

**ASO AC Teleconference  
Wednesday 4 August 2021  
12:00 PM UTC  
Minutes**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Observers</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
<p><b>AFRINIC</b> Mike Silber (MS) – Vice Chair Saul Stein (SSt)</p> <p><b>APNIC</b> Nicole Chan (NC) Shubham Saran (SSa)</p> <p><b>ARIN</b> Kevin Blumberg (KB) – Chair Martin Hannigan (MH) Louie Lee (LL)</p> <p><b>LACNIC</b> Ricardo Patara (RP) Jorge Villa (JV) Esteban Lescano (ES)</p> <p><b>RIPE NCC</b> Nurani Nimpuno (NN) Hervé Clément (HC) – Vice Chair James Kennedy (JK)</p> <p><b>Secretariat</b> Germán Valdez (GV) Laureana Pavón (LP) – Minutes</p>	<p><b>ICANN Staff</b> Carlos Reyes (CR)</p> <p><b>RIPE NCC - NRO EC</b> Hans Peter Holen (HPH)</p> <p><b>Community:</b> Sean Hopkins -</p>	<p><b>AFRINIC</b> Wafa Dahmani Zaafouri (WD)</p> <p><b>APNIC</b> Aftab Siddiqui (AS)</p>

**New action items from this meeting:**

**New Action Item 210804-1:** HC to go over the 2021 ASO AC workplan to make sure that the timeline for the different activities is Ok and to confirm the workplan.

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**Agenda**

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

a) 7 July 2021

5. ASO ICANN Board Election Procedures Update

6. 2021 ASO Virtual Meeting Update

7. AOB

8. Adjourn

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## 1. Welcome

KB welcomed participants and the meeting began punctually at 12:00 UTC.

Roll call was performed, and quorum was established.

MH noted that he was on a plane, so he would only be available to participate via chat for the duration of the call.

## 2. Agenda Review

KB went over the draft agenda and asked whether anyone wanted to add any topics under AOB.

HC suggested adding a quick report on the concluded NomCom election and perhaps a few words about AFRINIC's current situation following the Mauritius courts' decision to freeze AFRINIC's accounts.

Regarding the second item mentioned by HC, KB noted that the NRO EC put out a statement last week to which the ASO can direct people for information on the matter.

HPH then shared links to the NRO EC statement

(<https://www.ripe.net/publications/news/announcements/statement-of-the-number-resource-organization-on-allegations-against-afrinic> ) as well as to the official statement from AFRINIC CEO ( <https://afrinic.net/20210727-ceo-addresses-freezing-of-afrinic-financial-accounts> )

No further items were added, and the agenda was approved.

## 3. Review Open Actions

**Action Item 210707-1:** KB to work with GV to send out a note and Doodle poll to schedule a meeting with the participation of a person knowledgeable in the global policy development process in each region and send this to the NRO EC for approval.

KB shared that, as usual, ten days prior to each ASO AC meeting, he had held a call last week with the ASO AC co-chairs and the NRO EC chair during which they had discussed the date for the October meeting and the timing for sending the letter to the NRO EC regarding the participation of a person to go over the policy development process in each region.

He noted that, based on scheduling conflicts, the recommendation was to use the date of the October ASO AC meeting to have a hopefully brief regular meeting and extend the regular time slot.

At this time, MS joined the call and supported this suggestion.

No further comments were heard.

#### **4. Approval Minutes**

##### **a) 7 July 2021**

LL moved to approve the 7 July 2021 ASO AC meeting minutes, SSa seconded the motion, no objections were heard, and the motion carried.

#### **5. ASO ICANN Board Election Procedures Update**

KB mentioned that the ASO AC had a discussion a couple of weeks ago which was very fruitful, although unfortunately HPH had been unable to join the meeting. He said the chairs had looked at scheduling a meeting with HPH and the ASO AC but had not seen much traction, so the meeting did not occur.

KB said that the recommendation was to try to have another call, that he was in the process of drafting a redline procedure with the ideas brought up during the ASO AC's last call, specifically the ideas of compacting out the IC and RC and giving everyone a chance to participate, and that he would be sending this to the AC and to HPH later in the week for feedback.

Before moving on to the next agenda item, KB noted that some AC members had not been present in the previous call and offered to answer any questions these or any other members might have either now or on the list.

No further comments were heard on this topic.

#### **6. 2021 ASO Virtual Meeting Update**

Regarding the length of the 2021 ASO AC Virtual meeting, KB observed that he was hoping to have an abridged regular meeting and to try to keep the overall October meeting well below three hours, adding that the RIRs would have approximately 45 minutes for their participation and that the agenda would include a break as suggested by SSt.

No further comments or questions were heard.

#### **7. AOB**

##### **Finalization of NomCom Election**

KB shared that the process had been completed a couple of weeks ago, that the name had been sent to ICANN and the NomCom, and that the ASO appointee had already been announced. He added that the standard process had been used, including a nomination phase, a deliberation phase, and a one-week voting period, and that no issues had occurred that he was aware of.

KB asked if there were any further comments on the NomCom election.

HC replied that he had no specific comments to add, as it had been a pretty fast and pretty simple process.

KB suggested that the ASO AC 2022 workplan should include starting the nomination process earlier to allow the ASO to better align with the dates on which the NomCom would like to have the name of the elected ASO representative.

KB then asked if anyone would like to volunteer to go over the ASO AC workplan once again and make sure that the timeline is ok and that there are no issues with the plan.

HC volunteered for this task.

**New Action Item 210804-1:** HC to go over the 2021 ASO AC workplan to make sure that the timeline for the different activities is Ok and to confirm the workplan.

### **Upcoming meetings**

KB noted that the next ICANN meeting would be virtual and that he was hopeful that the AC would be able to meet in 2022.

HC mentioned that the next RIPE meeting would also be virtual.

KB noted that he was waiting to see what would happen for the next ARIN meeting, as even if it is held in person, he was not sure that he could travel across the country without a long quarantine.

JV observed that while LACNIC was studying an option for having a hybrid meeting with a small group of people in person, the next LACNIC meeting would also be held virtually.

### **8. Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, LL moved to adjourn the meeting, SSa seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 UTC.