ICANN ASO AC BoD Nomination Process
Nominee Questionnaire

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Abstract

This document contains a series of questions related to selecting candidates for appointment by the ICANN ASO AC to the ICANN Board of Directors.   The selected individual will be appointed to seat 9 of the ICANN Board of Directors, with effect from June 2012.

Note: Please note that, in the interest of conducting the appointment process in an open and transparent manner, these documents will be distributed and may be provided publicly.

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RATIONALE

The process to appoint an individual that is representative of the RIR community to the ICANN Board of Directors is an important function of the ASO AC. This is done in terms of Article VI Section 2.1.b of the ICANN bylaws read in conjunction with Article VII, section 3.b.3 of the ICANN ASO MoU. Appointed Directors do not represent the views of the ASO AC or the RIR communities, but are expected to be familiar with issues affecting the ASO AC and the RIR communities. The ASO AC expects to see communications and feedback between the ASO AC and the appointed Directors, and we fully expect the appointed individuals to consider our opinions on important issues including the management of the Internet's number resources, in-addr.arpa, ICANN's IANA function, the DNS system, Internet Governance, or other issues that the ICANN Board of Directors faces.

Primary Goal of the Questionnaire

The goal of this document is to allow the ASO AC to present a standardized set of questions to each eligible nominee. This will allow us to ascertain favorable characteristics that enable us to choose the most qualified candidates. This document does not preclude an AC member from asking questions not in this document; it normalizes a platform to begin from and offers consistency across the candidate pool. Answers to this document may be made available for public scrutiny as part of the ASO AC's commitment to openness and transparency of the BoD member selection process.

ICANN Dependency

There are no ICANN related dependencies.

NRO Dependency

There are no NRO related dependencies.

RIR Dependency

There are no RIR dependencies.

Address Council Dependency

The Address Council is responsible to determine nominee eligibility and to select and appoint the Director(s).

QUESTIONS

The ICANN BoD is comprised of individuals from business and technical backgrounds from all over the globe. This helps us to achieve diversity in the composition of the ICANN BoD so that it has wide and far representation of people and perspectives facing the Internet today.

1.   Please describe your past duties and responsibilities that may be relevant to the performance of duties consistent with a Board of Directors.

ICANN Directors must be of the highest caliber both professionally, and individually. To ensure credibility, a Director must have no conflicts of interest and should be able to be publicly characterized as such.

Please review the ICANN Conflict of Interest Policy for Board Members at

http://www.icann.org/committees/coi/coi-policy-04mar99.htm

2. Do you certify that you do not have a conflict of interest as outlined in the above referenced document and that your background contains no history of any conviction for felonies of any type, fraud, embezzlement, or for a moral offense in any country?

ICANN holds one seven-day meeting per quarter in various locations around the world. The Board also holds a twice per year retreat, monthly telephonic conferences, committee meetings, and ad-hoc meetings. Board members should attend these meetings and interact with the ICANN community when present. It is understood that circumstances may dictate otherwise on occasion.

3. Will you make a commitment to attend (to the best of your ability) all of the meetings that are required of an ICANN Board member?

In spite of the fact that ICANN BoD members should be independent of the supporting organizations once appointed, it is important for the ASO appointed Board Member to keep close contact with not only the ASO AC, but also the RIR communities, staff and members.

4. If selected as the ASO appointee to the ICANN BoD, do you commit to seeking comments directly from the ASO AC, RIR members, and RIR communities, where appropriate, on issues confronting ICANN and the ICANN BoD?

ICANN and the NRO established the ASO AC through a vehicle called the Memorandum of Understanding. The most recent update to this document includes "Attachment A". These documents are available on the www.aso.icann.org or www.nro.net websites.

5. Please articulate your understanding of the relationship between ICANN, the NRO, and the ASO AC.

It is important to understand the relationships that may call into question Directors impartiality. Directors must appear to be neutral, fair, and open.

6. Can you describe any relationships you have or had with past or current ICANN staff members, ICANN Board Members, Registry's, Registrars, or any Government agency involved with Internet Governance that might be viewed as an indication that you would not be fair?

ICANN negotiates by its nature. It enters into contracts with registrars, registries, other corporations, and Governments. Occasionally, ICANN is involved in litigation and employs attorneys and others to defend or prosecute civil actions, assure contracts, and conduct general day-to-day legal operations. In some cases, the BoD is consulted on settlement and other activity.

7. Have you ever been party to contract negotiations or business litigation and if so, can you describe this experience to the best of your ability without violating any confidentiality?

It is important for a Director to understand the mission of ICANN. It enables them to understand the function of the many Supporting Organizations, and to grasp the complexity of the community. Directors displaying knowledge of ICANN are likely to understand the functions of RIR's, IANA, Registry, and Registrar operations. ICANN Directors talk to many people in and out of the organization and must be able to articulate what ICANN does and why it's important.

8. Can you articulate your understanding of ICANN's mission and describe how you would support that mission and will you confirm that you are committed to ICANN's success? What would your "elevator pitch" be related to what ICANN does or is?

There are five RIR's that have responsibility for IP address allocations and assignments around the globe. These RIR's are independent, but unified through the NRO. The RIR's

have a Memorandum of Understanding with ICANN detailing the relationship and responsibilities of each organization.

9.   Can you explain your understanding of the NRO's mission and describe the basic functions of the NRO?

The ASO comprises members from the five RIR's, 2 elected, and 1 appointed from each. Understanding their culture, and particularly their policy development processes, is important to the ASO AC. For appointment process purposes, Directors are affiliated with the RIR region that they reside in. For example, if you reside in Brazil, you are affiliated with the LACNIC service region regardless of where you attend RIR meetings, where your head office is, or where you spend most of your time.

Note that Article VI of the ICANN Bylaws states that: "At any given time, no two Directors selected by a Supporting Organization shall be citizens from the same country or of countries located in the same Geographic Region." The ASO AC selection for Seat 10 of the ICANN Board of Directors resides in the APNIC region, so nominees for Seat 9 cannot reside in the APNIC region.

10. What RIR region do you reside in and how often do you attend RIR meetings in that region?

Two key phrases dominate the policy process within ICANN, the NRO, and the ASO. Those phrases are Policy Development Process "PDP" and "bottom up policy" making.

11. In your own words, can you describe how global addressing policies are developed and adopted in the different RIR regions?

Occasionally, time in the industry and history are important in ICANN discussions.

12. How much time have you spent in the Internet industry and can you characterize that time by progressive responsibility?

Internet security has finally become urgent in the global discussion related to the Internet and how we continue to evolve and address threats to its stability. All aspects of the Internet are under attack (at the forwarding level, the routing level, and the service level) from spammers, phishing, botnets, extortionists, and fraud. Fraud is currently growing at an unchecked rate and threatening the ease-of-use of the Internet. ICANN Directors will eventually weigh in on these matters whether it is through domain name policy or IP address policy.

13. Using your own understanding, make a statement related to the problem and solution space relating to Internet security and fraud.

As IPv4 addresses are finally depleted it may not be possible to fulfill needs based requests in all RIR regions. Different RIRs have different policies for dealing with IPv4 exhaustion; for example, some RIRs will reduce the size of the largest allocations that may be requested, or limit the number of requests per organisation, or both, while other RIRs will have waiting lists for requests that cannot be met. One RIR has already entered the final phase of its depletion policy.

14. Can you give us an analysis of what you think may be the impact of the different ways of handling IPv4 address depletion?

IPv4 address resources will become scarce and at some point be unavailable to fulfill needs based requests in all RIR regions. Some advocate a free market system that will allow IPv4 addresses to traded like commodities enabling individuals to obtain IP address space regardless of it's availability through ICANN and the IANA or the RIR system.

15. Can you give us an analysis of what you think may be the impact of a) IPv4 depletion b) failure to significantly transition to IPv6 and c) the potential impact on the global Internet shortly thereafter?

Before there was an RIR, Jon Postel and then certain NIC's allocated IPv4 address space directly to end users. This space is considered to be "legacy space". It ranges from /24 to /8 blocks. The larger the legacy block, the larger the community concern over these allocations. The concern is related to the fact that they are not subject to utilization requirements, that they are not subject to many of the policies that non-legacy RIR space is allocated under, and finally that they are mostly allocated in the ARIN region.

16. With regards to inefficient legacy address space, can you give us your view on the following scenarios:

   i. **If a free market for commoditizing IPv4 address space existed, is it fair for this space to be "sold" in such a market place? Why, or why not? Should measures that limit the growth of the routing table affect the market?**

   ii. **If an RIR community enacts a policy limiting the allocations of legacy IPv4 address space to within the region of that RIR, what impact might this have on the global Internet?**

   iii. **If address space is returned to any RIR, should there be a requirement that the address space be transferred to the IANA?**

> **a. If yes, please describe why this is a good idea**
> **b If no, please elaborate on what you would see as a system that might better redistribute IPv4 resources**

The permanent solution to IPv4 depletion is seen as being an industry wide transition to IPv6. Such a large-scale change holds many technical and non-technical challenges.

17.   What needs to be done in order to complete an industry transition to IPv6? What actions should ICANN and its supporting organizations take in order to support this? How can a coordinated transition be accomplished?"

Currently, all RIRs have their own policies for IPv4 address transfer between organisations inside their region.   Some regions are beginning to discuss policies for inter-RIR transfer of IPv4 address space.

18. Can you give us your view on inter-RIR IPv4 address transfers? Please include whether or not we should have such policies, and how you think they should work.

The ASO-AC would like to make the best possible decision in the circumstances.

19. Please add any additional information that you think might be helpful to the ASO-AC in selecting a candidate.

Below is a table of specific questions related to your commitment to the RIR foundation and principles of IP address stewardship. Please indicate either a YES or NO answer in response.

Question	YES	NO
Are you committed to the successful transition of the Internet to IPv6?		
Do you commit to communicate with RIR CEO's and Board Members?		
Do you to commit to interacting with the RIR community when called upon to do so?		
Do you commit to attend, in person, as many RIR meetings as possible?		
Do you commit to attend your regional RIR meeting, whenever possible?		
Are you committed to a fully open and transparent ICANN?		
Do you support the ASO MOU and Attachments that define the ICANN to RIR relationship?		