

ASO AC Meeting

4 July 2018

Minutes

Attendees	Observers	Apologies
<p>AFRINIC Noah Maina (NM)</p> <p>APNIC Brajesh Jain (BJ) Henri Kasyfi (HK) Aftab Siddiqui (AS) - Chair</p> <p>ARIN Kevin Blumberg (KB) – Vice Chair Louie Lee (LL) Jason Schiller (JS)</p> <p>LACNIC Hartmut Glaser (HG) Ricardo Patara (RP) – Vice Chair Jorge Villa (JV)</p> <p>RIPE NCC Nurani Nimpuno (NN) Filiz Yilmaz (FY) Hervé Clément (HC)</p> <p>Secretariat German Valdez (GV) - Executive Secretary Susannah Gray (SG) – Scribe</p>	<p>APNIC Sunny Chendi</p> <p>ARIN Nate Davis Richard Jimmerson</p> <p>ICANN Carlos Reyes (CR)</p> <p>ICANN Board Ron da Silva (RdS)</p>	<p>AFRINIC Fiona Asonga (FA) Omo Oaiya (OO)</p>

New Action Items from this Meeting

- New Action Item 20180704-1 CR to look at timelines for Seat 10 Elections and to gather feedback or concerns from ICANN staff.
- New Action Item 20180704-2: AS/GV to send text outlining the roles of the ASO AC Chair and Vice Chair to the NRO EC for its approval.
- New Action Item 20180704-3: JV to send the final CCWG ACC WS2 Report to the ASO AC.
- New Action Item 20180704-4: GV to request an update from the NRO EC regarding the CCWG WS2 Final Report.
- New Action Item 20180704-5: ALL to consider the proposed change to the procedures on reaching quorum, raise objections on the mailing list and prepare to finalize during the August call.

Agenda

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0. Welcome

AS welcomed the attendees.

1. Roll Call

GV performed the roll call and declared quorum.

2. Agenda Review

Two items were added to the agenda:

- 9a) ICANN 62 Update (KB)
- 9b) NomCom report (BJ)

HC asked if any ASO specific issues have been discussed physically during ICANN 62 in Panama.

KB confirmed no specific ASO issues were discussed during the Panamá meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

a) June 2018

BJ proposed the motion to approve the minutes from the June 2018 ASO AC Teleconference. KB seconded the motion. There were no objections. AS asked the Secretariat to publish the minutes on the ASO AC website after correcting the attendee list.

4. Open Actions

- **Action Item 20180606-1: ALL to agree on the timeline for Seat 10 Elections time line as discussed in April and be ready to formalize the process during the July teleconference.**

AS explained that he had circulated an email on 6 June regarding the timeline for Seat 10 Elections. There had been a few comments and no objections on the list and he had subsequently circulated an updated timeline.

The ASO AC discussed the timeline further and made edits to the text.

CR explained that ICANN's proposed screening process for Board members is still under consideration by the Board committee and the proposal is not yet finalized.

RdS add that this topic is on the ICANN Board's agenda. He noted that it is likely that a uniform process would be applied to any seated Board member. The Board committee is also working with the SO/ACs to encourage them to adopt the proposed process.

CLOSED.

New Action Item 20180704-1 CR to look at timelines for Seat 10 Elections and to gather feedback or concerns from ICANN staff.

- **Action Item 20180606-2: AS to send the timeline for the Seat 10 Elections to the mailing list.**

CLOSED.

- **Action Item 20180502-5: All to review the proposed draft text for the roles of the ASO AC Chair and Vice Chair and provide feedback.**

AS explained that the ASO AC had begun the discussion on the Chair and Vice Chair roles in March. There was also discussion during the previous meeting and on the list.

The ASO AC discussed the timeline further and made edits to the proposed role descriptions.

KB proposed the motion to approve the text outlining the roles of the ASO AC Chair and Vice Chair. BJ and HC seconded the motion. There were no objections.

AS noted that he would send the finalized text to the list and then on to the NRO EC for its approval.

CLOSED

New Action Item 20180704-2: AS/GV to send text outlining the roles of the ASO AC Chair and Vice Chair to the NRO EC for its approval.

- **Action Item 20180313-6: AS to send a mail to clarify who will be present at ICANN 62 and ask for volunteers to work on comparing and aligning the GPDP processes as outlined in the MoU Attachment A and the ASO AC operating procedures (Recommendations #6 and #7).**

CLOSED.

5. CCWG WS2 Final Report

JV explained that the CCWG WS2 had held its final meeting during the ICANN 62 Meeting in Panama, where the CCWG reviewed the recommendations and best practices outlined in its report. He noted that there are no real implications for the Numbers community in the report.

He continued that the CCWG is now in a holding phase: there is no budget but the final report needs to be approved by the SO/ACs before being submitted to the ICANN Board. It is possible that one or more of the SO/ACs may not approve and if that happens, the CCWG does not have any more funding to do any further work on the recommendations. He added that CCWG WS2 Co-Chairs had sent the final report to the SO/ACs for review so the NRO EC should have received it.

AS asked JV to also send the final report to ASO AC.

New Action Item 20180704-3: JV to send the final CCWG ACC WS2 Report to the ASO AC.

JS asked if there was an action item to approve additional work for the CCWG WS2 and if so, would that be the ASO AC's role, the NRO EC's role or both?

AS noted that JV and FA, the ASO AC's appointees to the CCWG WS2, put in a lot of effort and thanked them for their work. He added that they had made a summary of the report, which was sent to the NRO EC and wondered what the next steps were: does the ASO AC still have a role to play?

JV noted that the NRO EC, as the ASO, should review the final report. He did not believe the ASO AC needed to do anything else at this point.

AS added that he believed the recommendations in the report were just suggestions and were not binding. He added that it had been noted from the outset that the ASO does not do any policy development within ICANN: it happens at the RIR level. Therefore, most of the recommendations in the report are not applicable to the ASO. He concluded that unless the NRO EC asked the ASO AC for more input and feedback, there should be no further work for the ASO AC on this matter.

JV noted that the next step is for the NRO EC, as the ASO, to accept - or not - the final report.

JS noted that the ASO representatives had made comments during the CCWG meetings that many of the recommendations did not apply to the Numbers community: was there any public record of these comments and, if not, should there be?

AS did not think there was a public record. He noted that once the NRO EC makes a decision on the final report, it would publish a response.

KB noted that, as there is no more budget for the CCWG's work, the CCWG is now on hold. It might be a while until the final report is accepted by all SO/ACs. He suggested that FA and JV should inform the ASO AC of any further developments and that the appointments to the CCWG should be reviewed as part of the ASO AC's annual appointments review later in the year to see if the appointments should continue into 2019.

New Action Item 20180704-4: GV to request an update from the NRO EC regarding the CCWG WS2 Final Report.

6. ASO AC chair roles and responsibilities

This agenda item was discussed under agenda item 4. *Open Actions*.

7. ASO Quorum Procedures

AS explained that the ASO AC had discussed quorum procedures during previous meetings. There was, as yet, no consensus. He noted that currently, the quorum procedures state that representatives from all five regions must be present. There has been a suggestion to reduce this to four regions and amend the procedures as follows:

“If all three ASO AC representatives from a particular region are unable to attend an ASO AC meeting, they can specifically request that the meeting be rescheduled, at least 24hrs before the start of the meeting. Unless such a rescheduling request has been received, a quorum of 4 regions will be accepted for the ASO AC meeting to proceed.”

KB noted that he did not believe that the issues achieving quorum had reached a level that warranted an out-of-schedule change in operating procedures. However, he thought that having this text available and ready to be used in the future was important.

AS noted that there is a pending issue and draft text. If the ASO AC does not think this is an issue, it can be closed. If the ASO AC thinks this should be kept under consideration, please provide feedback.

NN noted that this issue had been discussed in depth during the May meeting. She added that the reason she had proposed this change was that there had been challenges in reaching quorum. The proposed text was a way to try to address this challenge. The Secretariat is now also sending out mails prior to the meetings noting who had responded to the invite and whether quorum would likely be achieved, and this is helping to address the issue. She wondered what the status of this agenda item was now.

AP noted that achieving quorum has sometimes been challenging. He agreed that the Secretariat’s notifications about participants was helping for now but added that challenges reaching quorum may be an issue again in the future. He noted that if anyone has strong feelings about the text proposed by NN, they should make their opinions known.

JS noted that, currently, there does not seem to be a problem in reaching quorum. But if the problem resurfaces, the ASO AC should not spend months going back and forth on text and should get this text ready to go in case it is needed at some point in the future. He added that, once the text is agreed upon, it could either be left until it’s needed or a triggering action could be defined.

FY noted that she was surprised to hear that others believed that there was not currently an issue with achieving quorum: there is an issue and it was challenging enough for someone to propose an amendment to the ASO AC’s operating procedures to deal with it. She did not think that the discussion could be concluded on this issue yet: text has been proposed and if there were objections to this text, those objections need to be voiced.

AS agreed that there is an issue with achieving quorum but noted that at this moment, it is not an urgent issue. He added that there has not been clear support or clear objection on the proposed text and asked the ASO AC to further comment.

KB said that if the idea were to agree to amend the operating procedures on this call, he would have many comments: this amendment is a shift in the way the ASO AC has operated for many years. He believed that there was an issue to be discussed but that it was not an emergency and not a big enough issue for the ASO AC to need to implement changes to the procedures immediately.

FY noted that a situation does not need to be considered an emergency to have a conversation about it. She added that the issue of achieving quorum has been a problem for many years and the ASO AC needed to have this discussion now and draw conclusions: it is not something that should be added to AOB and kept on a cycle of discussion. She continued that several people had supported the text but that there had not been any concrete objections.

NN agreed that this is not an urgent matter but it is something that needs to be solved at some point in the future. While quorum has been reached in the last two meetings, it has been a challenge for as long as she has been on the ASO AC and action needs to be taken.

She continued that the draft text was just a proposal to move the discussion on the issue forward and she is open to ideas as it is very important that whatever is decided works from a practical viewpoint. The reason this issue is under discussion was because lack of quorum had made it hard for the ASO AC to complete its work and move forward. She noted that a lot of time has been wasted: there had been calls in the past where the AC had been sitting for 30 minutes or longer waiting for quorum to be reached because people have said they will attend a call but did not do so, or did not respond to the invite.

AS asked the ASO AC to further consider the proposed text and raise objections on the mailing list with the view to discuss and reach a decision on this during the August call.

New Action Item 20180704-5: ALL to consider the proposed change to the procedures on reaching quorum, raise objections on the mailing list and prepare to finalize during the August call.

8. Seat 10 ICANN Board Election Schedule

This agenda item was discussed under agenda item 4. *Open Actions*.

9. Any other Business

a) ICANN 62 Update (KB)

KB gave an overview of the activities and discussions that took place during the recent ICANN 62 meeting:

- Stéphane Van Gelder was posthumously awarded the Multistakeholder Ethos Award: it was an emotional event for all those in attendance.
- There were not many relevant activities for the ASO AC and there were very few ASO AC representatives in attendance. Those who were there were focused on other assigned duties: BJ for NomCom and JV and FA for CCWG WS2 activities.
- The main focus for the other SO/ACs was on the GDPR.
- The SO/ACs met with ICANN CEO, Göran Marby. One item that was discussed was ICANN's meeting plan for 2021-2024. The SO/ACs voiced concern that the first meeting of each year is proposed to take place in the same locations in North America or Latin America. This meeting plan has not yet been published.

b) NomCom report (BJ)

BJ gave an overview of the NomCom activities during ICANN 62.

- The Nomcom2018 selected the following:
 - Three (3) members of the ICANN Board of Directors.
 - Two (2) representatives to the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) – one from Europe and one from the North America region.
 - One (1) member of the Council of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO).

- Two (2) members of the Council of the Country-Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO). One for 2-year term. And one for 3-year term. ICANN Legal due diligence and background checks is underway. On receiving the same, selections would be announced. This is likely to be completed over next few weeks.
- The NomCom is working on recommendations for changes in next year's NomCom Operating process. This is to be completed over next couple of weeks.
- NomCom2019 is under formation and the SOs/ACs are in process of confirming delegates.

AS thanked BJ for his hard work representing the ASO AC on the NomCom 2018.

JS noted that now that 2018 NomCom's work is finished, the ASO AC should consider its representative for 2019. He added that although the post is a one-year assignment, the ASO AC typically asks its representatives to serve for two consecutive years. He asked if BJ would be willing to serve again.

BJ noted that he would be happy to continue to serve on the NomCom in 2019 subject to the approval of ASO AC.

NN commented that the ASO AC's appointment to the NomCom should be handled as a separate agenda item and not as an AOB. She asked that it be added to the agenda for the next meeting and that correct procedure is followed.

- **AFRINIC's Consultation on the Future Structure of the ASO**

HC noticed that AFRINIC had launched its consultation on the future structure of the ASO.

NM explained that AFRINIC had launched its consultation on the future structure of the ASO. AFRINIC's representatives on the ASO AC/NRO NC had been asked to lead a community process to develop AFRINIC's response to the ASO review. He added that he would keep the ASO AC updated on progress.

- **LAC-2018-1: Proposal to create a Global Internet Registry (GIR)**

KB noted that the potential global policy proposal, *LAC-2018-1: Proposal to create a Global Internet Registry (GIR)*, had been withdrawn by the proposer.

10. Any other Business

Motion to adjourn: HC. Seconded: NN. Meeting adjourned at 12:43 UTC.