ASO AC Review Work Plan for 2020

1.- Appoint the ASO AC Chair and Vice Chair

a. Early in January of the new year, hold an electronic vote for the Chair for that year. (The list of candidates and the voting timetable should have been finalized during December of the previous year.)

After having finalized the list of candidates in December 2019, the electronic vote was organized between 1st and 7th January.

b. At the January meeting, confirm the election result.

The ASO Secretariat announced January 8th that Aftab Siddiqui was elected.

c. At the January meeting, the Chair should invite two Vice Chairs. The ASO AC would confirm the appointment.

During the 15th January meeting Aftab proposed to Kevin Blumberg and Jorge Villa the Vice-Chair position for 2020 and they accepted.

d. If there was a change in leadership from the previous year, then update the aso-chairs@ mailing list, and notify the relevant ICANN parties.

There was any change from the previous year

2.- Review ASO AC mailing lists

a. At the beginning of the year, review the lists of subscribers.

ASO Secretariat reviewed the list of subscribers early 2020.

b. Determine if we need to review mailing list policies, procedures, subscription guidelines, etc.

There were no needs identified to review mailing list policies, procedures, subscription or guidelines.

3.- Review ASO AC Members Personal Profile

a. At the beginning of the year, ASO AC members need to review their personal profile published on ASO website.

On January 6th ASO Secretariat requested ASO AC members to review their bio information in the ASO Website.

b. Personal profile must have employer details and all relevant volunteer affiliations.

The 15 personal profiles include employer details and relevant volunteer affiliations.

4.- Form the Policy Proposal Facilitator Teams (PPFT)

a. In January, appoint PPFT members for Global Policy Proposals (GPP), and review the process to track and define a potential “global policy”.

The PPFT was composed of
• Wafa Dahmani Zaafouri (AfriNIC)
• Brajesh Jain (APNIC)
• Louie Lee (ARIN)
• Esteban Lescano (LACNIC)
• Hervé Clément (RIPE NCC)

It was initially planned to organize a GPDP (Global Policy Development Process) Session during ICANN 67 with the help of Aftab Siddiqui, Kevin Blumberg, Jorge Villa, Mike Silber and Hervé Clément. Unfortunately Covid-19 pandemic has forced to cancel ICANN 67 physical participation and dedicated work had to be postponed.

5.- Set the timetable for the year’s meetings

a. In January, set the timetable (dates and times) for the rest of the meetings of the year (2020).

The 2020 ASO AC Teleconference Schedule was discussed during 4 December 2019’s meeting and finalized in January. In particular there had been discussion about the date of the May teleconference on the mailing list but an agreement had been reached.

b. In December, set the date and time of the January meeting for next year (2021).

During 4th December Teleconference it was decided to hold the first 2021 meeting on January 13th.

c. In December, draft and review the timetable (dates and times) for the rest of next year (2021). Conflicts with these meetings should be avoided when possible: RIR, ICANN, IGF, and possibly large regional NOGs.

A tentative schedule was sent early December, discussed during 4th December Teleconference and dates will be confirmed during 2021 January meeting.
6.- Adopt the ASO AC Work Plan for 2020

   a. In January, adopt the work plan for the year. The work plan should have been drafted by a volunteer selected at the end of the previous year.

   The ASO AC Work Plan for 2020 has been prepared by Louie Lee and adopted during the 5th February monthly Conference.

7.- Begin the appointment process for the ICANN Board Seat No. 9

   a. Review and finalize the appointment process.

   The appointment process has been discussed during first Semester 2020 and ASO AC members had been invited to participate in an eVote to change ASO Procedures accordingly. The result was announced by the ASO Secretariat June 23rd, the NRO EC approved the suggested changes June 24th and finally published in the ASO website July 1st.

   b. Determine the time frame for the selection process.

   After ASO AC discussions the timeline was published in the ASO website early September. https://aso.icann.org/icann-board/icann-board-elections/2021-icann-board-of-directors-seat-9-elections/

   c. Send out the call for candidates.

   Actual nomination call was sent to all regions by

   - 15 September
   - Early October
   - End of October
   - 9th November
   - 17th (after the nomination period has been extended)

   d. Form committees as the procedure dictates.

   The QRC (Qualification Review Committee) was formed in September and is composed of:

   - Ricardo Patara (LACNIC)
   - Nurani Nimpuno (RIPE NCC)
   - Mike Silber (AfriNIC)
   - Louie Lee (ARIN)
   - Aftab Siddiqui (APNIC)

8.- Appoint members to the ICANN NomCom and other groups as required

   a. Review and finalize the NomCom appointment process.

   Information that should be asked to the ASO ICANN NomCom candidates and dedicated process timeline were defined and finalized in May.

   b. Perform outreach to seek candidates for an ICANN NomCom representative.

   ASO AC members have shared the election information within their respective communities

   c. In June, begin the process to appoint the ICANN NomCom representative.

   The election process was launched according the following timeline

   - Announcement of call for nominations for 2021 ICANN NomCom: 4 June 2020
   - Nomination period ends: 17 June 2020
   - Evaluation of nominations by the ASO AC: 18 June 2020 – 28 June 2020
   - Voting period by the ASO AC: 29 June 2020 – 7 July 2020
   - Announcement of selected delegate: around 8 July 2020 (second week of July)

   Pankaj Chaturvedi was selected as the ASO AC NomCom representative for 2021.