

**ASO AC Teleconference
Wednesday 7 April 2021
12:00 PM UTC
Minutes**

Attendees	Observers	Apologies
<p>AFRINIC Saul Stein (SSt) Wafa Dahmani Zaafour (WD)</p> <p>APNIC Nicole Chan (NC) Shubham Saran (SSa) Aftab Siddiqui (AS)</p> <p>ARIN Kevin Blumberg (KB) – Chair Louie Lee (LL) Martin Hannigan (MH)</p> <p>LACNIC Ricardo Patara (RP) Jorge Villa (JV) Esteban Lescano (EL)</p> <p>RIPE NCC Nurani Nimpuno (NN) Hervé Clément (HC) – Vice Chair Filiz Yilmaz (FY)</p> <p>Secretariat Germán Valdez (GV) Laureana Pavón (LP) – Minutes</p>	<p>ICANN Staff Carlos Reyes (CR)</p> <p>ICANN Board Ron da Silva</p> <p>ARIN Sean Hopkins</p> <p>RIPE NCC Hans Peter Holen (HPH)</p> <p>Community:2 Lee Howard Brajesh Jain</p>	<p>Mike Silber (MS) – Vice Chair</p>

New action items from this meeting:

New Action Item 210407-1: KB to review the timeline for the time-sensitive items on which the ASO AC will work as part of their ‘virtual meeting’ (ASO AC procedures, global policy development process) to present to the ASO AC so they can determine what work needs to be done to prepare for two or three calls to address those specific topics and then then schedule those calls.

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Agenda

- 0. Welcome
- 1. Agenda Review

2. Review Open Actions
 3. Approval Minutes
 - a) ASO AC Special Meeting 2 March 2021
 - b) ASO AC Scheduled Teleconference 21 March 2021
 - c) ASO AC Special Meeting 30 March 2021
 4. ASO AC Virtual Meeting
 5. AOB
 - a) ASO Appointment to Ethos Award Committee
 - b) ICANN Board Election Update (CLOSED SESSION)
 6. Adjourn
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0. Welcome

KB welcomed participants at 12:05 UTC and thanked the AC members for the great turnout.

Roll call was performed, and quorum was established.

1. Agenda Review

The agenda was presented on screen, no changes or additions were made and the agenda was, approved as written.

2. Review Open Actions

210317-01: GV to send the 2020 Transparency Review to the list for a final 7-day review period. In absence of changes, the Review will be released for publication. CLOSED.

GV confirmed that this action had been completed and that the review was now published on the ASO website.

3. Approval Minutes

- a) ASO AC Special Meeting 2 March 2021
MH moved to approve, EL seconded the motion, no discussion was heard, and the motion carried.
- b) ASO AC Scheduled Teleconference 21 March 2021
KB moved to approve, NH seconded the motion, no discussion was heard, and the motion carried.
- c) ASO AC Special Meeting 30 March 2021
HC moved to approve, MH seconded the motion, no discussion was heard, and the motion carried.

4. ASO AC Virtual Meeting

KB noted that this had been an ongoing discussion among the ASO AC since their f2f meeting had been cancelled in March. He said he had sent an email with some suggestions both from last year as well as feedback since then and that he had received some feedback as well as input on timing and concerns regarding Zoom burnout and time commitments.

KB suggested not doing this right after the director appointment work is completed this month. He also mentioned that they had a really good list of things that can be done at different time and don't need to be part of a multi-day, multi-hour meeting. Instead, he suggested having two or three meetings throughout the year.

KB observed that some things were more time sensitive, such as their work on their procedures. Next, he suggested working on policy development, suggesting two parts that might be useful: 1) doing a mock policy development to understand the flow of the GPD; 2) getting feedback from the RIRs on how global policy is handled in each region. He added that these two parts could be done on separate occasions.

No comments being heard, the following action item was decided:

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KB's final comment on this agenda item was that it was unlikely that they would be meeting f2f in 2020.

5. AOB

a) ASO Appointment to Ethos Award Committee

KB said that the ASO AC had received an invitation to the participate in the Ethos Award Committee, that the request had been passed to the EC, who had approved the appointment of HC as ASO AC representative on the Ethos Award Committee.

CR confirmed that this award would wrap up in June.

KB congratulated HC and asked him to notify the AC both once the results were out as well as when his work was complete (for the records).

KB added that the EC had also noted that this would be the last time the ASO AC would be participating in this Committee.

Before beginning the closed session, NN asked if KB could provide an overview of the next steps of the ICANN Board of Directors Seat 9 Election process.

KB explained that on 31 March the ASO AC had published on the website and emailed an extension to the timelines for the director appointment, caused mostly by the large number of candidates which had created a lot of work (good) for the IC. He added that they were now in the final stage of the interview phase.

Next steps: the IC will provide a report to the AC, the AC will have a special meeting on 14 April which will end the public comment phase and begin the deliberation phase. Once the deliberation phase is complete, there will be a one-week voting phase from 29 April to 5 May. Voting will be conducted using the Schulze method. After the final tally, the outcome will go to the EC for approval and being passed on to ICANN.

NN asked KB if he could clarify what deliberations implied.

KB said he would be happy to discuss this during the closed session.

b) ICANN Board Election Update (CLOSED SESSION)

After confirming that there were no observers on the call, the members of the ASO AC (with the exception of WD) continued with the ICANN Board election update in closed session.

6. Adjourn

SSa moved to adjourn, EL seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 13:10 UTC.