

**ASO AC Teleconference  
Wednesday 4 November 2020  
12:00 PM UTC  
Minutes**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Observers</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
<b>AFRINIC</b> Mike Silber (MS)  <b>APNIC</b> Brajesh Jain (BJ) Simon Sohel Baroi (SB) Aftab Siddiqui (AS) - Chair  <b>ARIN</b> Kevin Blumberg Louie Lee (LL)  <b>LACNIC</b> Esteban Lescano (EL) Ricardo Patara (RP) Jorge Villa (JV) – Vice Chair  <b>RIPE NCC</b> Hervé Clément (HC) Nurani Nimpuno (NN) Filiz Yilmaz (FY)  <b>Secretariat</b> Germán Valdez (GV) Laureana Pavón (LP) – Minutes	<b>ARIN</b> Sean Hopkins (SH)  <b>ICANN Staff</b>  <b>ICANN Board</b> Ron da Silva (RdS)  <b>Community: 2</b>	Wafa Zaafouri Noah Maina Martin Hannigan

**New open action items from this meeting:**

**New Action Item 201104-1:** ASO AC to update the policy slide deck, which will be published towards the end of the year, once the five RIRs have held their meetings.

**New Action Item 201104-2:** HC to circulate the Draft 2020 ASO AC Work Plan Activity Review before the December teleconference.

**New Action Item 201104-3:** MS to circulate the draft 2021 ASO AC Work Plan before the December Teleconference for finalization in January when the new ASO AC is in place.

**New Action Item 201104-4:** AS to circulate the draft Annual Transparency Review before the December Teleconference.

**New Action Item 201104-5:** AS to resend the original work plan that the ASO AC had prepared for the f2f meeting in Cancun for all to analyze, set priorities and decide the number of days/hours needed for the virtual meeting that will replace the f2f meeting.

**New Action Item 201104-6:** AS to send a note to the NRO EC stating that, because the Cancun ICANN meeting will most likely be held online, the ASO AC will not be meeting f2f in Cancun, adding that the ASO AC plans to analyze whether it is possible to meet f2f later in the year.

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## **Agenda**

- 0. Welcome
- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Agenda Review
- 3. Review October 2020 Minutes
- 4. Review Open Actions
- 5. Workplans
  - a) Draft 2020 ASO AC Work Plan Activity Review - Volunteers
  - b) Draft 2021 ASO AC Work Plan - Volunteers
- 6. Annual Transparency Review - Volunteers
- 7. ASO AC Chair Election
- 8. 2021 ASO AC f2f Meeting
- 9. Reports
  - a) RIPE 81
  - c) ARIN 46
- 10. AOB
  - a) ICANN Board Election Status
- 11. Adjourn

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## **0. Welcome**

AS welcomed the attendees and started the meeting at 12:03 PM UTC.

## **1. Roll Call**

GV performed the roll call and declared quorum. He mentioned that the two new members Nicole Chan and Shubham Saran elected for the APNIC region were also present on the call as observers.

## **2. Agenda Review**

No new items were added to the agenda, which was approved as written.

## **3. Review October 2020 Minutes**

AS observed that the minutes had been shared by GV on 2 November and called for a motion to approve them.

HC moved to approve, EL seconded the motion, no objections were heard, and the motion carried.

## **4. Review Open Actions**

**Action Item 200902-1 KB** to share the link to the last ASO AC update for ICANN 69 so all ASO AC members can review it and get back to AS with any new information to report for their regions within the next 14 days.

**CLOSED**

**Action Item 200805-2** AS to coordinate the update of the ASO AC presentation and delivery it for publication before ICANN 69. **CLOSED**

AS noted that the two currently open action items had already been discussed during the October meeting. He added that he had sent a message to the list proposing that it would be better to prepare a report at the end of the year, once the five RIRs have had their meetings rather than putting together a presentation for ICANN 69.

AS mentioned that AFRINIC was the only RIR that had not held its meeting yet. GV confirmed this.

AS then asked four regions that had already held their meetings to begin working on the policy update slides. He noted that new members would be joining the AC so their names should also be added to the slide deck.

AS proposed closing the open two action items and creating a new one for the December meeting:

**New Action Item 201003-1:** ASO AC to update the policy slide deck, which will be published towards the end of the year, once the five RIRs have held their meetings.

## 5. Workplans

AS mentioned that the workplans required at least three volunteers.

### a) Draft 2020 ASO AC Work Plan Activity Review – Volunteers

AS called for volunteers to review the Draft 2020 ASO AC Work Plan and HC volunteered for the task.

**New Action Item 201104-2:** HC to circulate the Draft 2020 ASO AC Work Plan Activity Review before the December teleconference.

### b) Draft 2021 ASO AC Work Plan - Volunteers

AS then called for volunteers to draft the 2021 ASO AC Work Plan. MS volunteered.

**New Action Item 201104-3:** MS to circulate the draft 2021 ASO AC Work Plan before the December Teleconference for finalization in January when the new ASO AC is in place.

## 6. Annual Transparency Review - Volunteers

Finally, AS volunteered to work on the Annual Transparency Review.

**New Action Item 201104-4:** AS to circulate the draft Annual Transparency Review before the December Teleconference.

## **7. ASO AC Chair Election**

AS reminded the AC that the election would begin on 1<sup>st</sup> December and that there would be a two-week period for submitting nominations. He then explained that only ASO AC members who will be serving next year are eligible to participate in the election.

After briefly explaining the process, AS invited everyone to review the ASO AC Chair Election process, which is available in the ASO AC's operating procedures. He also invited members to nominate either themselves or other suitable candidates.

AS then clarified that he would probably not be running for re-election, that he would be stepping down at the end of the year and that he would really like to support someone new.

Before closing this agenda item, AS reminded all members once again that nominations would be accepted from 1<sup>st</sup> December at 0:00 UTC until 14 December at 24:00 UTC, that self-nominations are allowed but must be seconded by another eligible voter, that nominated candidates must confirm their interest on a private ASO AC mailing list no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December at 24:00 UTC, and that voting would take place once the new members join the Council.

## **8. 2021 ASO AC f2f Meeting**

AS mentioned that the ASO AC would not be meeting f2f in Cancun. He noted that ICANN had not yet announced that the Cancun meeting would be an online meeting, but that reality says that this will be the case. He added that the ASO AC typically holds an annual f2f meeting during the community forum of the March ICANN meeting, so most likely the 2021 Cancun ASO AC f2f meeting would have to be cancelled again.

Considering that there would be no f2f meeting, KB suggested analyzing what the ASO AC would like to do around virtual events, e.g, figure out how much time they would need (number of days, hours per day, etc.). He added that the ASO AC now knows what works and what doesn't and that new members had been appointed, which might warrant revisiting their time zones.

KB then observed that the ASO AC meeting did not have to be tied to what ICANN would be doing, but that instead they could see what works for all of them and come up with something for the same time period. He also wondered whether it wouldn't be better to consider a meeting at a later date and if doing so would represent a benefit to the ASO AC.

AS expressed his opinion that travel would probably not be possible until the end of 2021, except perhaps for some travel bubbles. He agreed with KB in that they had plenty of time and could take everything they had planned to do in 2020 and spread it out for Cancun next year and see how many hours and days they would need to move their meeting online.

AS then proceeded to ask everyone what the best time for the meeting would be, noting that ICANN had been using local time zones. Because this next meeting would be held in Cancun, the local time zone would only be very inconvenient for those in the Asia-Pacific region, which he could personally live with for a few days.

To summarize, AS stressed that they needed to figure out 1) how many days and hours they would like to meet, and 2) whether they wished to follow the ICANN timeline or simply use the same time window and select the time that better suits the AC. Considering that the ASO AC has opened its calls to observers, he

personally recommended holding their meeting within the ICANN time zone, adding that they could wait until ICANN officially announces the meeting timeline to decide the details of the ASO AC meeting.

RdS observed that he expected that the timeline would be similar to the Hamburg ICANN virtual meeting, with activities spread out over the Cancun time zone. He shared that some feedback from the past ICANN meeting would be processed and integrated for ICANN 69.

To conclude, AS observed that, as a formality, the ASO AC should send a note to the NRO EC informing them of the decision to meet virtually during the Cancun ICANN meeting. After further discussion, the following action items were agreed:

**New Action Item 201104-5:** AS to resend the original work plan that the ASO AC had prepared for the f2f meeting in Cancun for all to analyze, set priorities and decide the number of days/hours needed for the virtual meeting that will replace the f2f meeting.

**New Action Item 201104-6:** AS to send a note to the NRO EC stating that, because the Cancun ICANN meeting will most likely be held online, the ASO AC will not be meeting f2f in Cancun, adding that the ASO AC plans to analyze whether it is possible to meet f2f later in the year.

## 9. Reports

### a) RIPE 81

FY presented an update on the RIPE 81 meeting held the previous week. She noted that it had been a week-long virtual meeting with a very similar meeting plan as a physical meeting and that they had used a tool called SpatialChat that allows simulating chats during coffee breaks and on the floor. She added that it had been interesting to see how all the tools had come together for a virtual meeting.

As for address policy, FY said that there was nothing to report, as no proposals had been discussed.

In turn, HC said he'd presented an update from the ASO AC point of view on the last day of the meeting.

FY noted that HC had stressed the importance of nominating candidates to fill Seat 9 on the ICANN Board. FY added that she, HC and NN had taken the opportunity to interact with and reach out to members of the community regarding the Seat 9 election.

Before concluding his report, FY mentioned that HC had been appointed once again by the RIPE NCC Board for another three-year term and proceeded to congratulate him.

AS thanked FY and HC for their report and congratulated HC for another three-year period.

### b) ARIN 46

KB began his report on ARIN 46 by saying that they had just wrapped up the meeting, a slim version spread out over two weeks, with two afternoons dedicated to policy and then members meeting the following week.

He observed that there had been a number of proposals and that the AC had two subgroups working on cleaning up the policy manual. As an example, he mentioned one proposal seeking to strip out references to obsolete RFCs from the Policy manual, clean out the text and make sure that everything flows properly. He added that there were still several policies under discussion, from IPv6 to the transfer market, and that

multiple small, progressive changes were going on. He observed that ARIN had not experienced any slowdown in active policies.

In addition, he mentioned that ARIN had held their elections and that the election results had been sent out the day before.

KB shared that there had been no ASO AC presentation, no RIR updates, that probably two thirds of the things that normally happen had been cancelled, as the meeting had been cut down significantly, limiting it to policy discussion, critical member engagement, and critical election portions.

He mentioned that participation had been decent for an ARIN meeting, considering that their October meetings which are part of NANOG usually have a greater audience.

KB concluded by saying that the meeting had worked very well, as the staff already had experience from the prior meeting and being prepared had made a big difference.

In reply to AS, KB said they had used Zoom, heavily moderated for the Q&A and with multiple, well-organized opportunities for people to type or go to the microphone and be heard.

AS thanked KB for the update.

To conclude with the updates, AS shared that APNIC had started a policy review process after their event, as it had been noted that people needed more time to understand what was actually happening with a policy than had been available during the virtual policy meetup. He mentioned that multiple discussions had begun the previous week and invited everyone to check out the information on the APNIC website and join in on the discussions if interested.

## **10. AOB**

### **a) ICANN Board Election Status**

At this point, AS thanked observers for their participation and invited them to leave the call so that members of the ASO AC could continue the discussion of the election for seat 9 in closed session.

## **11. Adjourn**

There being nothing further to discuss, AS called for a motion to adjourn.

EL moved to adjourn, MS seconded the motion. No objections were heard, and the motion carried.

AS thanked everyone for attending and for the work they had done so far.

The meeting concluded at 12:52 UTC.