



Your May 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

As we approach June, we're thinking about [ICANN65](#) which will be held in Marrakesh, Morocco from June 24 - 27 as well as the NARALO elections results. The final selection of the Third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) participants will also occur soon. Like in previous meetings, some of us will be participating in them.

ICANN65 is 100% focused on policy work and this time Glenn and I have assembled a pilot project geared to gather and compile brief summaries and reports from all ALAC/RALO sessions during this meeting. The purpose is to have a detailed record of what happened during this meeting from the At-Large perspective. Glenn will do all the curation work and I will be making sure we follow-up with a team of about 15 collaborators helping with this endeavor.

We'll have this report ready for all of you and other regions around the world sometime in July. Our intention is to continue doing so going forward. Stay tuned!

Next NARALO Monthly Call

The NARALO Monthly meeting for May will take place on [10 June at 19:00 UTC](#). Join us for the latest NARALO and At-Large community updates, including 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.

ICANN65 Prep Week

Don't forget to register by **today, Friday, 7 June** for ICANN65's Prep-week! Not sure which webinar to attend? Check out the schedule and topics available [here](#).

[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 [Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model](#) 13 June 2019

Drafting [Process Proposal for Streamlining Organizational Reviews](#) 15 July 2019

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) submitted (1) policy statement:

Comment: [Proposed Renewal of .asia Registry Agreement](#)

The ALAC supports the proposed changes to the .asia (DotAsia) renewal agreement, with (3) comments related to universal acceptance (UA), public interest commitments and fees to be paid to ICANN org.

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



Pre-ICANN65 Briefing

The [Pre-ICANN65 Briefing](#), "Striking a Delicate Balance: Internet Policy Work at the Global Level" took place in Ottawa, Canada on 30 May 2019. A final report will be published in the June newsletter.

ATLAS III

ATLAS III will take place 4-7 November 2019 during ICANN66 in Montreal. The application period has closed and the Selection Committee will begin reviewing candidates.

[NARALO 2019 Elections, Selections and Appointments](#)

Elections for NARALO ALAC Member and NARALO Secretariat took place 23-30 May 2019. Results are as follows:

- Jonathan Zuck – ALAC Member representing NARALO (Term: 2019 AGM – 2021 AGM; by election)
- Judith Hellerstein - NARALO Secretariat (Term: 2019 AGM - 2021 AGM; by election)
- Glenn McKnight – ALAC Delegate to the NomCom representing the North American Region (Term: 2019 AGM – 2020 AGM; by acclamation) *Note: Glenn McKnight is the Regional Candidate recommended to the ALAC. The ALAC will select the final ALAC Delegates.*

Newly elected ALAC Members and RALOs Leaders shall be seated at the end of the 2019 AGM (ICANN66) following the close of the Board Meeting on 7 November 2019 | [More details](#)

CROP Selection Committee Call for Volunteers

NARALO has three CROP trips per year. The FY20 Crop trips start on July 1, 2019 to June 31, 2020 and the process that NARALO has created and is in the process of refinement. The three trips for NARALO

this year were all in the winter/spring of 2019 and most of the CROP trips will occur later in the FY20 budget period. Important to note that we need to give substantial time to permit ICANN staff to book the flights and hotel for the travelers so the selection committee convenes well in advance to the CROP trip (10 weeks).

In an effort to be more transparent we are calling out to community members to volunteer for the selection committee. Since its an adhoc committee, it will serve to review all the applications and propose the top two candidates (the second name as an alternative).

Use [this form](#) for your Expression of Interest (EOI) for the CROP Selection Committee.

[Approved Additional Budget Requests \(ABRs\)](#)

RALOs had their requests for RALO discretionary funding approved and At-Large had the request for up to 10 hours monthly of RTT services. Please visit the [At-Large FY20 Budget Implementation Workspace](#) for more details.

CPWG Update



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

Perhaps the most significant discussion this past month was an existential one. There was a public comment period on the “multi-stakeholder process” writ large. The ICANN Board has asked Brian Cute to shepherd this enormous brainstorming effort on part of ICANN’s strategic plan. Currently, there is a giant “issues list” on which we have been asked to comment, that covers a wide range of issues from prioritization, scoping, complexity and many other critical challenges faced by ICANN at its current size. With stagnating budgets and overlapping recommendations, the organization is having difficulty absorbing all the calls for change in a responsible way. All of the issues that have been raised are good ones and our own Marita Moll is taking a crack at crafting an ALAC response to the call for comment but there are those in the At-Large who believe that the real problem is one of structure and the politics of influence.

All the procedural reform in the world won’t change the underlying truth that the organization is funded by those it is intended to guide. There are many “interests” and constituencies in the ICANN community but there are also those whose business IS the Internet; the registries and registrars who, combined, have virtual veto power over the multi-stakeholder process. On the one hand, this makes sense because it would be difficult to run a business if those who are not a part of it had too much influence over how you deliver your products and services. On the other hand, the rest of the community represent the customers of these “contracted parties” and would have far MORE influence in a purely open market. Unfortunately, our hybrid solution at ICANN makes it difficult to draw the lines of authority and influence and those who seem least represented are the end users themselves.

As we, in NARALO specifically, and in the At-Large generally, explore how best to describe the challenges of the multi-stakeholder model, we need to continue to participate in the discussions that are initiated by the organization and the broader community but we might also need to consider finding a way to initiate a conversation about how better to serve the interests of the majority of Internet end users and get those interests to the table within our policy development processes.

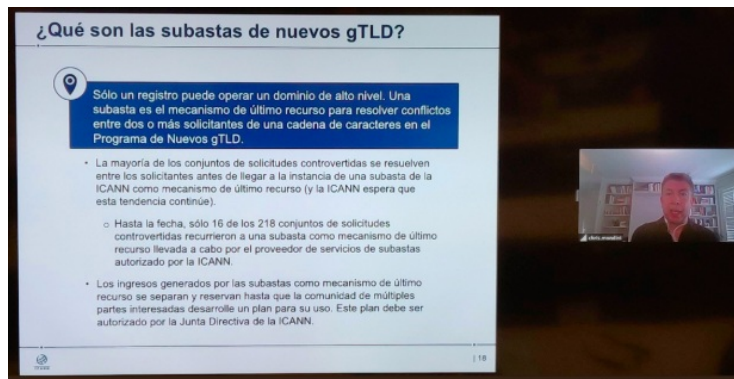
ICANN: North America Stakeholder Engagement Team Update



ICANN's Chris Mondini, Vice President, Global Business Engagement, heads up the Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) North America team.

For more than a year now, stakeholders across North America have gathered for ICANN meeting “read outs” where members of the community and ICANN Org update interested parties on what happened at each ICANN meeting. NARALO members have been at the forefront of organizing and providing these updates.

Late last month we were honored to join a read out hosted by the Puerto Rico Chapter of the Internet Society. It was conducted entirely in Spanish and covered topics such as the GDPR and working groups related to new gTLDs. In less than a week, in a twist on the read out concept, we will participate in an ICANN65 “preview” session in Ottawa. The plan is to give the locals there a sense of what will be top of mind in Marrakech.

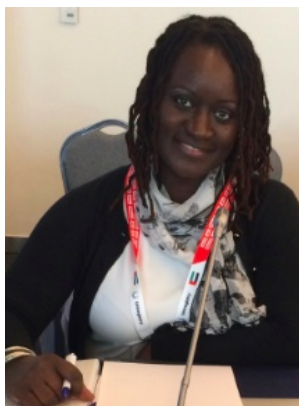


Not everyone can travel to an ICANN meeting, and sometimes time zones make following online a challenge. These read outs and preview sessions provide a great opportunity for stakeholders to get an inside look at what happens at an ICANN meeting without having to be there. We're looking forward to more great read outs for ICANN65!

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

- 28 May, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada – [Digital Access Day](#)
- 30 May, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada – [ICANN65 Marrakech Briefing](#)
- 24-27 June, Marrakech, Morocco – [ICANN65](#)

NomCom Update



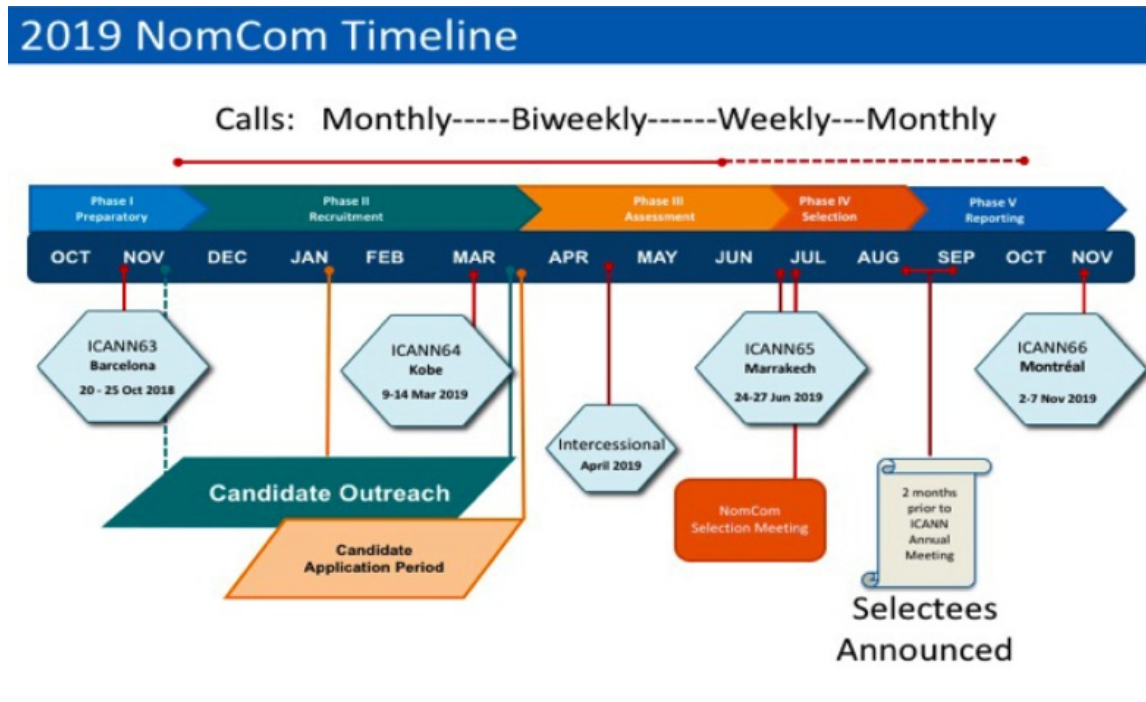
Leah Symekher (SF Bay ISOC Chapter) is NARALO's appointee to the 2019 ICANN Nominations Committee (NomCom) & Outreach – Sub-Committee Chair. She gives us an update on the latest

In accordance with our [timelines](#), the NomCom delegates have completed audio interviews with all the short-listed candidates that resulted from the first intercessional meeting held in Los Angeles. During May, the second intercessional began and was conducted online for deliberations by the NomCom who determined the second shortlisted candidates for the final review.

At this stage, all shortlisted candidates have received an email from ICANN staff with an update of their status resulting from the second intercessional. The short listed candidates for ICANN and PTI Board positions will be interviewed at ICANN65 in Marrakech, thereafter more evaluations by the NomCom will continue while in Marrakech for the final selection of candidates: 3 seats for the ICANN Board, one seat for the PTI Board, 3 seats for each of these ALAC regions: Africa, LAC and Asia, one seat for ccNSO and two seats for the GNSO. The announcement of successful candidates will be made at ICANN66.

NomCom's first report is now posted and can be found [here](#).

Please visit the 2019 [NomCom website](#) for more information. Here is the NomCom timeline:



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.

New ARIN Community Grant Program

On 1 May, ARIN announced a new Community Grant Program that provides financial grants to support projects that advance ARIN's mission and benefit the Internet community within the ARIN region. For 2019, the ARIN Board of Trustees has approved a total expenditure of up to \$60,000 (USD) for grants of varying amounts, starting at \$1,000 (USD) and based on project need. Learn more about [ARIN's new Community Grant Program](#). Grant applications will be accepted 1 May – 11 June 2019. A link to the application is available on the webpage.

ARIN Wins Important Legal Case and Precedent Against Fraud

Centreville, VA - May 13, 2019 - The American Registry for Internet Numbers, Ltd. (ARIN) defeated an elaborate multi-year scheme to defraud the Internet community of approximately 735,000 IPv4 addresses, has successfully required the return of all the addresses, and stopped the defrauding party from continuing their scheme. The emergent IPv4 address transfer market and increasing demand have resulted in more attempts to fraudulently obtain IPv4 addresses from ARIN, the nonprofit

member-based organization responsible for distributing Internet number resources in the US, Canada, and parts of the Caribbean | [Read the full press release](#)

Save the Date! ARIN 44 in Austin, Texas, 31 October – 1 November

Registration for the fall ARIN Public Policy and Member Meeting will open in July, and applications for the ARIN 44 Fellowship program will be opening soon. Keep on the lookout for updates, so you don't miss out on your chance to be part of this event | Learn more about [ARIN's Fellowship program](#).

Participate in Policy Development

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

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

At-Large Blog Round Up

Check out a selection of the latest posts on the At-Large Blog:

- NARALO Insights DNS over HTTPS: Interview with NARALO Chair Eduardo Diaz and ISOC NY member Michael Casadevall | [Watch here](#).
- Blockchain Technology Course | [Read more](#).

SSIG 2019 in Mexico

The 11th SSIG was held in Mexico this year with 179 delegates and host of Internet experts providing a jam packed program for five full days. Besides helping with the official photographer for the event, I joined Humberto Carrasco and Sergio Salinas Porto of LACRALO to speak about the activities of RALOs at ICANN and how people can join and get involved. The leads from the event were from the region and they were followed by the LACRALO leaders. It was a fantastic event and kudos to Olga Cavalli and Adrian Carballo. See [pictures of SSIG 2019](#). | Glenn McKnight, NARALO Secretary



ALS and Individual Membership Update

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

Leah Symekher, NARALO Primary Representative and ICANN NomCom ALAC North America Delegate, represented SFBay ISOC Chapter at the [Silicon Valley IoT AgTech Conference](#) in Santa Clara, California. This is the only global event in the region where agriculture meets technology.

In 2018, the Chapter established a valuable partnership with Royse Law AgTech Innovation Network, the hosts of this annual conference, when we participated with a booth and guest speaker (Susan

Strachan, CSU, Chico Geographical Information Center) to present the results of the SF Bay Area ISOC Chapter-sponsored project on [Measuring Rural Broadband](#).

At the conference, Leah had the opportunity to meet with Robert Tse (picture below), the USDA State Broadband Coordinator, a valuable partner in the recent Rural Broadband project, who was in a panel discussion on "Recent Development in Broadband Access".

Robert Tse was excited to share that the SF Bay Area ISOC Chapter project was the first of its kind in California and it has provided a benchmark for similar research as well as drawn the attention of State officials who are now actively engaged in discussions on how to rectify internet access in rural farm regions in California. | *Leah Symekher*

