



Your November 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

We just came back from a successful Third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) leadership development event held during ICANN66 in Montréal, Canada - from 2-7 November 2019.

For some of you that may not know, ATLAS III was focused on developing potential thought leaders and change agents geared to increase effective participation of At-Large members in the policy advice process.

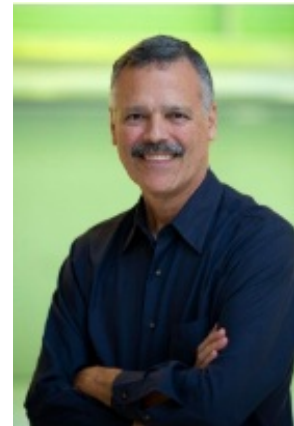
ATLAS III in perspective:

- 48 participants (+ ALAC Leaders + RALO Leaders + others)
- 1 prep-session for coaches
- 7 plenaries, 5 breakouts
- Several networking events, including a ISOC lunch
- Observation exercises: GAC & Board, ALAC & Board
- ICANN participation: High Interest Topics (HITs)

Leadership concepts presented and exercised:

- Skills of leaders emphasizing "thought leadership and change leadership"
- Effective communication/listening and asserting skills
- Conflict management
- Ethical influence
- Coaching
- Structure thinking and presentations
- Personal presence
- Time management
- Delegation
- Meeting facilitation
- Informal exit survey = A+

Thanks to Adrian Schmidt, David Mackey and Pierre-Jean Darres for having participated and for representing NARALO in this event. My apologies if I left anyone out!



The [Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Internet Governance Forum \(IGF\)](#) was hosted by the Government of Germany in Berlin from 25 to 29 November 2019 under the overarching theme: **One World. One Net. One Vision**. Many At-Large leaders were in attendance, along with ICANN Board and Community members.

Universal Acceptance

NARALO has created 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!

Next NARALO Monthly Call

The NARALO Monthly meeting is scheduled [09 December 2019 at 20:00 UTC](#). Please join 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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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 ALAC is drafting the following comments:

Comment [ALAC Advice to ICANN Board on DNS Abuse](#)

09 December 2019 (TBC)

Comment [Registration Directory Service \(RDS-WHOIS2\) Review Team Final Report](#)

09 December 2019

Comment [Implementation Plan for the GNSO Consensus Policy Relating to the Protection of Certain Red Cross Names](#)

12 December 2019

Comment [ISOC Sells PIR](#)

09 December 2019 (TBC)

Comment [At-Large Policy Platform](#)

Post-ICANN66 (TBC)

The ALAC ratified the following statement(s):

[DRAFT PTI and IANA FY21 Operating Plan and Budgets](#)

The ALAC noted that the proposed PTI and IANA FY21 Operating Plan and Budgets are aligned with the

ICANN Strategic Plan, and are also very similar to previous years' budgets. An adjustment in the PTI budget is noticeable, including adjustments in salaries, services and other administrative cross-charges from ICANN to PTI or IANA.

However, the ALAC pointed out that a change is in process in the Governance of the Root Server System, these changes are not reflected in the proposed PTI and IANA FY21 Operating Plan and Budgets. The ALAC asked several exploratory questions in their response.

In addition, the ALAC submitted feedback to the GNSO regarding the [Invitation to Provide Input for PDP 3.0 Implementation](#).

In addition, there is an ongoing workspace regarding [CPWG SubPro Comment](#).

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



Judith Hellerstein is our NARALO Secretariat.

I started my first month of being NARALO Secretariat after a successful completion of ATLAS III and NASIG. I encourage anyone to reach out to me and discuss any issues they would like.

We are going to have a busy few months with policy work, follow up from ATLAS III and work on outreach & engagement, technology, and Universal Access (UA).

RALO Discretionary Funding

I want to remind all that we still have funding available under the RALO Discretionary Funding. This funding is for outreach activities in your region and also can be used to pay for attendance at some local conferences where you may want to host an outreach event. Please visit the [At-Large workspace](#) for the form to fill out to apply for this funding. We currently have \$3,500 left. Each request needs to be reviewed and approved by Regional Leadership prior to sending to ICANN org staff. The request must be sent to Silvia Vivanco and Heidi Ullrich at least three weeks prior to the planned activity, including a report on the planned activities.

It is also time for the [FY21 Additional Budget Requests \(ABRs\)](#) selection to begin. Here is your chance to put in an application for a program that you think will increase engagement of community members. Leadership training and Real Time Captioning are some of the successful projects approved.

CROP Trips

Lastly, members also have a chance to apply for the three crop trips for this coming year: 1) ARIN, 2) NTEN and 3) National Digital Inclusion Alliance. If applying for NTEN financing you need to also have a proposal submitted, as neither CROP nor discretionary funds can pay for this high cost.

Wishing everyone a good holiday season!

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.

Another successful ICANN public meeting is now in the books. Montreal was a terrific host city to our more than 3,000 participants. There were more than 300 sessions, and if you missed any of them, be sure to go back and look at the schedule on the [meeting website](#) and watch the recordings. In addition to the sessions a new ICANN Board was seated, including a new Chair and Vice Chair. For updates on that and other news from the meeting, please read the [ICANN66 wrap-up edition](#) of the newsletter.

As we reached the end of November, we turned our attention to the Internet Governance Forum, which was held in Berlin from 25-29 November. ICANN engaged in a number of discussions over the course of the meeting, either as session participants or through ICANN-organized sessions. ICANN organized three sessions: a workshop on "The Evolving Ecosystem: ICANN's Role in the Security and Stability of the Internet"; an Open Forum on DNS Threats and Opportunities; and a workshop on "Online Identity in the Multilingual Domain Name Space. Please read our most recent [blog](#) from Mandy Carver, ICANN's VP for Government Engagement for more information on ICANN at the IGF.

For those who celebrated Thanksgiving in the United States, I hope you took time out to be with family and friends. And in the spirit of the season, I'd like to thank all of you for all that you continue to do to make ICANN the great community it is and to make the Internet a better place for all.

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 44 Recap

The ARIN 44 Public Policy and Members Meeting took place 31 October through 1 November in Austin, Texas. Over the course of two days, ARIN 44 attendees learned about recommended and draft policies, the history (and future) of IPv6 outreach at ARIN, and the ARIN Elections candidates. Attendees also listened to department updates from ARIN directors and updates from the Advisory Council and Board of Trustees.

Did you miss us in Austin? You can find presentations and videos from all sessions on the [ARIN website](#). Full recaps for [day 1](#) and [day 2](#) are available on TeamARIN.

The next Public Policy and Members Meeting, ARIN 45, will be held 26-29 April 2020 in Louisville, Kentucky. [Fellowship applications](#) will open soon for this meeting! For questions about ARIN 45, email meetings@arin.net. We hope to see you there!

2019 ARIN Election Results

The 2019 ARIN Elections concluded on Friday, 8 November, and ARIN wishes to congratulate those elected by the ARIN community to serve on the ARIN Board of Trustees, ARIN Advisory Council (AC), and the Number Resource Organization Number Council (NRO NC).

Catherine Middleton has been elected, and incumbent Bill Sandiford has been re-elected to the ARIN Board of Trustees. Each will serve a three-year term commencing 1 January 2020. Incumbents Owen DeLong, Alyssa Moore, Tina Morris, Joe Provo, and Alison Wood have all been re-elected to serve three-year terms on the AC beginning 1 January 2020. And lastly, Martin Hannigan has been elected to

a seat on the NRO Number Council from the ARIN region. His three-year term will begin 1 January 2020.

ARIN wishes to thank everyone who ran and their participation in this year's elections.

For the full election results, read our [12 November announcement](#).

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NASIG Montreal Report



Alfredo Calderon and Judith Hellerstein report on the recent North American School of Internet Governance.

The Second North American School of Internet Governance ([NASIG](#)) took place in Montreal, Canada prior to ICANN66. Alfredo Calderon and Judith Hellerstein coordinated the Academic program and Pierre-Jean Dares created a French Language version. The event was a renowned success. Glenn McKnight served as the Chair for the organizing team. Sessions included topics on Connectivity, Domain Fundamentals, Cybersecurity, Education, Internet Governance, Trust & privacy, Gender, ICANN's relevance, and Internet of Things (IOT).



Female Attendees at NASIG Montreal

The students indicated that the panels during the school were very dynamic models to communicate subjects. Students felt that the school really helped give them a background on Internet Governance and prepared them for the ICANN meeting which followed, allowing them to participate more in that meeting. It was great to see that all found that the level of detail and complexity of the discussion and material were just right. It is always difficult to ensure the right balance of technical and policy information so we were glad that the students were happy with the balance of technical vs. policy.

More information:

- The [curated notes](#) in a digital format, which you can print.
- A [photo gallery](#) (courtesy of Glenn McKnight).
- [Videos](#) of all the panels.

Universal Acceptance

Take a look at this [interview](#) with Dr. Ajay Data, Chair of the Universal Acceptance Committee at ICANN, to find out more about the UA initiatives.

ALS and Individual Membership Update

ISOC SF-Bay Area Chapter

On November 4-5, Leah Symekher, the SF Bay Area's Primary NARALO Representative, attended [The 2019 North America IoT Tech Expo](#) hosted in Silicon Valley. The expo showcased next generation technologies and strategies from the world of Artificial Intelligence. This was an opportunity to explore and discover the practical and successful implementation of AI in driving forward businesses in 2019 and beyond. Topics covered included Business Intelligence, Deep Learning, Machine Learning, AI Algorithms, Data and Analytics, Virtual Assistants and Chatbots as well as case study based presentations providing an insight into the deployment of AI across different verticals.

Leah Symekher noted that the AI-IoT revolution is fully upon us: "Data is the new Oil' and Blockchain are influencing new sectors (see panel picture below). We hope to engage with the new relationships formed from this event to help us stay informed of this fast-moving space."



ISOC-NY

Board Member Speaks on U.N. Panel about Smart and Sustainable Cities

The Internet Society NY Chapter recently had the opportunity to speak at a United Nations session about Smart and Sustainable Cities: Changing the World –Innovations and Better life for Future Generations on World Cities Day, October 31st, 2019.



United Nations Smart and Sustainable Cities session

Stuart Reid, ISOC-NY Board Member and Secretary, spoke at the United Nations ITU session about ISOC's mission to bring the Internet to everyone, including a fascinating summary of the work that Digital Divide Partners (DDP) is doing to provide FREE Internet service to public housing residents in New York City, which alone has a population of over 400,000. The DDP's Smart Community Initiative includes providing tools to take advantage of the free access, like community-based studios to create radio and video content, remote sensors and video monitoring services of public spaces, and other resident apps to improve public safety.



ISOC-NY Chapter President Greg Shatan at Grant Houses Community Radio (GHCR.nyc) roundtable livestream

Reid reminded the conference participants that Smart Cities begin with Smart Communities and neighborhoods, which are the building blocks of our urban landscape. He also spoke about the economic inequities in income and municipal funding that, when combined with paternalistic corporate and governmental initiatives, work to exacerbate the digital divide in the nation's largest and most sophisticated city where it is estimated that 50% of public housing resident do not have Internet access at home.

Take a look at the entire U.N. Smart Cities session discussion [here](#).

Stats for Last 5 NARALO Newsletters

October 2019

24% open rate, 14% click rate

September 2019

21% open rate, 4% click rate

August 2019

28% open rate, 12% click rate

(July skipped) June 2019

26% open rate, 6% click rate

May 2019

25% open rate, 3% click rate