



## Your March 2020 NARALO Newsletter

The latest news from the North American At-Large Regional Organization (NARALO)

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### Chair's Corner: ICANN67 Virtual Community Forum Update

**Eduardo Diaz, NARALO Chair**

Welcome to another issue of the NARALO newsletter.

We are currently [surveying our regional membership](#) to have a better understanding of the type of interest, expertise and experience that our membership brings into region . The purpose of the survey is to learn about your interests and concerns in ICANN regarding the coordination of the global Internet's systems of unique identifiers. Knowing these will help in the formulation of future plans for our region for Capacity Building, Policy Development and Outreach and Engagement.

My sincere hope that when you receive this you and your family are in good health and safe.

#### **ICANN67 Virtual Community Forum**

This March, ICANN held the ICANN67 Community Forum via [remote participation](#) due to the coronavirus outbreak. The [first ICANN Virtual Community Forum](#) had 65 sessions and was attended by 1,752 unique participants from 130 countries. There were 9 At-Large sessions, including several engaging At-Large policy sessions. See all At-Large sessions and recordings on the [At-Large ICANN67 workspace](#).

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Communique for this meeting is available [here](#). A [post meeting survey](#) was also conducted to collect the feedback of the meeting.

The **Post-ICANN67 Policy Report** is now available! Click here to access the report  
>> <https://go.icann.org/post67>

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#### **NARALO Selection Timetable for 2020\*:**

- **9 April 2020** - Announcement of 30 DAY call for nominations and Nominee's Statement.\*
- **27 April – 8 May 2020** - Nomination period (nominations accepted for 10 working days).
- **15 May 2020** - Deadline for nomination acceptances
- **18 May - 22 May 2020**- Calls with the candidates if desired by the RALOs.
- **22 May - 29 May 2020**- 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).
- **2020 AGM [ ICANN69 ]** - Newly elected ALAC Members and RALOs Leaders shall be seated at the end of the 2020 AGM following the close of the Board Meeting on 22 October 2020.

#### **The Third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III)**

The Third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) was held Monday, 4 November through Thursday, 7 November 2019 during ICANN66 in Montreal, Canada, and provided participants with the skills required to effectively represent the best interests of the end users within ICANN. The Post-ATLAS III Activities are ongoing, including Post-ATLAS III Feedback, At-Large Regional Policy Engagement Plan (PEP), Completion of At-Large Review Implementation Plan Activities, 2020 At-Large Plan Activities (including policy involvement, capacity building, outreach and engagement, communications).

See ongoing Post-ATLAS III Activities [here](#).

#### **Universal Acceptance**

NARALO has a dedicated group of three individuals (Denise Hochbaum, Judith Hellerstein and Michael Casadevall) to focus on Universal Acceptance ([UA](#)). This group is liaising with the Universal Acceptance Steering Group ([UASG](#)) to create work synergies. Its members will become experts in UA concepts and help the region in understanding why this 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!

#### **NARALO Monthly Call**

The most recent NARALO Monthly meeting was held on [13 April 2020](#). Please join the monthly meetings for the latest NARALO and At-Large community updates, including post-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.

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[Next Meeting](#)

#### **ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach & Engagement**

I also want to encourage all of you to join the ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach & Engagement. Send an email to ICANN staff asking to be included in the ALAC O&E SC email discussion list.

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## **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](#).**

**The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) is currently developing (3) responses to public comment proceedings:**

**Vote** [Middle East and Adjoining Countries \(MEAC\) Strategy 2021-2025](#) 03 April 2020

**Comment** [Revised Community Travel Support Guidelines](#) 13 April 2020

**Drafting** [Phase 1 Initial Report of the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs Policy Development Process](#) 27 April 2020

**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 ALAC submitted (6) policy comments since the last NARALO Newsletter:**

#### [Draft Proposal for NextGen@ICANN Program Improvements](#)

The ALAC suggested several significant recommendations to the NextGen@ICANN Program, to the benefit of the community by opening the program and ensuring a welcoming environment to all NextGenners, including first time participants. The ALAC's recommendations would ensure that participants are selected with a stronger focus on their work and can then attend more than one meeting to engage with the community and find their "policy home". As a part of its recommendations, the ALAC stated that At-Large would welcome a more active participation of NextGenners in its community.

#### [Name Collisions Analysis Project \(NCAP\) Study 1](#)

The ALAC acknowledged the report as a useful primer on the subject of Name Collisions. The ALAC noted that they look forward to further deliberation by the relevant groups and their onward action with respect to the third goal of Study 1, which is to determine if the NCAP Project will proceed onto a Study 2.

#### [Initial Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process \(EPDP\) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team - PHASE 2](#)

For all recommendations not listed in the ALAC statement, the ALAC noted that they they "Support as written". The ALAC "supported wording with change" for several other recommendations - 1, 6, 7, 9, 15, 19 - and made a general comment that differentiation between natural and legal persons would offload the system from unnecessary queries that are permissible under GDPR.

#### [Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency \(SSR2\) Review Team Draft Report](#)

The ALAC noted that ensuring the security, stability and resiliency of the DNS is arguably ICANN's single most important role. The ALAC has a particular interest in the recommendations related to DNS Abuse, and notes that several of the recommendations overlap with and complement those issued by the RDS WHOIS2-RT and the CCT RT. DNS Security, stability and resiliency is not something that we can afford to ignore.

The ALAC has a particular focus on and interest in DNS Abuse. To address this may require contractual changes to facilitate Contractual Compliance action. Such changes require either negotiations with the contracted parties or a PDP, and the ALAC recommends against a PDP and instead encourages ICANN to come to an agreement with contracted parties. Known vulnerabilities need to be corrected with the utmost haste.

#### [ALAC Feedback to PIR Public Comment Proceeding](#)

Note: Not an ICANN Public Comment. The Public Interest Registry (PIR) held a Public Comment proceeding on the issue of the ISOC/PIR. (8) responses were submitted on behalf the ALAC to the PIR Public Comment proceeding.

The ALAC made several suggestions to PIR regarding the issue of ISOC/PIR. The ALAC noted that PICs are the best mechanism with which to enshrine the essential characteristics of a .ORG registry, yet there are significant issues with PIC enforcement that need to be addressed for PICs to be considered a trustworthy assurance. They noted that from the standpoint of an "individual end user," a 10 annual price cap would add a lot of predictability. The ALAC also noted that the stewardship council for .ORG is a good start, but its mandate should be wider than just free speech and privacy, and suggested a few board seats reserved for 501c(3) organizations, chosen by the community, would be more powerful. Reserving certain seats to be selected by NPOC and perhaps the ALAC (to represent the individual registrants) would help a great deal.

The ALAC's objective is to enshrine PIR's best practices in its contract with ICANN such that they survive any further transitions of ownership.

#### [Draft FY21-25 Operating & Financial Plan and Draft FY21 Operating Plan & Budget](#)

The ALAC congratulated the ICANN Finance and Planning team, as the draft plans and budget have shown great improvement over the past few years. Not only in how the information is provided, but in the way the plans and budget are structured. The ALAC made several suggestions with regards to the Operating & Financial Plan and Budget, emphasizing that there is not an exact correlation between the number of domains and the income of ICANN. This is important because ICANN relies upon the number of contracted registries and registrars and the number of domains a gTLD has.

The ALAC drafted a separate response to Appendix C, relating to the Evolution of the Multistakeholder Model, following their statement. The At-Large community registered its surprise and disappointment at seeing this important subject, which has been such a major topic of discussion, now relegated to an appendix in this Public Comment - in which it is unlikely to get the time and attention it deserves from the ICANN community.

**In addition, there are ongoing workspaces regarding [CPWG SubPro Comment](#) and [PDP 3.0](#).**

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

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The ALAC Monthly meeting concluded with a brief update on the upcoming [ALAC elections](#).

## ICANN North America Stakeholder Engagement Team Update



*ICANN's Joe Catapano, Stakeholder Engagement Manager - North America gives us a round up of what's going on in his world.*

As we navigate this challenging time, I hope that this message finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. Though this is a difficult time for everyone around the globe, it also presents us with opportunities. Many individuals and organizations are reworking their engagement events and turning them into virtual meetings, and ICANN is no different.

Earlier this month, ICANN hosted its first ever Virtual Community Forum. Though the schedule was stripped down from its original capacity, more than 200 sessions were still held online. Several hot topics were discussed throughout, including the acquisition of Public Interest Registry, the status of the EPDP related to WHOIS and privacy, and DNS Abuse. I encourage you to visit the [ICANN67 website](#) and watch any of the recordings you may have missed. ICANN Org learned a great deal from this new virtual format; have a look at the "[By the Numbers & Survey Report](#)" – there's some very useful data in there. Additionally, the Post-ICANN67 Policy Report is out and is a great resource.

We are currently in the process of rethinking engagement for North America in this new environment. Many of our interactions will now take place online, and many of the events planned for the region will be virtual. If you have suggestions for content, topics, or ideas for virtual event formats feel free to send them to me at [joe.catapano@icann.org](mailto:joe.catapano@icann.org). We are looking forward to seeing what the ICANN community has in store in the coming months, and we as an engagement team are here to support you.

## 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's COVID-19 Response and Recent Projects**

ARIN's ultimate workplace priority is the safety of our employees. As a result of the coronavirus threat, ARIN has transitioned to a work-from-home environment. During this time, we will continue to provide registry services to our members and customers while honoring our top priority of employee safety. You should experience little to no difference in our normal service delivery – we are maintaining our infrastructure, responding to resource request tickets, processing transfer requests, and answering your support calls, among many other registry tasks. In fact, we recently published a new version of the Number Resource Policy Manual and also conducted a successful software deployment, all while working remotely. We will also be offering live chat in ARIN Online starting 6 April to help us all stay connected in even more ways.

As COVID-19 continues to impact the lives of everyone around the world in the coming months, we will keep you updated on any necessary adjustments to our services. The ARIN staff remains committed to our valued members and customers, and we hope that everyone keeps safe and healthy during this challenging time.

Stay connected with ARIN on social media: [Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [LinkedIn](#)

## ICANN NomCom Update



by Glenn McKnight, NARALO NomCom Delegate

The ICANN NomCom is working through the long list of candidates but not in person, as planned in Washington. Instead, we will be doing a series of online meetings.

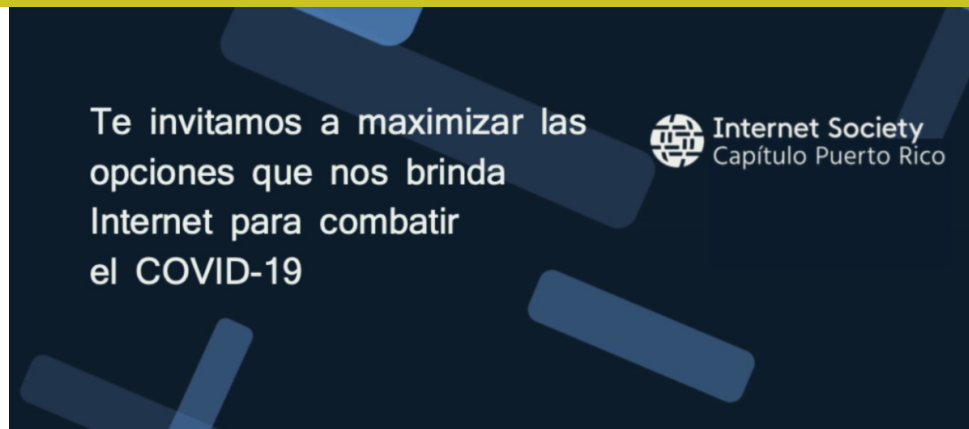
We are confident that we will meet the deadlines and perform the required deep dives for the short list of candidates.

## NARALO Survey: Member Interest and Capacity

To better understand members' interests and concerns, a survey has recently been launched aiming at gathering members' feedback with regards to the coordination of the global Internet's systems of unique identifiers. The survey also serves as identifying areas members could engage on or be a resource for.

You may access the survey [through this link](#).

## ALS and Individual Membership Update



ISOC Puerto Rico invites its members to act together to face COVID-19 with the maximization and optimal use of applications and services. As such, the Chapter has defined a containment strategy to deal with COVID-19, which consists of offering its active members the possibility of using the account it has on the Zoom platform, as an alternative to work remotely and safely. Said account may be used by any of the Chapter's active members free of charge.

For more information and the details on how to benefit it, read the full press release [available here](#).

## Stats for Last 5 NARALO Newsletters

**(February skipped) January 2020**

31% open rate, 5% click rate

**(December skipped) November 2019**

28% open rate, 6% click rate

**October 2019**

24% open rate, 14% click rate

**September 2019**

21% open rate, 4% click rate

**August 2019**

28% open rate, 12% click rate