ASO AC Teleconference

5 June 2019
12:00 PM UTC

Minutes

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

New Action Items From This Meeting

- NEW Action 190605-1: GV/KB/HC (and any other ASO AC member present) to discuss the possibility of an audit committee and vote verification methods during the ICANN 65 Meeting.
- NEW Action 190605-2: CR to report back on which IANA/ICANN staff would have posting privileges on the ac-discuss mailing list.
- NEW Action 190605-3: GV to schedule two Zoom teleconferences one week apart to enable ASO AC members to test the Zoom system.
- NEW Action 190605-4: AS to send an email to the ac-coord mailing list noting that the ac-discuss mailing list would be used exclusively as of one week before the July teleconference (include precise dates).

Agenda

0. Welcome
1. Roll Call
2. Agenda Review
3. Review May 2019 Minutes
4. Review Open Actions
5. Implementation AC-DISCUSS and AC-INTERNAL lists
6. Mock Election - Schulze Election
7. ICANN 65
8. AOB
9. Adjourn

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0. Welcome

AS welcomed the attendees.

1. Roll Call

GV performed the roll call and declared quorum.

2. Agenda Review

HC added *RIPE 78 Meeting Report* to the agenda under AOB.

3. Minutes Review

HC proposed the motion to accept the minutes pending two small changes outlined on the mailing list. KB seconded the motion. There were no objections. Motion carried.

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

4. Review Open Actions

- **Action Item 190515-01: GV to run mock election using the Schulze Method and report back to the ASO AC > CLOSED.**

GV noted that he had sent an email to the ASO AC and asked for feedback on how the mock election had worked. He noted that he had calculated the results of the vote manually and had validated it using an online calculator, which put some responsibility on the Secretariat to decide on the winner. He asked the ASO AC if it would like to establish a committee to verify the Secretariat's calculations and ratify the results.

HC noted that he had no issues with the voting tool as it had been used previously by the ASO AC. He suggested that discussion on whether a committee was needed to ratify results could take place between those ASO AC members present at the ICANN 65 Meeting.

KB noted that the check box style does not look great, but did not affect the results. He noted that the comment functionality was not included but could be added during future elections. He noted that the ASO AC had put the responsibility of validating the results onto the Secretariat. He was not in favor of passing this responsibility from the Secretariat to another group and noted that, if this needed to be done, the tool was not the best option.

NN agreed with KB. She added that, if there needed to be an audit, the ASO AC would be the wrong group to conduct it. The ASO AC had chosen a system that it trusted so the system should therefore be trusted.

GV agreed that an audit rather than ratification could be necessary. He suggested that perhaps any ASO AC member could individually run their own calculations and then challenge the results if they wanted to. He continued that, in the mock election, it was clear that the colour blue was most preferred but future elections might not be so clear. It would be in the ASO AC's best interests to have the calculations verified, which might affect the election procedure.

KB noted that he understood why the Secretariat might want to have the results confirmed. An audit could be part of the Secretariat's process but the ASO AC should not be the group to do the audit. He noted that those present at the ICANN 65 Meeting should discuss this further, and unless something major was noted, the ASO AC should move ahead with this system or decide that using this tool for the Schultze Method was not going to be practical.

GV asked the ASO AC to clarify that the system fulfilled the requirements for voting according to the Schulze Method when there were two or more candidates.

KB noted that the issue was not the system but rather how the results could be manually tallied in a way that was comfortable for the ASO AC and the Secretariat.

GV confirmed that the voting tool was hosted by LACNIC, who was also providing technical support.

NEW Action 190605-1: GV/KB/HC (and any other ASO AC member present) to discuss the possibility of an audit committee and vote verification methods during the ICANN 65 Meeting.

- **Action Item 190515-02: AS to draft text on subscriptions and posting rights for ac-discuss to be posted on the subscription page and welcome message. > IN PROGRESS**

AS noted that he had circulated the text and had received some comments. He asked the ASO AC to provide further feedback.

JS noted that, during the last teleconference, the ASO AC had discussed making sure that those observers who had posting ability do so from their official email account. He asked whether non-posting observers should also be restricted to using official email accounts. He added that he did not have a preference either way but wanted it to be clear.

AS agreed that official staff observers should only post with their official email addresses. However, he noted that if an RIR CEO wanted someone to join the list using his or her private email address, he did not have an issue with this.

AS asked the ASO AC to provide comments on the text for the subscription/welcome message page within the next 7 days.

- **Action Item 190515-03: GV to ask the NRO EC to define which RIR staff should have posting privileges for the new publicly archived ac-discuss mailing list > IN PROGRESS**

GV noted that an email had been sent to regarding this and that he was waiting for the NRO EC to confirm which RIR staff would have posting privileges. He noted that ICANN/IANA should be asked which ICANN/IANA staff and Board members would also have posting privileges.

NEW Action 190605-2: CR to report back on which IANA/ICANN staff would have posting privileges on the ac-discuss mailing list.

JS noted that, on the previous teleconference, the ASO AC had discussed that the expectation was that those RIR staff with posting rights would be speaking on behalf of their RIR. This should be reflected in the list description.

KB noted that RIR staff had been given permission to post to the list by the RIR, which was not the same as speaking on behalf of an RIR. He added that he would work with AS to make the text clearer.

NN noted that the ASO AC should avoid being overly prescriptive in such texts otherwise the text would need to be revised in the future. She suggested being descriptive but not overly prescriptive as it was not up to the ASO AC to decide who speaks on behalf of an RIR.

- **Action Item 190515-04: AS, KB, JV and BJ to draft and circulate text on expected time commitments for the ASO's NomCom representative and, subsequently, launch a call for volunteers from the Numbers community to fill this position > IN PROGRESS**

AS noted that he had circulated the text on the mailing list and that the text would be edited according to feedback received. He asked the ASO AC to review and provide further feedback.

KB noted that it should be noted in the text that the appointment would have a significant impact on any ASO AC member's time and that they would need to do extra work to fulfill both roles.

AS noted that the text was going to be publicly distributed so text that is specific to the ASO AC might not be necessary. He noted that the ASO AC could discuss the workload during its teleconferences and that BJ, the current ICANN NomCom representative, could give an overview of the time commitments.

KB noted that this was intended to be a text used for the long-term. If a non-ASO AC member takes the role in the next round, those ASO AC members applying in the future would not have the ASO AC-specific information.

NN noted that it was important that the amount of work involved in being on the NomCom was noted. As long as the ASO AC was clear about the workload and commitment required then it should be up to the candidate to decide whether they had the time to do a good job or not.

AS noted that it should be clear that if an ASO AC member was part of the NomCom, s/he was not released from ASO AC duties. He noted that he would send a revised text to the mailing list. He added

that the usual channels would be used to distribute the announcement: RIR lists, NRO/ASO websites and twitter.

- **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 > CLOSED.**

GV noted that he circulated an email regarding the Zoom account, which would be hosted by APNIC. He asked the ASO AC whether it wanted to run a test call before the next ASO AC teleconference in July.

KB noted that the ASO AC should just move forward and use Zoom for the next call.

GV noted that the account was already set up, noting that users would need to download the Zoom app in advance.

AS suggested that two test Zoom Meetings be scheduled to enable people to test the system.

NEW Action 190605-3: GV to schedule two Zoom teleconferences one week apart to enable ASO AC members to test the Zoom system.

- **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 > IN PROGRESS.**

AS noted that that this item was still pending due to a technical issue with the archiving functionality, which had now been solved. He noted that the next teleconference's agenda would be published on the new *ac-discuss* mailing list. He noted that, as the list was publicly archived, the ASO AC should not RSVP with any personal details, such as phone numbers. He added that he would send a mail to the *ac-coord* mailing list noting that the *ac-discuss* mailing list would be used exclusively as of one week before the July teleconference.

NEW Action 190605-4: AS to send an email to the ac-coord mailing list noting that the ac-discuss mailing list would be used exclusively as of one week before the July teleconference (include precise dates).

- **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 > CLOSED**

AS noted that the text had been sent to the mailing list before last month's teleconference. The text had now been finalized and could be used. He asked GV to incorporate the text in the mailing list footers and sign up page

- **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 > CLOSED**

AS noted that the text relating to the ASO AC's F2F had been re-circulated. He asked the ASO AC to review the text over a seven-day period. He added that if the text needed changes, another e-vote would need to take place and the text would need to go back to the NRO EC for approval before being added to the ASO AC Operating Procedures

5. Implementation AC-DISCUSS and AC-INTERNAL lists

This was discussed under Action Item 190311-5.

6. Mock Election - Schulze Election

This was discussed under Action Item 190515-01.

7. ICANN 65

AS noted that the ASO AC would not be giving any presentations or leading any sessions during ICANN 65. Those ASO AC members attending could meet informally with the Secretariat.

8. AOB

a. RIPE 78 Meeting Report

HC gave a report on the recent RIPE 78 Meeting.

9. Adjourn

HC proposed the motion to adjourn. NM seconded. There were no objections. Motion carried.

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