

CROPP-RT Discussion

When the CROPP program was introduced, there was a decision to put together an At-Large wide review team to act as an intermediary between the RALOs and the CROPP program administrators, and in particular to ensure that requests were well formulated and met reasonable standards.

The RT was to be composed of two people per region, one from the Outreach (now Outreach and Engagement) SC, and one from the Finance and Budget SC. I believe that the people were selected by the RALO.

No formal standards were ever formulated and it is not clear there was a significant effort put into ensuring that the various RT members were following similar standards. In fact, there was evidence that some members viewed their task as being largely a “rubber stamp”.

In Singapore in February 2015 and following discussions, the ALAC decided that the RT members should be selected by the O&E SC and the FBSC SC to ensure that the people selected would be well involved with their respective SCs and activities.

In recent months, a number of complaints have been registered about the process followed to populate the CROPP-RT (and specifically the lack of communications associated with the process), questions about the methodology and standards used by the CROPP-RT and its members for approving requests.

I do not see a lot of value in an in depth review of the past, but rather I proposed to put together a small group to create a charter for the CROPP-RT specifying the way in which RT members are selected, and the standards and/or processes to be used by the RT. This should be a light-weight document, but should ensure that everyone understands the processes.

My preferred target is to have a draft charter to discuss and approve in Helsinki.