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These are my recollections around the formation of APRALO:

Earliest recollection I have where I personally got involved in APRALO establishment discussions was mid-2005. I believe there was a meeting in Taipei (August 2005 I think) out of which came multiple steps, including a mailing list for discussions. Our friends from NIIIEPA were providing some sort of Secretariat support if I recall correctly during that interim period. Meetings continued (generally at ICANN meetings), and at ICANN 25 in Wellington, a set of draft by-laws for APRALO were presented.

I recall a number of conference calls after that to continue discussions which led to a draft ICANN MOU for APRALO being presented December 2006. Subsequently, a face-to-face meeting was arranged in Bali in February 2007 (co-located with APRICOT 2007). Back then I did a short blog post which mentions the meeting

<http://singh-a-blog.blogspot.com.au/2007/03/ive-been-to-bali-too.html>

Amongst other things, the Bali meeting set up an election process for officers for APRALO, and this was finalized on 15 March 2007. The inaugural APRALO leadership team was as follows:

CHAIR:

R Singh, PICISOC (Fiji) (Melanesia)

VICE-CHAIR

B Beiram, AKMS (Jordan) (Western Asia)

SECRETARIAT

E Chung, ISOC-HK (Hong Kong, China SAR) (Eastern Asia)

This was finalized by consensus when other candidates withdrew their nominations from the above positions.

Additionally, the following position was also decided by consensus in a similar manner:

ALAC	1	YEAR
I Aizu, IUN-Japan (Japan) (Eastern Asia)		

The ALAC 2 Year term had 2 candidates and went to elections where C Langdon-Orr (ISOC-AU) (Australasia) got elected.

The Operating Principles and MOU were also finalized around then.

The conclusion of the APRALO MOU process was highlighted during the Public Forum at ICANN 28 Lisbon.

There was another APRALO face-to-face meeting in Hong Kong in July 2007. Among other things, this meeting discussion the APRALO work plan and outreach efforts.

During the ICANN LA Meeting (Oct 2007), there was also the first meeting of At-Large Secretariats (the RALOs). One of the items discussed there was coordination between RALOs.

I resigned from the position of APRALO Chair on 21 January 2008 as I had joined ISOC, and felt there were potential conflict of interest issues.

Hope the above helps with some of the historical record.

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