

ASO AC Teleconference
Wednesday, 5 August 2026
12:00 PM UTC
Minutes

Attendees	Observers	Apologies
AFRINIC Musa Honlue (Musa H.) Ish Sokoon (Ish S.) APNIC Nicole Chan (Nicole C.) Devesh Tyagi (Devesh T.) Maemura Akinori (Akinori M.) ARIN Alyssa Quinn (Alyssa Q.) Amy Potter (Amy P.) – Vice Chair Kevin Blumberg (Kevin B.) LACNIC Esteban Lescano (Esteban L.) – Vice Chair Jorge Villa (Jorge V.) Ricardo Patara (Ricardo P.) RIPE NCC Constanze Buerger (Constanze B.) Hervé Clément (Hervé C.) – Chair Andrei Robachevsky (Andrei R.) Secretariat Germán Valdez (Germán V.) Laureana Pavón (Laureana P.) – Minutes	AFRINIC Madhvi Gokool APNIC Bhadrika Panchal (Bhadrika P.) ARIN Eddie Diego John Sweeting Hollis Kara Kat Hunter Nancy Carter RIPE NCC Angela Dall'Ara Ulka Athale ICANN Org Ozan Sahin (Ozan S.) Carlos Reyes (Carlos R.) Andrew McConachie Community Christopher Quesada Oscar robles	AFRINIC Saul Stein (Saul S.)

New and Updated Action Items

New Action Item 240805-1: Akinori M. to prepare a brief report or message for the NRO EC on the status of the work of the Reviews CCG, in consultation with Hervé C. as needed.

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Agenda

- 0. Welcome
- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Agenda Review
- 3. Review Open Actions

4. Approval July 2026 Minutes
5. RIR Governance Document Update.
6. ICANN Board Seat 9 Election Update
7. ICANN 87 Meeting Update
8. AOB
9. Closed Session
10. Adjourn

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1. Welcome

Hervé C. opened the meeting and welcomed everyone at 12:00 UTC.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and quorum was established (14 ASO AC members present on the call).

3. Agenda Review

The draft agenda was displayed on screen and approved as written.

3. 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. **CLOSED**

Action Item 240605-3 will be discussed under Agenda Item 5.

New Action Item 260701-1: Akinori M. to prepare a suggested ASO AC input on the Review of Reviews draft report.

Akinori M. said he would provide an update of the work of the Reviews CCG under AOB.

4. Approval July 2026 Minutes

Esteban L. moved to approve the July 2026 ASO AC Teleconference minutes, Alyssa Q. seconded the motion, no objections or abstentions were heard so the motion carried.

5. RIR Governance Document Update

Hervé C. noted that the final draft of the RIR Governance Document update had been shared with the ASO AC for final feedback on 2 July and officially submitted to the NRO EC on 6 July. A communication was shared regarding the submission via the ASO AC mailing list. A rationale document explaining the differences

between version 2 and version 3 will be prepared and shared to support understanding of the ASO AC's work.

All agreed to close the related action item (Action Item 240605-3), as the document has been officially submitted to the NRO EC and no further monthly reporting is considered necessary.

Amy P. observed that the explanatory document to accompany public release of the draft is being finalized. Hervé C. thanked the legal and comms teams and the entire ASO AC for their work.

6. ICANN Board Seat 9 Election Update

Hervé C. noted that ICANN Board Seat 9 was being filled using section 9.5.3 of the ASO AC Procedures and that results are expected by mid-August. He added that further discussion would take place among eligible voters later during closed session.

7. ICANN 87 Meeting Update

Hervé C. noted that ICANN 87 will take place in Bali at the end of October.

Esteban L. added that the ASO AC will not meet officially or hold activities during ICANN 87 (the meeting will overlap with ARIN and LACNIC meetings).

Andrei R. will attend ICANN 87 in representation of the ASO AC, while Akinori M. and Nicole C. will also be attending for their day jobs.

Ozan S. shared that a prep week is expected ahead of ICANN 87, including a slot for a presentation related to the RIR Governance Document.

Kevin B. observed that the NRO EC now holds responsibility for the document and for related presentations and community interactions. The ASO AC's role in preparing and submitting the document has concluded.

ASO AC members emphasized the need for clear and consistent messaging, particularly to avoid confusion between the ASO AC's completed work on version 3 and the ongoing work now being led by the NRO EC.

Kevin B. noted that the ASO AC remains accountable for explaining the work it completed, including the rationale document, but should not speak on behalf of the ongoing process unless requested.

Germán V. added that the NRO EC, with support from ICANN org, is working to socialize the document with relevant ICANN constituencies and to identify opportunities for discussion during ICANN 87.

All agreed that the ASO AC should be careful not to go beyond the work it has completed. Future work on the document, including any new version, is not being carried out by the ASO AC unless the NRO EC makes an additional request.

They also agreed that, formally speaking, the ASO AC has completed the process and successfully submitted the document to the NRO EC.

8. AOB

Akinori M. shared an update on the work of the Review of Reviews CCG. He spoke to the Review of Reviews Draft Report (<https://itp.cdn.icann.org/en/files/reviews/review-of-reviews-draft-report-25-06-2026-en.pdf>), which proposes significant changes to ICANN's review mechanisms, including the creation of a standing Reviews Scoping Committee, cadenced reviews, structural reviews on a longer cycle, and on-demand reviews where a need is identified.

The purpose of the Review of Reviews is to address the burden created by the current requirement to conduct multiple ICANN reviews on fixed five-year cycles. The proposed structure is intended to better coordinate and scope review activity.

Akinori M. described the draft report as generally well developed, although active discussion continues within the Reviews CCG, including possible amendments and further public comment opportunities. Work also continues on stress testing and implementation considerations.

In response to a question from Andrei R, Akinori M. added that he did not currently see specific issues requiring ASO AC comment. If the ASO AC were to provide input, it would likely be a general comment rather than a detailed substantive submission.

Kevin B. clarified that the ASO AC's role is to follow the process and report to the NRO EC. Any substantive public comment should be considered by the NRO EC, as the decisional participant.

After some further discussion, the following action item was decided:

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10. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Constanze B. moved to adjourn the meeting and Esteban L. seconded this motion. There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 13:22 UTC.