



## Your September 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 are fast approaching the next ICANN meeting which will be held in the NARALO region in Montréal, Canada. This meeting is considered to be the ICANN Annual General Meeting (AGM).

It will also be the meeting where some people leave their leadership positions and new ones move in. I'd like to thank those who are departing for their hard work and support and welcome the incoming representatives to their positions.

The At-Large organization continues its ATLAS III preparation (more on this in our next edition). Also, Glenn has been very busy coordinating the 2nd North American School of Internet Governance ([NASIG 2019](#)), a world class event happening Oct 31 - Nov 1 just before the start of the ICANN meeting. Visit the [NASIG 2019](#) page for more details on the program.



#### ATLAS III

ATLAS III will take place 4-7 November 2019 during ICANN66 in Montreal. There will be a series of ATLAS III plenaries followed by break out sessions. All ATLAS III will be asked to participate in the EPDP Phase 2 Plenary and the GAC meeting with the Board as learning exercises. A set of readings and webinars for ATLAS III participants are being planned. All ATLAS III supported travelers were sent a set of expected activities during ATLAS III. Please see the section on ATLAS III below and visit the [At-Large ATLAS III workspace](#) for more information.

#### Leadership Changes

[ALAC and RALO elections, selections and appointments](#) were held earlier this year. New Members of the ALAC and RALOs as well as the ALAC Liaisons and ALAC Delegates to the NomCom will assume their roles during ICANN66. Here are the NARALO Leadership changes, listed below:

##### *Incoming*

[Jonathan Zuck](#), ALAC Member from NARALO

[Judith Hellerstein](#), NARALO Secretariat

[Glenn McKnight](#), ALAC Delegate to the NomCom representing the North American region

### *Departing*

[John Laprise](#), ALAC Member from NARALO and ALAC Vice Chair

[Glenn McKnight](#), NARALO Secretariat

[Leah Symekher](#), ALAC Delegate to the NomCom representing the North American region

### **Universal Acceptance**

NARALO has created a dedicated group of three individuals 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 for October will take place on [21 October at 19:00 UTC](#). Please join 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.

[Workspace](#)

[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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## ATLAS III



by Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair

We only have days to go to ATLAS III and yet it only seems like yesterday that we were putting forward a proposal to the Board for some funding. It has been nearly 18 months since we began planning for this event and it is now finally in our sights. Those who are traveling to Montreal are going to find themselves engaged in an important policy issue and being involved in the sort of discussions that many of us in At-Large are engaged in within the the At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) as well as mainly GNSO Cross-Community Working Groups (CCWGs).

The program has been coordinated so that participants are engaged in Plenary sessions and also in different breakout groups depending on the activity. We are having a working lunch which is being sponsored by the Internet Society, and at that meeting we will be discussing the complexities relating to Regulation of the Internet, and how that will impact Internet end users. We are very lucky to have a generous sponsor who will be providing a networking cocktail event, so that people can meet others from the wider community as well as to have some social time with their At-Large colleagues and RALO leaders.

Below is draft text from our ATLAS III Communications Strategy to remind travellers and others as to what we aim to achieve from the ATLAS III event.

**The purpose of the ATLAS III event:**

- ATLAS III is an assembly of future At-Large Ambassadors, focused on developing and nurturing their abilities to become thought leaders and change agents who will implement what has resulted from the At-Large Review Process, namely, more effective participation of At-Large members in the policy advice process.

**Rationale:**

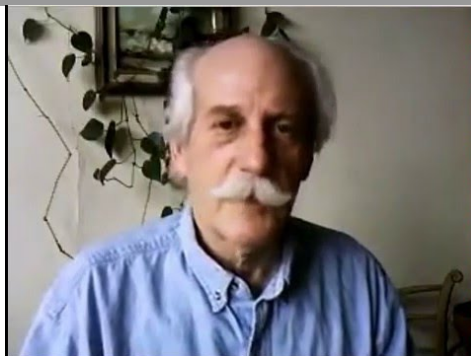
- Change is inevitable and ongoing.. ATLAS III Ambassadors, as change agents and thought leaders, must be prepared to help At-Large and its members to adapt to future social, environmental, technological etc changes which will impact ICANN and At-Large.

**Objectives:**

- ATLAS III will provide participants with the skills required to effectively represent the best interests of the end users within ICANN.
- ATLAS III Ambassadors will be our thought leaders and change agents within At-Large and ICANN.

Please see ATLAS III Communications and Message Points [here](#).  
Visit the ATLAS III Workspace [here](#).

## In Memory of Thomas Lowenhaupt



by Evan Leibovitch

As some of you may already know, Thomas -- leader and main activist of the NARALO At-Large Structure "connecting.nyc" -- died last month.

Thomas' ALS was one of the first in NARALO, and he was always deeply involved in its activities. As first Chair of NARALO I found him a pleasure to work with. He was extremely well-read and knowledgeable on his realm of passion and expertise -- the concept that world cities could use Top-Level Domains to empower their citizens and get them more engaged in their community.

Tom and I disagreed on a few views, but we agreed on far more regarding the role of the private individual in the growth of the Internet -- exactly ICANN At-Large's reason for being. At all times I found him either a worthy debate opponent or a skilled partner in advocacy, combined with a calm and upbeat tone so rarely found in these corridors.

Tom's presence here will be missed.

## 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 drafting the following comments:

[Comment Next Steps to Improve the Effectiveness of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model](#)

14 October 2019

[Comment Amazon Public Interest Commitments \(PICs\) 2019](#)

14 October 2019

[Drafting ALAC Question to the ICANN Board: Domain Name Abuse](#)

14 October 2019

[Drafting Invitation to Provide Feedback on the ICANN Board's Proposed Public Interest Framework](#)

18 October 2019

[Drafting Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team \(CCT-RT\) Accepted Recommendations – Plan for Implementation and Next Steps](#)

21 October 2019

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](#)

## ALAC Member 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.*

I am astonished at how quickly time goes. I have almost completed my first year as your NARALO representative. It has been a roller coaster that shows no signs of slowing down. The upcoming ICANN AGM in Montreal will be extremely busy. Some of our members have organized North American School of Governance (NASIG) at the front end. An intensive leadership development session (ATLAS III) will be consuming some of the meeting proper. At Large volunteers are working overtime to fulfill their commitment to bring more end users on board and expand the reach of ICANN's multistakeholder system.

I am currently working on two major projects. For the last year, ICANN constituencies have been asked to identify the issues that need to be addressed in evolving the multistakeholder model. The issues identified are: prioritization of the work; precision in scoping the work; efficient use of resources; roles & responsibilities; a holistic view of ICANN; representativeness + Inclusiveness; culture, trust, and silos; Complexity, and Consensus. We are now looking for ways of addressing these issues and determining where the responsibility lies for doing that.

The other interesting item in my current policy calendar concerns the public interest commitments (PICs) offered to the community by Amazon.org in return for having been awarded the .amazon top level domain. The community is asked to comment on whether or not these PICs are appropriate. You can read the text of the Board decision and the resulting PICs here. At Large is still developing its response which is due Oct. 14.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Montreal!

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.*

Fall is here, and we are rapidly approaching ICANN66 in Montréal. I look forward to welcoming many of you to the beautiful city, and I hope that those of you who can't make it in person will follow online. I would like to take this opportunity to update you all on some of the activities going on leading up to ICANN66, as well as other engagements in the region.

#### **Pre-ICANN66 Event**

On 7 October, ICANN is organizing a "pre-ICANN66" event in Montreal to engage local stakeholders and get them excited to follow and participate in ICANN66. The event will be held at McGill University and will feature a small panel of subject matter experts, many of whom you are familiar with, discussing the latest happenings in the ICANN community and what to expect at the meeting. The event will be followed by a small reception at a different location. More details will be shared as they develop.

#### **ICANN66 Preview Week**

Second, on 14 October there will be a webinar as part of ICANN 66 "Preview Week". "Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE): What To Expect at ICANN66 - a Newcomer-Friendly Guide", will cover the basics of ICANN, the community, structures, and topics to be covered at the meeting, as well as other topics that would be of interest to newcomers. Check [here](#) for a list of all offerings of preview week.

#### **University Tour**

Finally, as part of the global academic engagement strategy at ICANN, GSE team members frequently speak to students and faculty at regional universities. Over the past several years, we have met with classes, student groups, and professors to connect them with what is happening at ICANN. These visits have resulted in an increase in the number of fellows and NextGen participants in the region. To that end, Joe Catapano, Manager for Stakeholder Engagement in the region, will be making two visits in November to further our engagement goals. He will be at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX on 13 November, and at Arizona State University in Phoenix, AZ on 18 November. Both universities will be welcoming Joe back after previous successful visits over the past couple of years.

I'm looking forward to all of the exciting activities leading up to the main event, 2-7 November. If you haven't registered for ICANN66 yet, you can do so [here](#).

## 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 is Next Month – Get Ready!**

ARIN 44 is fast-approaching! We hope to see you in Austin, Texas from 31 October – 1 November at the JW Marriott Austin, directly following NANOG 77 in the same location. This will be a great opportunity to engage in policy discussions, network with colleagues, learn more about ARIN services and operations, and attend workshops and tutorials.

If you can't join us in Austin, remote participation is always an option and can be equally rewarding! In an effort to create a truly open community forum, ARIN provides meeting materials, live transcripts, and

webcasts so you can be part of the action, wherever you are. Remote attendees will also have access to a live chat as well as voting options to make sure your voice is heard. It's the next best thing if you can't be there in person. Be sure to join in for the policy discussions and also for candidate speeches on Thursday afternoon.

Ready to start planning for ARIN 44? Check out these links:

- [View the agenda for ARIN 44](#)
- [Register for ARIN 44 as an onsite or remote participant](#)
- [Register and learn more about NANOG 77](#)

### **ARIN Lunch by the Numbers in Brooklyn and Wilmington**

ARIN Lunch by the Numbers events are tailored to ARIN customer organizations that may not have much visibility into the inner workings of ARIN. During lunch, ARIN staff will present an overview of current activities and services. Afterward, there will be plenty of time for questions and for you to provide us with feedback. An onsite help desk will also be available.

Join us in Brooklyn, New York and Wilmington, Delaware on 1 and 2 October, respectively, for [ARIN Lunch by the Numbers: Brooklyn](#) and [ARIN Lunch by the Numbers: Wilmington](#).

### **ARIN and Internet Governance**

ARIN is a well-respected leader in the Internet community and likewise a thought leader in [Internet governance](#) discussion. Looking toward the future of the Internet, ARIN continues to be a valuable resource for the Internet community by participating in Internet governance to:

- Make sure the interests of the Internet community are represented in key forums.
- Educate governments and international organizations on the Regional Internet Registry (RIR) structure and bottom-up community driven number resource management model.
- Work within various organizations to remove barriers that result in misunderstanding.
- Facilitate opportunities to exchange meaningful insight that will impact Internet number resource distribution and management not only today but in the future as well.

Curious to see what we've been up to lately when it comes to Internet Governance? Check out [TeamARIN](#) for our latest blogs about what ARIN is currently doing in this space.

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:

- [Whois Explained](#)
- [Events Calendar](#)

## ALS and Individual Membership Update

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

*Susannah Gray*

#### **New Board Members**

Elections will be coming up in October and we are actively looking for committed and motivated individuals with a deep understanding of the Internet ecosphere to join our team. If you know anyone in the San Francisco Bay Area who fits this profile, please get in touch with us at [info@sfbayisoc.org](mailto:info@sfbayisoc.org).

## Stats for Last 5 NARALO Newsletters

### **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

### **April 2019**

30% open rate, 3% click rate

### **March 2019**

