

# NARALO Discretionary Funding Report

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*L-R: Eve Edelson, Board Member, Leah Symekher, Former President and current NARALO Representative, Joe Catapano, ICANN Global Stakeholder Engagement, and Susannah Gray, President.*

## Introduction

Funds were requested to assist Board members with travel costs to/from the [ARIN 40 Meeting](#) in San Jose, CA. Although the meeting was local, moving around the Bay Area is difficult due to traffic congestion, inadequate public transport, large distances and high parking costs. These discretionary funds made it possible for four members of the Board to attend ARIN 40 by contributing to the cost of parking and gas/mileage. Those who attended were:

- Susannah Gray, Chapter President, NARALO secondary rep and critical internet resources/Regional Internet Registry (RIR) expert.
- Leah Symekher, Former Chapter President, current NARALO primary rep., ICANN NomCom 2018.
- Eve Edelson, Board Member, network engineer and active NARALO participant.
- Misako Manca, Board Secretary 2017 and network/peering expert.

## Rationale

ARIN 40 draws both a local and international audience and the event was an excellent opportunity for the Board Members to meet with key players in the Internet industry as well as local attendees who may be interested in the work of the Chapter and/or NARALO. NARALO also has an MoU with ARIN and many areas of work relating to Internet governance, IP addressing and the DNS overlap with, or are relevant to, the work of NARALO/At-Large.

## Output

During the event the Board representatives participated in policy discussions and in the Women's Networking lunch, which was open to all. One of the main benefits of attending such events is the large number of Internet industry representatives in attendance and the abundance of informal breaks that allow for networking. The Board was able to meet with several members of ARIN staff, ICANN's Joe Catapano (Global Stakeholder Engagement Team), Ron da Silva (ICANN Board), Merike Kaeo (Doubleshot Security/Global Internet Security Expert) and many other Internet community members, some of whom are also Chapter members, including Louie Lee (Google) and Martin Levy (Cloudflare).



*ICANN Board Member Ron da Silva is put on the spot during the Women's Networking Lunch and relays his opinion on why the numbers of women in ICT is decreasing.*

ARIN runs an impressive and successful Fellowship programme (two Board members are former Fellows) and the Board representatives were able to talk with these newcomers as well as those less familiar with the Internet ecosphere and introduce them to the work of the Chapter and to NARALO.

The Chapter's presence at ARIN 40 was also Tweeted throughout the event and publicised on Facebook. A short blog post is also available [here](#).

The possibility of holding a Chapter event during ARIN 40 to outline the Chapter's work and relationship with NARALO was discussed with ARIN's event organizers but, due to the packed agenda, it was ultimately decided that a Chapter-led side event would not be feasible.