ASO AC Teleconference
Wednesday, 10 January 2024
12:00 PM UTC
Minutes

Attendees	Observers	Apologies
APNIC Di Ma (Di M.) Maemura Akinori (Akinori M.) **ARIN** Nick Nugent (Nick N.) Kevin Blumberg (Kevin B.) Amy Potter (Amy P.) **LACNIC** Ricardo Patara (Ricardo P.) – Esteban Lescano (Esteban L.) Jorge Villa (Jorge V.) **RIPE NCC** Hervé Clément (Hervé C.) Constanze Buerger (Constanze B.) Andrei Robachevsky (Andrei R.) **Secretariat** Germán Valdez (Germán V.) Laureana Pavón (Laureana P.) – Minutes	**AFRINIC** Madhvi Gokool (Madhvi G.) **APNIC** Jeremy Harrison (Jeremy H.) **ARIN** Eddie Diego (Eddie D.) Hollis Kara (Hollis K.) Chris Quesada (Chris Q.) Ashley Perks (Ashley P.) **RIPE NCC** Angela Dall'Ara (Angela D.) Nancy Carter (Nancy C.) Athina Fragkouli (Athina F.) Ulka Athale (Ulka A.) **RIPE Community** Mirjam Kuehne (Mirjam K.) **ICANN Board** Christian Kaufmann (CK) **ICANN Org** Ozan Sahin (Ozan S.) Andrew McConachie (Andrew M) Carlos Reyes (Carlos R.)	**APNIC** Nicole Chan (Nicole C.)

New and updated action items from this meeting:

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Agenda
0. Welcome
1. Agenda Review
2. 2025 ASO AC Chair Election Results
3. 2025 ASO Vice Chairs Appointments
4. Review Open Actions
5. Approval Minutes December 2024

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0. Welcome

Hervé C. welcomed everyone to the meeting at 12:02 UTC, wishing everyone an excellent new year.

Roll call was taken and quorum was established.

1. Agenda Review

Item 14 was added: ICANN Board Update, to be presented by CK.

2. 2025 ASO AC Chair Election Results

Germán V. shared that the election took place according to the timeline, with Hervé C. as the only nominated candidate. All eligible members casted their votes, there were no abstentions and Hervé C. was unanimously reappointed as ASO AC chair.

All congratulated Hervé C.

3. 2025 ASO Vice Chairs Appointments

Hervé C. thanked Ricardo P. and Nicole C. for their help over the past two years as co-chairs. For this year, he has invited as vice chairs Nick N. and Esteban L.

Esteban L. and Nick N. thanked Hervé C. for his confidence and expressed their willingness to work as co-chairs during the year.

4. Review Open Actions

Action Item 240605-3: Hervé C. to prepare a new monthly report on the ICP-2 review and send it to the ASO AC for feedback. Hervé will then send the final version of this report to the EC prior to the next NRO EC meeting. **OPEN**

To be discussed later.

Action Item 241204-1: Germán V. to send an email to ASO AC members with the 2025 ASO AC Chair Election schedule, as well as the relevant procedures. **CLOSED**

5. Approval Minutes December 2024

Esteban L. called the motion to approve the minutes of the December 2024 ASO AC teleconference as written with a minor remark submitted via email by Hervé C., Kevin B. seconded the motion, no opposition or abstentions were heard, so the motion carried.

6. ICP-2 Update

Returning to Action Item 240605-3, Hervé C. noted that the next NRO EC meeting would take place on 21 January, which is the date that will be considered for sending a new monthly report on the ICP-2 review to the NRO EC.

Hervé C. noted that, during the December meeting, the ASO AC approved the agenda for the work on ICP-2, the timeline for 2025 aiming at having a draft document ready for our f2f meeting in Malaysia (APNIC 59). The ASO AC formed two specific working groups. The first WG will analyze the responses received in response to the regional survey and through the ICANN consultation, and is comprised of Andrei R, Kevin B, Constance B, and Amy P. The second WG will work on drafting the new version of ICP-2 and is comprised of Nick N. and Esteban L.

Kevin B. observed that he had spoken with Hervé C. and, at least until the work gets going, he will shepherd the process, adding that others are welcome to do so too. While noting that he doesn't want to impact the Secretariat with attending/minuting the calls, he suggested that the members of the first WG might set up meetings at a time that best suits the four members, with the Secretariat's help limited to setting up the teleconferences.

All agreed

Kevin B. said he would send something so the group can start working ASAP. The goal is to distill constructive/useful feedback to present to the ASO AC, the report to the various communities, as well as suggestions for future iterations to avoid abuses we saw this time.

Andrei R. agreed and thanked the RIR staff for their work, adding that he was pleasantly surprised by the number of replies they had received. While we cannot reply to each feedback, there are major themes that make the comments more manageable. Two parts: 1) go through the feedback, distill the topics, 2) work on how we respond to particular feedback. A lot of work, not much time.

Nick N. said that it was his understanding that they would not be responding to any particular feedback to the community as such, but that the response to the community feedback would be incarnated by the actual draft that will be circulated to the community. At most, the goal is to summarize the feedback without any official commentary or response.

Andrei R. agreed, but observed that the AC needs to demonstrate to the community how their feedback was incorporated.

Nick N. said that the AC's response should include two mechanisms: 1) the summary, the broad themes, without commentary, and 2) the actual parchment draft with what we've taken from the feedback.

Kevin B. agreed that the AC will not respond to individual concerns. What is our role in this? The most important role for this group is to review everything and distill it down for the use of the ASO AC, that's our primary goal. The WG will also try to produce an acknowledgement by the ASO AC that we've received the feedback, that we are appreciative of the feedback from the community and of the time and energy that was put in. Commenting on the comments themselves would not be practical considering our timeline.

Nick N. and Esteban L. agreed, adding that a general comment is enough with a note saying that additional comments will be included in the second draft of the document.

Because there might be a misunderstanding among the community, Kevin B. suggested clarifying the scope of what the AC has been tasked with and what we are able to do. Example: "We've been asked to strengthen and improve ICP-2, not to create a fresh new document, not to change the entire RIR system." We have a very limited scope, and perhaps in our work over the next few weeks we can explain this better to clarify expectations.

Andrei R. agreed with the point raised by Kevin B. (scope of the ICP-2 and the work of the ASO AC).

Hervé C. asked whether Jeremy H. or Athina F. had anything to add. Athina F. replied that she understands that there are many responses and Kevin B.'s suggestion was pragmatic. She reminded the AC that the Legal Team will be available to support the work of this group, perhaps with the Legal Team's help we can come up with an outcome faster and in time.

Kevin B. said that if the chair is ok with the idea, he will share with Athina F. the date on which the WG will meet to work as fast as possible (include additional feedback).

Hervé C. agreed.

Ulka A. echoed what Athina mentioned as someone who has been living with and working with this data for a long time, she is also happy to support the AC in this process.

Hervé C. thanked Ulka A. for her help.

Nick N. noted that the ideal way to do the drafting would be to wait until we've digested all the data, read the summary report, distilled the main themes, responded to certain points, etc. Our timeline, however, is very compressed, so he has begun drafting the parchment document based on the principles we disseminated (we may need to revise this based on the feedback we received).

Way forward: Given the tight timeline, the two WGs will work in parallel, involving the RIR legals, and both will converge in Malaysia to have a document ready to present to the NRO EC.

Andrei R. suggested having at least a midway touchpoint for the two WGs.

Kevin B. agreed, noting that late January would be a realistic option. All agreed.

7.- Seat 10 Election Process Update

German V. provided an update on the election process: two candidates have been nominated, and the comments phase has started. Both candidates have been contacted and advised about inviting support to display on the election page on the ASO AC website.

Hervé C. added that the Interview Committee is comprised of Ricardo P, Nicole C, Kevin B, Amy P. and himself, and that they are ready to start working on the election process.

Noting that the AC will be very busy with the work on ICP-2, Esteban L. noted that Ricardo P.'s role as shepherd would be very important.

Hervé C. said he would be very happy if Ricardo P. would shepherd the process.

Ricardo P. agreed, adding that he will do it with the help of the others.

8. 2025 ASO AC face to face Meeting in Malaysia Update

Hervé C. reminded everyone that the ASO AC will officially be working on ICP-2 in Malaysia (APNIC 59) on 28 February and 1st march, adding that the suggestion was to arrive earlier to follow other important activities. After the work of the feedback analysis team, we will be better able to define an agenda for those two days.

Akinori M. shared that Thursday is a AGM dedicated day, it would be useful and informative for all AC members, so he encouraged AC members to be on Thursday to observe these activities.

Germán V. added that the Secretariat has requested a meeting room for the ASO AC at APNIC 59 during the entire week.

9. 2025 ASO AC Teleconference Schedule

Germán V. displayed on screen and went over the proposed dates for the ASO AC monthly teleconferences.

After some discussion, Kevin B. moved to approve the teleconference dates for 2025, Esteban L. seconded the motion, nobody opposed or abstained and the motion carried.

2025 ASO AC Teleconference Schedule: 8 January, 5 February, 19 March (ASO AC f2f Meeting 28 February and 1 March in Malaysia), 2 April, 24 April (Thursday), 4 June, 2 July, 6 August, 3 September, 1 October, 5 November, 3 December.

Germán V. observed that the NRO EC is aware of the ASO AC's request to meet in Prague.

Kevin B, said that one of the key concerns of the EC is that we need to show exactly what we need to meet for, what we will be doing. The question is whether in February we will have a good sense of what we will be doing to update the EC. Before Malaysia, we can show what we are doing and that we are making progress.

Nick N. agreed that it makes sense to wait until after Malaysia to make sure that meeting in Prague would be useful.

10. 2024 ASO Work Plan Review

Hervé C. said that Constance B. had worked on this with the help of Germán V, and shared it internally.

Kevin B thanked Constance B., noting that the Review mentions the work we did during the year, it has the right level of specificity and aligns with how the ASO AC worked.

Hervé C. moved to approve the 2024 ASO Work Plan Review (after the standard 7-day comment period to allow everybody to double check the document), Esteban L. seconded the motion, Akinori M. abstained as he was not part of the AC during 2024, no opposition was heard, and the motion carried.

11. 2025 ASO Work Plan

Kevin B. said he had only changed one thing in the work plan: an editorial change (2024 to 2025). We did a substantive change to the work plan last year, removing the minutia and creating an overarching work plan. The good news is the only change that needs to happen is changing the number of the year.

Kevin B. said the only thing he would like to highlight was reaching out to the NomCom sooner rather than later, but other than that he sees no need for changes in the 2025 work plan.

Hervé C. said that the AC will wait for Kevin B. to send this document to the list. Once it is sent, we will review it and approve it officially during our February meeting.

12. Annual Transparency Review

Hervé C. will share the document after today's meeting (it was easy to update, attendance of AC members, joint session in 2024 that did not occur in 2023, will update a few things before sending it to the list). Most importantly, there was transparency in our work in 2024.

13. Form the Policy Proposal Facilitator Teams (PPFT)

Hervé C. we discussed this during the onboarding meeting. Normally there is one member of each region forming this PPFT (there is currently no members from AFRINIC). 5 members with not more than 2 from the same region.

Jorge V. volunteered (LACNIC), as did Constance B. (RIPE), Di M. (APNIC), Kevin B. (ARIN), we will wait a couple of days to see if a fifth member volunteers.

14.- ICANN board update

Christan K. provided the following ICANN Board update:

> The main updates are about ICP-2, what the board has done so far, and what things look like from the ICANN Board side. Before, from an ICP-2 perspective, the lead is more on CK's side (Alan Barrett is very much involved with the GTLD program, where he has a leading role).
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> We had a board meeting before Christmas where we tried to approve the technical implementation document. Two questions came up and are worth reporting:

First, some board members mentioned that the whole document is about the RIRs not the NIRs, of which APNIC has quite a few (probably clarification of their role, and the interaction between ICANN and the NIRs would help).

Second, de-accreditation/cancellation of RIRs. The current board is very much used to and likes the RIRs, but they don't think they have a role there to fulfill. They are very cautious and risk-averse on these topics, as they don't understand the full background. CK talked to the ICANN Chair, and the OC team and now have standing ICP-2 sessions on agenda in the workshops to actually talk about this topic (the first one will be during the last week of January).

Christian K. plans to do two things: 1) Provide more background about the RIRs, that's one of the goals for the workshop. 2) We would like to give the Board an update on the various surveys and public consultations, depending on how far the ASO is along their timeline we can present a summary and also the consultation that .was run by ICANN so the Board can see what the community actually wants. The idea is for Christian K to shepherd that topic until the end of the year so that in September/October the Board can ratify the new document and can vote on anything that is required with a good conscience.

Nick N. thanked CK for his update and asked the Secretariat if it was possible to share the recording with the AC to make sure that they have captured everything.

Christian K. apologized for speaking so quickly and added that his intention is to attend APNIC 59 in Malaysia.

15. AOB

16. Closed Session

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17. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Hervé C. moved to adjourn, Esteban L. seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 14:05 UTC