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Subject: ALAC Liaison to GAC/SSAC/GNSO/ccNSO
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It is time to consider the appointment of the ALAC Liaison so other ACs and SOs for the year starting at the completion of the ICANN63 meeting in Barcelona.

Our current Liaisons are:

ccNSO: Barrack Otieno
SSAC: Andrei Kolesnikov
GNSO: Cheryl Langdon-Orr
GAC: Yrjö Länsipuro

Barrack and Andrei were just appointed part way through this year. Cheryl and Yrjö will both be completing their second year in their respective roles (plus a few months for Yrjö since he was appointed a few months before the end of the year).

All four are prepared to serve for another year, and the reports I have received as well as my interactions with them indicate they are serving the ALAC well.

Our Rules of Procedure 18.2 (see below) allows us to reappoint serving Liaison without opening a formal call for Nominations/Volunteers.

All four are serving the ALAC well.

I do not see any merit at all in opening nominations for the roles of SSAC and ccNSO Liaison at this time.

For the GNSO and GAC, I believe that stability is of the utmost importance in both roles at the moment. Our relationship with the GAC is flourishing as evidenced by the recent appointment of Ana Neves as the GAC Liaison to the ALAC. With regard to the GNSO, as evidenced by the recent decision to restrict the ALAC to two Members for the EPDP and other events over the past year, our relations are not the best. I believe that we have the two EPDP seats in no small part due to Cheryl's efforts and I believe that it would not be wise to make a change now.

Therefore, in all four cases and in accordance with ALAC RoP 18.2 (See <http://tinyurl.com/ALAC-RoP-2016-09> and reproduced at the end of this message), I am proposing that the ALAC re-appoint the current Liaisons.

If we choose to open nominations, and if there are more than one candidate for a positions, our current practice is to refer this selection to the ALAC Appointee Selection Committee (as per RoP 18.3) for a recommendation to the ALAC.

This will be on the agenda of today's ALAC call and we will either reach a decision during the meeting or I will initiate a vote or Consensus call shortly thereafter.

Alan

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ALAC Rules of Procedure

18.1 Appointments of At-Large Appointees to various bodies both inside and outside of ICANN will be made by the ALAC. Such appointments will normally be initiated by a call for volunteers, posted by the Chair/Staff to the Approved Distribution Lists, and on other lists if appropriate, allowing at least seven days for people to volunteer. The decision regarding appointments is typically made via Consensus. However, the Chair will initiate a secret ballot to determine which candidate is to be appointed if Consensus cannot be reached or if this is requested by any ALAC Member.

18.2 By the decision of the ALAC, a current Appointee who is willing to continue in that role may be reconfirmed instead of initiating a new selection process.

18.3 In the case of selections requiring complex criteria evaluation, the ALAC may choose to form a sub-committee to carry out the analysis and to make recommendations to the ALAC based on that analysis.

18.4 For situations where the ALAC is not empowered to make appointments but rather to endorse one or more candidates, essentially the same process as described here for appointments should be used, but with the outcome being an endorsement.