

ASO AC Teleconference

3 April 2019
12:00 PM UTC

Minutes

Attendees	Observers	Apologies
AFRINIC Omo Oaiya (OO) Wafa Dahmani Zaafouri (WZ)	AFRINIC Ernest Byaruhanga	AFRINIC Noah Maina (NM)
APNIC Brajesh Jain (BJ) Simon Sohel Baroi (SB)	ARIN Sean Hopkings Richard Jimmerson	APNIC Aftab Siddiqui (AS) – Chair
ARIN Kevin Blumberg (KB) – Vice Chair Louie Lee (LL) Jason Schiller (JS)	ICANN Board Akinori Maemura (AM) Ron da Silva (RdS)	
LACNIC Esteban Lescano (EL) Ricardo Patara (RP) Jorge Villa (JV) – Vice Chair	ICANN Staff Carlos Reyes (CR)	
RIPE NCC Nurani Nimpuno (NN) Filiz Yilmaz (FY) Hervé Clément (HC)		
Secretariat Susannah Gray (SG) – Scribe German Valdez		

New Action Items From This Meeting

- NEW ACTION ITEM 190403-1: GV to call for volunteers to participate in a mock election to test the following features of the voting tool: anonymous voting, vote confirmation, vote tracking/verification, comment provision and ranked voting for more than two candidates.
 - NEW ACTION ITEM 190403-2: GV to investigate whether Zoom Conferencing would work for future (public) ASO AC teleconferences and report back to the mailing list.
 - NEW ACTION ITEM 190403-3: GV to circulate a timeline for switching to the new mailing lists (Recommendation #16).
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Agenda

0. Welcome
 1. Roll Call
 2. Agenda Review
 3. Review March 2019 Minutes
 4. Review Open Actions
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 - a) Recommendation #15
 - b) Recommendation #16:
 6. Wrap up Election ICANN seat 10. (ASO AC Members ONLY)
 7. AOB
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0. Welcome

KB welcomed the attendees. He noted that AS, ASO AC Chair, was unable to attend the call and that he would be chairing in AS's absence.

1. Roll Call

GV performed the roll call and declared quorum.

2. Agenda Review

BJ added an agenda item to AOB: *NomCom Update*

KB proposed the motion to accept this addition to the agenda. HC seconded the motion. There were no objections. Motion carried.

3. Review February 2019 Minutes

KB proposed the motion to accept the minutes from the February 2019 ASO AC Teleconference as written. BJ seconded the motion. There were no objections. Motion carried.

KB asked the Secretariat to publish the minutes on the ASO website.

4. Review Open Actions

- **ACTION ITEM 190311-1: GV to investigate voting tool options and report back during the April ASO AC Teleconference > *OPEN*.**

GV noted that the voting tool that LACNIC used for its Board elections had been used in the past for ASO AC voting. This tool enabled anonymous voting. He asked the ASO AC if it had had any issues with using this tool in the past.

HC noted that the voting tool used in the past was fine: a confirmation of the vote had been received, which was an important feature.

KB noted that he had no issue with the voting tool: the issue discussed during the F2F meeting was that voting tools were being used inconsistently. He added that there were many inexpensive, third party options available. He asked whether the LACNIC voting tool was able to handle multiple votes/elections and whether setting up multiple voting on this tool was time consuming.

GV noted that while the initial set up was complex, once familiar with the system setting up the voting process was not too time consuming. He added that votes/elections could be run in parallel and that the Secretariat could ask LACNIC staff for tech support when necessary.

NN noted that, during the F2F meeting, the ASO AC had discussed why Doodle Poll had been used for voting instead of a proper voting system. Whatever tool were used, it must have a tracking system so votes could be verified, must provide confirmation that a vote had been cast and must allow anonymous voting. She did not have any opinion on which voting tool should be used, and was happy to let the Secretariat decide which was most appropriate, as long as the tool provides the criteria discussed and was used consistently.

BJ noted that it was important that voting confidentially was fully maintained in whatever tool was used. He asked whether the LACNIC voting tool supported the Schultz Method in case there were more than two candidates in future elections.

JS asked for clarification: should the tool be able to record ranked voting choices, or run the Schultz Method and have an outcome? If it's the former, where the choice was made based on rankings, it would be hard to tell how this would work, as the last election had only two candidates ("I prefer a over b" or "I prefer b over a").

KB asked if the LACNIC tool supported ranked voting.

GV explained that the tool had several options for voting and ranking is one of them. He added that he didn't know of any voting applications that could run the Schultz Method but he could look into this.

JS noted that the chosen voting tool should also offer a way for voters to provide reservations, concerns or comments as part of the voting process. He added that even if the ASO AC used a tool that supported the Schultz Method on the back end, there were some peculiarities on how tie breaking must be dealt with and the tool might not be able to tie as per the ASO AC's procedures.

KB asked that a subset of the ASO AC volunteer to participate in a mock election using the chosen tool and report back to the group.

BJ volunteered.

NEW ACTION ITEM 190403-1: GV to call for volunteers to participate in a mock election to test the following features of the voting tool: anonymous voting, vote confirmation, vote tracking/verification, comment provision and ranked voting for more than two candidates.

- **ACTION ITEM 190311-2: AS/KB/JV to discuss and suggest a process for planning the 2020 ASO open session > *OPEN*.**

KB noted that work on this was underway and that details would be circulated to the mailing list shortly.

- **ACTION ITEM 190311-3: CR to send a note to the NRO EC to ask whether it would be interested in contributing content for a 'How it Works' tutorial on Numbers > *CLOSED*.**

GV noted that CR had sent a note to the NRO EC regarding this: he would follow up with the NRO EC during its next teleconference and report back to the ASO AC.

- **ACTION ITEM 190311-4: GV to send the ac-coord subscription list to the NRO EC so they have an overview of who is on the list > *OPEN*.**

GV noted the NRO EC had received the overview and that he would follow up on it in the next NRO EC teleconference and confirm which RIR staff should be subscribed to the new list. He added that there were some ICANN observers on the list and asked whether ICANN staff should also review the subscription list.

CR agreed to review the subscription list.

KB suggested that reviewing the subscriptions on each mailing list could be added to the 2020 work plan.

- **ACTION ITEM 190311-5: GV to send a final mail to the ac-coord list noting that the list would soon be closed and that members should sign up to the new ac-discuss list > *OPEN*.**

GV noted that, as the discussion on this was ongoing, the action item should remain open.

- **ACTION ITEM 190311-6: AS/KB/JV to propose text for the new mailing list footers and circulate to the mailing list for a 10-day review period > *OPEN*.**

KB noted that work on this was underway and that details would be circulated to the mailing list shortly.

- **ACTION ITEM 190311-7: Secretariat to add more details to the Implementation Status Table to show that the ASO AC has concluded its part of the work on relevant Recommendations. > *CLOSED*.**

GV noted that the Secretariat had updated the [Implementation Status Table](#). He asked the ASO AC to review it and provide comments. The Secretariat would ensure that the review was ongoing.

KB asked GV to send the url to mailing list.

- **ACTION ITEM 190311-8: AS to re-circulate the text relating to the ASO AC's F2F meeting on the mailing list for further discussion > *OPEN*.**

GV noted that AS was unable to join the call due to travel/logistical reasons and that he would follow up on this action item with him.

5. ASO Review Status

a) Recommendation #15: ASO AC meetings should be open to the public, except for discussions regarding the selection of individuals for ICANN roles.

KB noted that the ASO AC had discussed which teleconference tool to use for the future ASO AC meetings that would be open to observers. There had been concern that Webex might not fully support public participation.

GV noted that he would check whether Zoom conferencing had the same functions as Webex. He continued that reviews of Zoom seem good and that some of the RIRs had started to use this tool for its day-to-day business.

KB asked if Zoom could be put in place for the May teleconference.

GV noted that he would first need to check with the RIRs if the Secretariat could use their accounts or whether a new Zoom account would need to be purchased, and if so, how this would affect the budget. He continued that he would investigate and report back to the list.

KB noted that, if Zoom were to be used, it was important to test the dial in options for all regions to ensure that the audio bridge works. Testing should be done in advance so that time was not spent during the teleconference trying to connect people.

JS suggested that, if a new tool were to be used, the Webex call should still be launched and someone should be present on that call to redirect anyone who mistakenly connects to appropriate call.

GV noted that he would look into this: there might be an issue with having two audio calls running at the same time. He added that it would be made very clear on communication about the call that Zoom was being used instead of the usual Webex.

JS noted that there should be someone present on the Webex call to take an inventory of how many people connected there and why. There might be audio-only people on that call who would need to be verbally directed to the other call.

KB suggested that further discussion on this take place on the mailing list. There were several items related to potentially implementing Zoom that needed to be further investigated or discussed before any decision could be made. He asked GV to consider the transitional step suggested by JS during his investigation into switching to Zoom.

KB continued that the Implementation Status Table showed that the ASO AC had completed its work on Recommendation #15 so it was important that this item is actioned as soon as possible. He asked whether it was realistic to have a new tool in place by May. If not, it should be implemented by June at the very latest.

NEW ACTION ITEM 190403-2: GV to investigate whether Zoom Conferencing would work for future (public) ASO AC teleconferences and report back to the mailing list.

b) Recommendation #16: For its internal communications, and for most matters related to the operations of the ASO, the ASO should favour the use of a publicly archived mailing list. In exceptional circumstances, for issues (e.g. Board appointments) that cannot be discussed in public, a non-publicly archived list should be used.

KB noted that the Implementation Status table noted that the new mailing lists would come into effect in April but that there were still some actions outstanding on this. He asked whether it were realistic to have this implemented by the end of April.

GV noted the lists had been created and populated with the ASO AC members. RIR staff and ICANN observers would be added as soon as confirmation had been received from the RIRs and ICANN.

KB asked the Secretariat to provide a timeline for when the switch to the new publicly archived mailing list would be completed. He asked that it included the date on which the archive would be purged of the test emails and the public archiving would begin.

JS asked if a bounce-back message could be implemented on the old list noting that new lists had been created. A description of each list's purpose should be included.

GV noted that an auto-response would be enabled.

NEW ACTION ITEM 190403-3: GV to circulate a timeline for switching to the new mailing lists (Recommendation #16).

6. Wrap up Election ICANN seat 10. (ASO AC Members ONLY)

KB asked all observers to disconnect. GV confirmed that all observers had left the call.

The ASO AC discussed the recent ICANN Seat 10 Election process.

KB asked the Secretariat to ensure that *ASO Board Selection Process Review* was kept as a recurring agenda item (last item on agenda).

7. AOB

- ***NomCom Update***

BJ gave an update on the ongoing work of the ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom).

8. Adjourn

JS proposed the motion to adjourn. BJ seconded the motion. There were no objections. The meeting ended at 13:11 UTC.

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