ASO AC Teleconference
Wednesday 1 December 2021
12:00 PM UTC
Minutes

Attendees	Observers	Apologies
AFRINIC Mike Silber (MS) – Vice Chair Wafa Dahmani Zaafouri (WD) **APNIC** Nicole Chan (NC) Shubham Saran (SSa) Aftab Siddiqui (AS) **ARIN** Kevin Blumberg (KB) – Chair Martin Hannigan (MH) Louie Lee (LL) **LACNIC** Ricardo Patara (RP) Esteban Lescano (EL) Jorge Villa (JV) **RIPE NCC** Hervé Clément (HC) – Vice Chair James Kennedy (JK) Nurani Nimpuno (NN) **Secretariat** Germán Valdez (GV) Laureana Pavón (LP) – Minutes	**ICANN Board** Alan Barrett (AB) Maemura Akinori (MA) **ICANN Staff** Carlos Reyes (CR) **ARIN** Sean Hopkins **Community** Ron da Silva (RdS)	**AFRINIC** Saul Stein (SSt)

New action items from this meeting:

New Action Item 211201-1: GV to include a list of 2022 ASO AC members' time zones on Confluence.

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Agenda

0. Welcome
1. Roll Call
2. Agenda Review

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0. Welcome

KB welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 12:03 UTC.

1. Roll Call

GV performed roll call and quorum was established.

2. Agenda Review

No further items were brought up for discussion and the agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Approval of minutes - November 2021

HC moved to approve the November 2021 ASO AC meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by SSa. No objections were heard, so the motion carried.

4. Review Open Actions

Action Item 211103-1: The ASO AC to have a 14-day period to discuss the redline version of the ASO AC Operating Procedures (Global Policy Development) sent by KB to the mailing list on 3 November 2021. GV to open a vote 14 days from today so that the results will be ready before the December ASO AC meeting. **IN PROCESS**

KB noted that the ASO AC is still in the voting period to approve the new version of their Operating Procedures.

GV confirmed that voting will close on Friday 3 December.

KB suggested that if anyone has not received their token, they should reach out to GV after checking their spam folder.

Action Item 211103-2: GV to circulate the 2021 ASO AC Work Plan Review prepared by HC in December for approval during the January 2022 ASO AC meeting. **IN PROCESS**

KB observed that HC has already circulated the 2021 ASO AC Work Plan Review on the mailing list.

HC confirmed that he had circulated a preliminary version in August, that since then the ASO AC has launched the Seat 10 election, and that a few other items are missing. He added that he will send the final 2021 ASO AC Work Plan Review early in January.

KB asked whether HC's idea was to make some minor additions to cover December.

HC replied affirmatively, mentioning that he would like to include things like the election of the ASO AC chair but would not be making any drastic changes to the report.

KB thanked HC for taking care of this

Action Item 211103-3: SSt and JK to work on a draft 2022 ASO AC Work Plan and circulate it to the list. Include this as an agenda item for the January ASO AC meeting. **ONGOING**

JK commented that this action item is ongoing at the moment and asked if there is a specific deadline before the January meeting when the 2022 ASO AC Work Plan needs to be ready.

KB replied that they could set the deadline for 15 December, as that would give everyone time to review the plan before the holidays. He noted that he would also be giving himself the same deadline for the next two action items.

JK agreed.

HC asked whether there are any plans for an ASO review in 2022, given that the last review was completed in 2017.

GV replied that the NRO EC discussed this yesterday during their last meeting, that they are aware that the ASO review is due next year, but that they are expecting to postpone this at least until the second semester of 2022, as an internal NRO strategy review is currently being conducted which might result to changes to the current MoU and they would like to finish the NRO strategy review before conducting the ASO review.

KB suggested that the 2022 ASO AC Work Plan could simply mention that the ASO is available for the ASO Review if needed.

HC agreed, adding that this was reasonable as currently no timeline, format, etc. have been defined.

JK thanked KB and HC for the clarification.

On a personal note, KB observed that the ASO review occurs once every five years, but it seems that the last one occurred yesterday.

GV explained that, based on the ICANN Bylaws, the EC had decided to wait a little longer before officially committing to a 2022 ASO review.

KB mentioned that another thing worth noting was that the ICANN March meeting was moved to virtual format. A large part of the 2017 review (interviews and so on) was done in person, so it will be interesting to see how the review will be done this time.

JK asked KB if he knew whether they were looking to have the review at the end of 2022 or during 2023.

KB said they should include it in the 2022 ASO AC Work Plan that the ASO AC will be available for the review if it happens in 2022.

JK concluded by saying that anybody who has input for the work plan should reach out to him.

Action Item 211103-4: KB and SSa to work on the Annual Transparency Review and circulate it to the mailing list. **ONGOING**

KB said he has given himself until 15 December to complete the Annual Transparency Review and circulate it for comments with a view to approving it during the January ASO AC meeting.

Action Item 211103-5: Prior to the January ASO AC meeting, GV to review the RIR event schedule with an eye out for hybrid/face-to-face meetings during the first part of the year. **OPEN**

KB asked GV if he had any updates on this.

GV replied that he would leave this for the January meeting, adding that here is currently a 2022 ASO AC Teleconference Schedule available on the wiki which includes RIR, NANOG, and IETF meetings, but that the discussion will be left for the January meeting.

KB asked whether any ASO AC Members have not been seated yet for the next term.

GV replied that confirmation was still pending from those appointed by some of the RIR Boards (e.g., AFRINIC and APNIC).

KB noted that one of the things the ASO AC has looked at historically is the time slot for the ASO AC meetings, so it would be helpful to have the time zones of all ASO AC members in Confluence to help decide the timeslot for the ASO AC meetings.

New Action Item 211201-1: GV to include a list of 2022 ASO AC members' time zones on Confluence.

5. 2021 Work Plan Activity Review

Already discussed during the open action review.

6. 2022 ASO AC Work Plan

Already discussed during the open action review.

7. Annual Transparency Review

Already discussed during the open action review.

8. ASO AC Chair Election Schedule

KB asked GV for an update on the ASO AC chair election schedule.

GV mentioned that the call for nominations for ASO AC chair was sent out, that nominations will be open until the end of the month, that any ASO AC member who will be part of the AC next year is eligible, and that all nominations must be seconded. He noted that, during this call, the AC should set the date for the election, which is also related to the first teleconference of the next year—the ASO AC chair should be elected before the first meeting of the AC next year.

KB asked whether there is any reason why voting should not start on 1st January.

GV replied that there is no technical reason, but that the Secretariat needs to set up the voting system.

KB asked which is the earliest date on which the Secretariat can have the voting system ready.

GV replied that, if needed, it can be done on 1st January. He also noted that, because the suggested date for the January teleconference is 12 January, the election can run from Monday, 3 January to Sunday, 9 January, a full seven-day period.

All agreed.

GV concluded by saying that the Secretariat will run a seven-day voting process from Monday, 3 January to Sunday, 9 January and that the results of the election will be announced so the elected chair can be prepared to handle the first call of the year

9. 2022 ASO AC Teleconference Schedule

The tentative 2022 ASO AC teleconference schedule was shown on screen.

KB observed that most of the dates included in the schedule are in the first Wednesday of the month and asked if there was any particular reason for that.

GV replied that this is the common practice that has worked well in the past.

KB suggested leaving comments on conflicts or potential changes open until 7 days prior to the January meeting and reminded everyone that the parameters for excluding a specific day should be based on an industry event, something that will affect everybody or a large majority of people.

No objections were heard.

10. 2021 ASO AC Appointments Review

KB explained that this is a confirmation of appointments concluded in 2021 or ongoing appointments. He added that the NomCom appointment is still ongoing and asked HC about his participation in one of the panels.

HC confirmed that he had been part of the 2021 ICANN Community Excellence Award selection panel.

GV confirmed that there were no other appointments in 2021.

11. ASO AC Meeting 2022

KB began by saying that, historically, the ASO AC would meet in person in the month of March, but that in 2022 the ICANN March meeting will be virtual so this will not be possible. He added that the ASO AC procedures includes the ability to request a meeting at an alternative venue.

He explained that the ASO AC chair and vice chairs regularly have a preparatory meeting ten days prior to each ASO AC meeting to review the agenda and make sure that the work items are being taken care of. He said that one option the chairs had discussed was to request an in-person meeting, to do so, the AC needs to provide justification for that other than "historically we've done it." He then asked whether the others saw additional benefits other than meeting people in person, bonds and so on, is there a definitive reason for the AC to meet in person? we can then see if it's technically possible.

MS said that, in his opinion, it is important for the AC to meet in person, especially considering that there are many new members, but that they need to document a cogent reason for meeting in person that goes beyond the efficiencies of working together.

HC agreed with MS: an in-person meeting, if possible, is important because the AC has not had the opportunity to meet in person for two and a half years, so there are significant number of new members. Furthermore, there will be a lot of work (procedures, etc., perhaps the ASO review).

KB agreed with HC: "when" it occurs is not as important as the fact that it occurs. Another option might be to tie this to the timeline of the ASO review. He suggested moving this agenda item to the January meeting for discussion once there is a better sense of some of the things that are going on, re. lockdowns happening in different countries.

NN suggested another perspective: in the past it's been agreed that one of the reasons to have a f2f meeting at an ICANN meeting was to both understand what goes on at an ICANN meeting and to be visible as representatives of the number community. Perhaps more than simply a meeting, it can be more important to meet at an actual ICANN meeting.

KB thanked NN and agreed, adding that the procedures mention meeting at an ICANN meeting and that anything else would be a safety valve.

AB noted that the ICANN Board had asked the organization to proceed with planning for ICANN74 meeting in The Hague in June 2022.

CR mentioned another point that the ASO AC should consider, something that MA raised during an ICANN Board meeting: it's been almost three years since the ASO had any sort of interaction with the ICANN Board. This has also been raised previously by RdS, considering how the ASO wants to engage with the ICANN Board either virtually or ideally in person if conditions allow.

KB mentioned that the same specific issue was brought to the ASO AC chair, so he recommended that whoever the chair is in January revisit this with the NRO EC chair.

KB concluded by saying that there is a lot more to discuss in this area, but that it is really is for the next group to work through this. He recommended leaving this to the January meeting and starting to look at options for 2022, whether an ICANN meeting, an RIR meeting, etc.

12. RIR Reports

a) AFRINIC 34 Report

MS provided the following update:
As everyone knows, AFRINIC has been experiencing some challenges lately that led to a somewhat contentious meeting; nevertheless, some progress was made and it seems that slowly AFRINIC is getting back on track on the ability to engage as a community and try and move policies forward.

KB asked what type of policies were being discussed in the AFRINIC region right now.

MS mentioned that one of the critical things is the intra RIR transfer policy, still highly contentious. He added that there's also a fair amount of contention around board prerogatives and process, and concerns about board engagement in the policy process and perception, so there's a desire to introduce policy to address those concerns.

b) RIPE 83 Meeting

JK provided the following update:
As regards address policy, a few topics and actions were discussed. First, IPv6 goals and policy review. The chairs and the community believe it is time to review IPv6 policies, that they are correct and accurately and correctly applied and followed by all. The takeaway is that we're going to look for community volunteers to do this work and possibly come up with proposals to clean up the v6 policy

Another topic is that the RIPE Database Task Force had a recommendation directly related to address policy, which was to remove what seems to be outdated IPv4 assignment policies, the goal being to remove the policy that mandates all IPv4 assignments in the RIPE database.

Yet another issue was raised by the RIPE NCC registration services about IPv6 hoarding that they have noticed happening within the RIPE community where members open up several LIRs to gain access to multiple IPv6 resources and then, through transfer policies, move them over to a single account. Until now, the main discussion about IPv6 has been that there's plenty of address space so there's no need to worry about exhaustion, but stockpiling violates other IPv6 goals and may lead to other abuses down the line.

HC added that more than 1000 people had registered for the RIPE meeting, but only about 50 participants were present during the policy session. This may have been related to the fact that there is currently no active policy proposal.

KB thanked MS, JK, and HC for their updates.

13. AOB

a) Farewell leaving members

KB mentioned that the members who are leaving are not just any members, but members who have served the ASO AC and the community for many years, so everybody is going to miss NN, AS, and LL.

HC said that the members who are leaving are very precious and have been around for a long time, so they will absolutely be missed.

RdS thanked the ASO AC for the opportunity to chime in, even though he is an observer. He was previously on the ASO AC and served with AS, NN and LL so he wanted to express his appreciation for a long-term friendship and the service they brought to the ASO. He added that this would probably be his last time attending an ASO AC meeting as a member of the ICANN Board, so he expressed his appreciation to the full ASO for their support, it was a great opportunity and experience which he will remember and cherish and attributes to this group.

MS also expressed his appreciation to RdS for representing this community very ably, and in particular to AS, LL and NN who he came to know when I was on the ICANN Bard and who welcomed him when he was new in the community. The three have done an enormous amount of heavy lifting throughout the years and have been very influential in assisting, helping, guiding, and sometimes critiquing, but always with the desire to move things forward, to improve, and to be a positive influence. The three will be sorely missed.

AB also thanked the AC for the opportunity to speak. It is the first time in quite some time that he joins an ASO AC call, he'll miss seeing NN, AS and LL. He thanked the three for the many years of hard work and hopes to see them soon. He also thanked RdS, who he is replacing on the ICANN Board for the work he's done over the past six years.

b) ICANN Board Seat 10 Election Status

Closed session to advance in the ICANN Board election process.

c) Observers Interview Committee

Closed session to advance in the ICANN Board election process.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, HC moved to adjourn the meeting. AS seconded the motion, no objections were heard, so the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 UTC.