ASO AC Teleconference

3 July 2019
12:00 PM UTC

Minutes

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

New Action Items From This Meeting

- **NEW Action Item 190703-1: KB to send notes to the ac-discuss mailing list regarding audit committee and vote verification methods that were discussed during the ICANN 65 Meeting.**
- **NEW Action Item 190703-2: GV/AS/KB to draft a list of system requirements etc. for Zoom and to test browser cookie requirements.**
- **NEW Action Item 190703-3: AS to circulate the draft text on subscriptions and posting rights for ac-discuss to the ac-discuss mailing list for a seven day comment period.**
- **NEW Action Item 190703-4: ALL to review the draft text on subscriptions and posting rights for ac-discuss during the seven day comment period.**
- **NEW Action Item 190703-5: GV to send the final list of ICANN NomCom nominees to the *ac-internal* mailing list on 28 July for discussion.**
- **NEW Action Item 190311-6: GV to draft logistical issues regarding opening the ASO AC teleconferences for observers and send to ASO AC Chairs for feedback.**

- **NEW Action Item 190311-7: AS to discuss with the Co-Chairs text for clarification on who speaks on behalf of the ASO AC, which will be added to the ASO website.**

Agenda

0. Welcome
1. Roll Call
2. Agenda Review
3. Review June 2019 Minutes
4. Review Open Actions
5. Implementation ASO AC Teleconference Open for Observers
6. ICANN NomCom ASO AC Representative Election
7. AFRINIC Meeting Report
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

FY added *Recent Mail to AFRINIC Mailing List* to the agenda under AOB.

3. Minutes Review

HC proposed the motion to accept the minutes from the June teleconference. 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 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 > *CLOSED*.**

KB noted that he was the only ASO AC member attending ICANN 65 on ASO AC business: HC and BJ were there on other business. He noted that a brief meeting was held and that he would send notes to the mailing list to continue the discussion.

NEW Action Item 190703-1: KB to send notes to the ac-discuss mailing list regarding audit committee and vote verification methods that were discussed during the ICANN 65 Meeting.

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

CR noted that IANA/PTI had asked that Naela Sarras and Selena Harrington be given posting privileges.

GV noted that CR had already informed him regarding this.

AS asked CR to send a mail to the *ac-discuss* mailing list so that there was a record of the request.

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

GV noted that the test calls had been scheduled and that some ASO AC members had taken the opportunity to test the platform.

JS asked whether call-in users had had any issues.

GV noted that there had been no issues and added that, on this call, he had made one dial out, which had worked fine.

JS noted that, as a dial-in user, he was muted on entry. He added that there were also several commands that audio-only users should be aware of.

GV noted that muting users on entry is part of the teleconference configuration and could be altered for the next call.

KB suggested that it might be useful to have a list of requirements that noted what was needed for Zoom to function correctly on various operating systems and whether plug-ins or app downloads were required.

FY noted that she had had trouble connecting with both Safari and Chrome and wondered if it might be due to her cookie settings. She asked if Zoom made it mandatory for users to accept all cookies. She noted that she would rather use a browser to access Zoom and did not want to download the app.

NN noted that WD had also had issues connecting.

AS asked anyone who had had issues accessing Zoom to share them on the ac-discuss list so that an evaluation could be made.

NEW Action Item 190703-2: GV/AS/KB to draft a list of system requirements etc. for Zoom and to test browser cookie requirements.

- **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) > *CLOSED.***

- **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 sent the draft text to the ac-coord list several weeks ago and had received feedback from JS. He would now send a final version, incorporating JS's feedback, to the *ac-discuss* mailing list. He asked the ASO AC to review it over the next seven days.

NEW Action Item 190703-3: AS to circulate the draft text on subscriptions and posting rights for ac-discuss to the ac-discuss mailing list for a seven day comment period.

NEW Action Item 190703-4: ALL to review the draft text on subscriptions and posting rights for ac-discuss during the seven day comment period.

- **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 this action had not yet been completed: some of the RIRs have not yet confirmed names. He noted that this topic would be included in the agenda of the NRO EC Teleconference on 18 July.

- **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 the text for the announcement had been shared and feedback had been requested. None had yet been received. He added that ICANN had asked the ASO to appoint its NomCom representative by the end of July and that he had told them that that was not going to be possible. He asked CR if mid-August would work.

CR noted that the deadline had been moved because travel support requests now had to be processed earlier: if the ASO NomCom representative accepted ICANN travel funding, there might be some issues if that person does not get their request for travel in on time. He added that the deadline had caused issues for several of the SO/ACs and noted that a deadline of mid-August would be fine.

After discussion, the ASO AC decided upon the following timeline:

- Announcement of Call for Nominations for 2020 ICANN NomCom**: 5 July 2019**
- Nomination Period ends: **28 July 2019**
- Evaluation of nominations by the ASO AC: **28 July – 7 August 2019**
- ASO AC Voting period: **7-9 August 2019**

- Announcement of elected delegate: **15 August 2019**

The ASO AC decided to hold an e-vote to select a delegate. The e-vote would be opened during the 7 August ASO AC Teleconference and remain open for seven days as per procedure.

AS asked GV to share the final list of ICANN NomCom candidates to the *ac-internal* mailing list so that the ASO AC could evaluate and discuss if necessary.

NEW Action Item 190703-5: GV to send the final list of ICANN NomCom nominees to the *ac-internal* mailing list on 28 July for discussion.

KB noted that the ASO AC should actively seek suitable candidates to be nominated for the ICANN NomCom seat: it should not just wait for nominations to come in.

There was agreement from several ASO AC members.

- **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 > >** *CLOSED*

5. Implementation ASO AC Teleconference Open for Observers

GV noted that he had briefly discussed this with KB during ICANN 65 and that there were several logistical issues that needed to be discussed by the ASO AC before the teleconferences were opened to observers, including how to record observers during roll calls and when/how to announce the teleconference.

KB noted that the ASO AC should decide whether to only record observers with standing or all observers. If there were only a few observers it would not be hard to record them all, but if there were 50 observers it would be hard to manage. He added that he didn't see a need to document all observers and thought it would be sufficient just to note that there were '*x observers*'.

NEW Action Item 190311-6: GV to draft logistical issues regarding opening the ASO AC teleconferences for observers and send to ASO AC Chairs for feedback.

6. ICANN NomCom ASO AC Representative Election

This was discussed under *Action Item 190515-04.*

7. AFRINIC Meeting Report

NM noted that OO had given the ASO AC report during the recent AFRINIC Meeting. He added that he would send a meeting report to the mailing list shortly.

8. AOB

- *Recent Mail to AFRINIC Mailing List*

FY noted that a mail had been sent to the AFRINIC mailing list by WD, calling for support for certain AFRINIC community candidates to fill seats on certain fora. A response had been sent to this mail, asking if the ASO AC had endorsed the mail. She added that a clarification should be sent, noting that the content of the mail was WD's personal view and not that of the ASO AC.

KB agreed: the ASO AC had strict requirements on when members can speak on behalf of the ASO AC. This should be documented clearly for the community as the ASO AC had been asked to clarify its position. He noted that a second issue had arisen on the appropriate use of a member's ASO AC affiliation. WD's email was ambiguous but the ASO AC members needed to be careful, as they are not empowered to speak on behalf of the community. Care should be taken when sending emails to the community.

FY noted that she did not interpret WD's mail as coming from the ASO AC: WD had just noted the various positions she held in the community. The mail was not signed on behalf of the ASO AC and WD clearly mentioned that she was taking part in other global Internet activities as well. However, she noted that it could be interpreted differently and that a clarification should be made.

AS noted that he had interpreted WD's email as showing how involved she is in the community. He thought that making a statement regarding this might be too much but some clarification should be made.

NM noted that he had spoken to WD and she had confirmed that she had sent the mail in a personal capacity. Other members of the community had assumed that her mail was a general endorsement from the various communities that she was involved with.

NN noted that the simplest way to deal wit this issue was for WD to respond, as she has been directly addressed, to clarify that she was speaking in her personal capacity

JS stated his full name, employer, position on ASO AC, and that he was speaking on his own behalf. JS agreed that clarification was necessary. It would be appropriate to respond to the email, either from the Chair or from the individual member. However, he thought it was relevant and appropriate to disclose one's background for transparency and to provide context for how one's opinion is informed or biased.

AS noted that it was up to WD to respond. He added that some text clarifying who speaks on behalf of the ASO AC could be added to the website.

NEW Action Item 190311-7: AS to discuss with the Co-Chairs text for clarification on who speaks on behalf of the ASO AC, which will be added to the ASO website.

JS asked that, if for some reason the Chairs decided not to put clarification text on the website, they send clarifying text to either the ac-discuss or ac-internal mailing list as having that text, even if it was not public, was useful.

9. Adjourn

NN proposed the motion to adjourn. HC seconded. There were no objections. Motion carried. The Meeting ended at 13:29 UTC.

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