open access to a webcast, but the live transcript and chat function are limited to registered remote participants.

ARIN will also co-host the second CTU/ARIN Public Policy Group Meeting along with the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU). The theme for this event is "Caribbean Priorities for the Global Internet." This meeting will take place on Thursday, 11 April following ARIN 43.

Fellows
ARIN looks forward to greeting the 13 Fellows that will be attending ARIN 43. Applications for a fellowship to ARIN 44 will be opening soon.

ARIN Board Suspends Waiting List Issuance Policy
At their business meeting in January 2019, the ARIN Board of Trustees, in light of the potential misuse of number resources under Number Resource Policy Manual section 4.1.8 (Unmet Requests), suspended issuance of number resources per Number Resource Policy Manual (NRPM) section 4.1.8.2. (Fulfilling Unmet Needs), and referred NRPM section 4.1.8 to the ARIN Advisory Council for their recommendation. We will complete open transactions to waiting list organizations where IPv4 addresses have already been approved pending fee payment | Announcement | Board Meeting Minutes.

Policy Update
On 7 March 2019, the ARIN Board of Trustees published a new version of the Number Resource Policy Manual (NRPM) version 2019.1. These new policies were then implemented.

Find the full text and status of current policy discussions here and subscribe to ARIN-PPML (Public Policy Mailing List) to voice your opinions. ARIN Membership is not required to participate! You can find an overview of the policies currently under discussion here.

Stay Engaged with ARIN
Check here for the latest Team Arin blogs. Recent posts include IPv6 case studies, an inside look at our new website, event recaps, and more.

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ALS and Individual Membership Update

IGF Canada, *Glenn McKnight, NARALO Secretariat* | On a stormy winter day in Toronto we saw IGF Canada become a rejuvenated IGF with approximately 180-200 attendees.The session was moderated by Nancy Carter of Canerie and an opening statement from Byron Holland of CIRA and then Elliot Noss, Tucows.

Nancy Carter, ISOC Canada, at the podium:

The normal sessions on cybersecurity, fake news and other topics were discussed with notable Canadian representatives.

Evan Leibovitch, CLUE, at the mic:

Destiny Tchéhouali and Pierre Darres, ISOC Quebec:

ISOC San Francisco Bay Area Internet Society Chapter ([SF Bay ISOC](#))
SF Bay Area ISOC Chapter representatives Susannah Gray and Leah Symekher participated in ICANN64.