APRALO Newsletter, December 2018

ALAC Chair Update

Year End Update from Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair and APRALO Member

I would like to take this opportunity at the end of 2018, not only to report on my year, but to also thank all those APRALO members who attended the APRALO and ALAC meetings and engaged in online meetings, webinars and activities that were part of the At-Large programme.

I hope that you will continue in 2019 and encourage others to join in. We need your voices to be heard by the ICANN Board and other ICANN constituencies, and you will get more out of your membership by being part of the policy development process and learning about what happens within ICANN. The ALAC produces their views as comments and/or advice, and it is important for them to receive and incorporate your views, so that we can truly say that we are representing the voices of those who are Internet end-users and registered members of At-Large, either as an At-Large Structure (ALS) or an Individual member.

At the same time, RALO leaders are aware that ICANN policy issues can be very technical. But there are resources to help the community understand the issues with better information and clearer explanations. The **Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)** meets on a weekly basis to discuss the end user perspective of ICANN policy. **ICANN Learn** is a key tool used by ICANN, but we ask you: does it provide the information you need? Do you find it easy to access? How can we make this more meaningful for you? Please let myself or Satish and his APRALO Leadership Team know, so that we can put in a RALO submission to the ALAC, and hopefully encourage ICANN to work on resources that will be more helpful for us to participate more

meaningfully in CPWG and ICANN discussions.

To give you an overview of my year, I was very fortunate to be able to attend:

* The **APRICOT** meeting in Katmandhu, Nepal and to meet with members of ISOC Nepal. This was funded mainly by DotAsia as Satish and I are members of their Board of Trustees and they hold their AGM at the APRICOT meetings. They also held another F2F meeting in October in Hong Kong, otherwise their other monthly meetings are online.

* The three **ICANN Meetings** in Puerto Rico, Panama and Barcelona where I assumed the role of ALAC Chair from Alan Greenberg (NARALO).

* The first **APrIGF** to be held in the Pacific. It was held in Port Vila, Vanuatu. A Pacific IGF Day was included in the APrIGF programme to recognise and support IG development in the Pacific. APRALO discretionary funds contributed towards one airfare but the rest was self-funded for the week-long meeting.

* The **Public Interest Registry Advisory Council** meeting of which I am a member. The PIR sells .org, the sales of which go towards funding Internet Society projects. They meet once a year in Washington.

* The **Global IGF in Paris**. I was sponsored by the New Zealand Government to attend the IGF which was a great experience and I got to meet many ALS and individual members from around the world who popped in to the At-Large booth to say hi. I also participated in a couple of panels to do with Human Rights and Small Island Developing States. As a Diplo Alumna I also reported on some IGF sessions for their Online Platform in person, whereas Amrita also reported but as a remote participant - a very difficult task. Satish and Lianna from the APRALO leadership team were also in Paris.

I am really looking forward to this new year as ALAC Chair, and know I have a great support team in APRALO. I look forward to your helping me carry out my work and encourage you all to join in any working groups and activities that can help raise the profile of APRALO as a major contributing voice to the work of At-Large. I also look forward to seeing many of you at ATLAS III in Montreal.

Best wishes for 2019!

At-Large/ALAC Policy Comments & Advice

All of APRALO 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 currently developing 6 responses to public comment proceedings:

Drafting [Work Track 5 on Geographic Names at the Top Level - Supplemental Initial Report of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process](#) 22 January 2019

Drafting [ICANN Draft FY20 Operating Plan and Budget and Five-Year Operating Plan Update](#) 08 February 2019

Drafting [ICANN Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2021 - 2025](#) 11 February 2019

Drafting [Updated Operating Standards for Specific Reviews](#) 11 February 2019

Drafting [Amendment to the IANA Naming Functions Contract, Annex A](#) 18 February 2019

Drafting [First Consultation on a 2-Year Planning Process](#) 20 February 2019

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.

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) submitted 6 policy comments in December:

[Initial Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team](#)
The ALAC submitted a Word Doc form mirroring the new Google Form requested by the EPDP

Team for collection of this public comment. In its statement, the ALAC provided its answers on the questions posed by the EPDP Team. In particular, the ALAC made recommendations on additional purposes for processing registration data, including the Accuracy Reporting System (ARS) and research and threats analysis/prevention from the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO). Regarding data elements, the ALAC noted Registrant provided data must not be unilaterally removed without due consultation with the data provider, and the registrant must declare whether it is a natural or legal person. The ALAC noted the technical contact fields must be mandatory, and the Organization field should not be redacted. The ALAC also noted in its conclusion the SSAC revised version of SAC101, a paper previously supported by ALAC, drawing particular attention to the statement, "RDDS access must comply with the law, but access should not be less timely, more restricted and less public than law requires."

[*Supplemental Initial Report on the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (Overarching Issues & Work Tracks 1-4)*](#)
The ALAC put on record their responses, suggestions and in some cases, advocacy, to the preliminary recommendations, options and questions in the Report. In particular, the ALAC strongly opposes the retention of the regular highest-bid auction process which was used in the 2012 round ("regular auctions") as the mechanism of last resort for resolution of contention sets within the Program, proposing instead that the ICANN Community explore the introduction of a multiplier-enhanced Vickrey auction. The ALAC also notably does not support a total ban of all forms of private resolutions, but we is strongly in favor of disallowing forms of private resolutions, detailed in the ALAC statement.

[*Proposed Consensus Policy on Protections for Certain Red Cross and Red Crescent Names in All Generic Top-Level Domains*](#)
The ALAC continues to take the position that as a humanitarian organization, and one that has been regularly the target of those seeking to fraudulently attract donations, the Red Cross should be afforded the courtesy of having its various identifiers protected at the second level in gTLD domain names. The ALAC cited its June 2018 statement of support for the Initial Report on the Protections for Certain Red Cross Names in all gTLDs - Policy Amendment Process, and affirmed support for the Reconvened WG's recommendations on proposed amendments.

[*Initial Report of the New gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group*](#)
The ALAC have been following this issue closely, and discussed the issues internally prior to the issuance of the Initial Report. The ALAC discussed each of these mechanisms among the participants and members of the working group, and in their statement commented on Recommendations 1-10, noting it believes strongly that At-Large Structures (ALSes) and Individual members should be able to apply for funds; the proceeds from past auctions were intended for use in capacity building activities enhancing the mission of ICANN and consistent with one of its core principles for an "open and interoperable Internet", for the benefit of the Internet community.

[*Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team (CCT) Final Report & Recommendations*](#)*As the principal voice of Internet end users within the ICANN community, the ALAC were interested in the findings and recommendations from the CCT Review, particularly in the areas of Choice and Trust. The ALAC is supportive of all of the recommendations in the Report, including the new ones relating to DNS abuse in New gTLDs. The ALAC reiterated they do not share a sense of urgency when it comes to subsequent procedures, but instead believe the community should address all of the deficiencies in the 2012 program before accepting additional applications. The ALAC commented on additional sections of the Report and Recommendations, including Recommendations 1, 8-10, 11-13, 14-25, 29-31, 32, 33 and 34-35.*

[*Draft Final Report of the Security and Stability Advisory Committee Review (SSAC2)*](#)
The ALAC is in support of the SSAC's continued role in the ICANN community as an Advisory Committee. It commented specifically on Recommendations 1-5, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16-17, 21-22, 24 and 25 in the Report, noting that the SSAC should, in addition to revising its advice to the Board, also simultaneously attempt to write advice in such a way that non-technical experts in the ICANN community more easily understand them.

In addition, the "[Follow-Up to the Joint Statement by ALAC and GAC: Enabling Inclusive, Informed and Meaningful Participation at ICANN](#)", was submitted by Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair as ALAC advice to the ICANN Board.

See: [At-Large Website Policy Comments & Advice](#)
See: [Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)](#)

ICANN Update

During the month of December, ICANN:

- [Community feedback has been requested for the annual Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Customer Survey Findings](#) as well as the [ICANN Draft Operating Plan and Budget for Fiscal Year 2020](#) . For FY20, the operating budget forecasts minimal growth in funding to $140.1 million, up 2% from FY19, while expenses are budgeted below funding at $137.1 million.
- The ten member Technical Study Group on Access to Non-Public Registration Data (TSG-RD) coordinated by [Ram Mohan](#) initiated work to explore technical solutions for providing third parties access to non-public data, via RDAP.
- The application window for the NextGen Program, to be held at ICANN65 in Marrakech, closed on 11 January 2019. Refer [here](#) for more information.

ALAC Update

During the month of December, the ALAC:

- Endorsed the ARIWG At-Large Review Implementation Plan. The ICANN Board will review it in their January meeting.
- The ALAC Appointee Selection Committee (AASC) selected Amrita Choudhury as the At-Large Fellowship Mentor. **Congratulations, Amrita!**
- Had the [ALAC Monthly call on 18 December](#), where the topics discussed included ALAC policy activity, a review of current ALS and Individual Member applications, reports from At-Large Plus Leaders, and planning for the upcoming ICANN64 Community Forum in Kobe, Japan.
- As a part of the ongoing At-Large Capacity Building Program - 2018, a webinar was on the topic of " [ICANN Jurisdiction" took place on 12 December.](#)
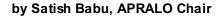
APRALO Update

APRALO members at ICANN63, October 2018

In December, APRALO conducted a survey to identify the top five regional policy priorities. A similar exercise is also being done by other RALOs.. The priorities identified will be consolidated at the ALAC level, and fed into different policy and policy support processes such as the CPWG, Capacity Building WG and ATLAS III. A group of APRALO volunteers led by Nadira Al-Araj created the survey forms. A total of 30 respondents from 14 countries participated in the survey.

The APRALO monthly call was held on 17 November, where there was a [discussion](#) on the At-

Large Review Implementation (ARIWG,); updates of the ALAC policy activities, outreach and engagement activities being planned for Kobe, the Social Media WG, At-Large FY20 Budget Development; CROP Trip to Vietnam, as well as an update on the hot policy topics for 2019.

Vietnam Internet Day

by Satish Babu, APRALO Chair

The APRALO Chair, Satish Babu, together with Joyce Chen and Hann Kenn Yee of ICANN APAC Hub, undertook a trip to Hanoi, Vietnam, on the occasion of the 2018 Vietnam Internet Day (5 Dec 2018).

The main objective of the trip was to open ties with Vietnam, where APRALO had no presence. The hosts of the meeting, Vietnam Internet Association (VIA), was a potential partner, and the trip had the additional objective exploring a closer engagement with VIA, through participation in the Vietnam Internet Day. In addition, the trip also would serve as a means of enhancing awareness about ICANN, ICANN At-Large and APRALO in the country as well as the region.

The CROP trip to Vietnam on the occasion of the Vietnam Internet Day 2018 was instrumental in creating the following outcomes:

1. Raise interest and awareness in the Internet community within Vietnam about ICANN, particularly in the region around Hanoi. There have been relatively few ICANN-run programmes and only a few people directly working in the Domain Name industry had earlier heard of ICANN.
2. Get the civil society and research community, in addition to the domain names industry within Vietnam, to consider options for engaging with ICANN
3. Even given the structural constraints with VIA (given that their members are not individuals but enterprises), there are a few other groups/communities who are now considering closer association with ICANN
4. VIA has proposed three possible areas of collaboration (listed above) with ICANN, which may be considered for operationalization

For ICANN and ICANN At-Large, the mission to Vietnam has been one of the early steps at reaching out to the community there. Vietnam is the largest, most populous and technologically the most advanced country in the Mekong Delta region (the others being Cambodia and Laos). It

is a matter of concern if ICANN does not have local partners in Vietnam. This mission has been very useful to position ICANN as well as to APRALO within the Internet Ecosystem in Vietnam as well as exploring possibilities with our first partner, Vietnam Internet Association (VIA).

NomCom Update

by Nadira AL Araj, APRALO Delegate to the NomCom

APRALO community, please keep an eye out in January 2019 for the application window or NomCom applications on the NomCom website.

The NomCom will invite interested applicants (whose experience and qualification match the requirements) to apply for any of the following 10 positions:

- The ICANN Board of Directors (3 members)

- The Council of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) (2 members, for the contractual and non-contractual party houses)

- The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) (3 representatives for Asia, Australia & Pacific Islands, Africa and Latin America & Caribbean Islands)

- The Council of the Country-Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) (1 member)

- The Public Technical Identifier Board of Directors (1 member)

Currently the different subcommittees of NomCom (Outreach and Communications, Application Review, Candidate Qualities) are working to make the website ready with relevant information for applicants.

The NomCom members will continue with their outreach efforts to attract matching applicants until the closing of the application window in March 2019, soon after ICANN64 in Kobe, Japan.

This 3 minute video of the NomCom leaders will give you a brief overview of NomCom 2019, and what the committee plans to do.

ALS Highlights

ISOC Kolkata Announces New Executive Council Members

The India Kolkata Chapter announced its newly elected Executive Council Members:

- Anupam Agrawal as Chair;
- Anand Raje as Vice Chair;
- Prof. Indrajit De as Secretary;
- T.K. Bhakta as Treasurer;
- Abhijan Bhattachayya as VP - Programs;
- Priyatosh Jana as VP - Membership;
- Sushanta Sinha as VP - Marketing;
- Shampa Sengupta as Convenor Women SIG.

Pic: New EC members of ISOC India Kolkata Chapter with youth members

CCAOI Organizes an Online Discussion of the TRAI OTT Paper

On 07 December, CCAOI organized an online discussion on the TRAI Consultation Paper on Regulatory Framework for OTT Communication Services. The event was supported by the Internet Society Delhi Chapter. The aim of this discussion was to provide more clarity to the community on the subject of and questions asked in the paper and encourage different community members to make their submission to TRAI.

In terms of participation, the webinar was attended by nearly 40 participants from different stakeholder communities. The general feedback was it was very useful and people would like to attend "such informative" sessions in future. The recording of the session may be viewed here.

FY20 Additional Budget Requests

FY20 ALAC Criteria for Additional Budget Requests:

- Proposals should include ways in which will make the entire At-Large community more effective and develop the At-Large community rather than a single section of the At-Large community.
- Outreach should not be a major focus. Activities to improve engagement with existing members is encouraged.
- If any request is made on outreach, it should go through the CROP program or as a part of a larger ALAC request for RALO Discretionary Funding.
- RALO requests should be strategic and in line with their RALO's strategic outreach plans and **must be endorsed by their RALO** prior to being submitted for consideration by the FBSC.
- Staff is currently expecting that basic resources for community communications/printing will be supported through the core ICANN budget, but that community proposals for printing , etc. will be accepted as a back-up in case expectations change. Specific proposals for communications resources beyond simple printing and editing functions should be prepared and submitted.

See the FY20 Budget Development Workspace for more information and resources.

The deadline for RALO ABRs was 04 January 2019. The APRALO ABRs are currently being reviewed by the ALAC Finance and Budget Subcommittee (FBSC).

RALO Discretionary Funding

Through the FY19 Additional Budget Request process, each of the five RALOs has been granted $4,000 for targeted local discretionary funds toward RALO outreach and engagement activities such as ALS read-out sessions, promotional displays and graphics and regional travel.

For more information, including the application form and criteria, please see the related

workspace.

The ICANN64 Community Forum in Kobe, Japan will be held from 9 -14 March 2019. Please refer to the At-Large ICANN64 workspace for At-Large activities.

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