ASO AC Teleconference
Wednesday, 11 October 2023
12:00 PM UTC
Minutes

Attendees	Observers	Apologies
APNIC Nicole Chan (Nicole C.) – Vice Chair Di Ma (Di M.) Gaurav Kansal (Gaurav K.) **ARIN** Nick Nugent (Nick N.) Chris Quesada (Chris Q.) Kevin Blumberg (Kevin B.) **LACNIC** Jorge Villa (Jorge V.) **RIPE NCC** Hervé Clément (Hervé C.) – Chair Sander Steffan (Sander S.) **Secretariat** Germán Valdez (Germán V.) Laureana Pavón (Laureana P.) – Minutes	**AFRINIC** Madhvi Gokool (Madhvi G.) **ARIN** Eddie Diego (Eddie D.) John Sweeting (John S.) **ICANN Org** Ozan Sahin (Ozan S.) Steve Sheng (Steve S.)	**AFRINIC** Saul Stein (Saul S.) **LACNIC** Ricardo Patara (Ricardo P.) – Vice Chair Esteban Lescano (Esteban L.) **RIPE NCC** James Kennedy (James K.)

New and updated action items from this meeting:

New Action Item 231011-1: All to define the composition of the QRC via the mailing list within one week.

New Action Item 231011-2: Hervé C. to send to Kevin B. the slide deck they had recently shared at AIS.

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0. Welcome

Hervé C. welcomed to the October 2023 monthly ASO AC teleconference at 12:03 UTC.

1. Roll Call

Roll call was taken, and quorum was established.

2. Agenda Review

Hervé C. read the draft agenda as shown on screen, which was approved as written.

3. Review Open Actions

Hervé C. went over the list of open action items and updated their status.

Updated Action Item 230313-1: Hervé C. to check with each RIR when a policy proposal is marked as global and whether it is vetted before it comes to the ASO AC. Also, to check what are the next steps once a policy is marked as global. Hervé C. to compile all the answers in a document and share it with the ASO AC. **CLOSED**

Action Item 230607-4: All members of the ASO AC to read the ICP-2 and include the ICP-2 review as an agenda item for the ASO AC's upcoming meetings. **CLOSED**

Action Item 230802-1: Hervé C, Ricardo P., and Nicole C. to discuss the best way to request input from the RIRs on ICP-2 and what changes the document might need from the RIRs' point of view. **CLOSED**

Updated Action item 20230911-1: As soon as the period for candidate acceptance closes (15 December), the ASO AC to set up times for special meetings for deliberating after the last round of interviews with the candidates to the ICANN Board. **OPEN**

Action item 20230911-2: The Secretariat to start creating the 2024 ICANN Board election wiki page (a sanitized version of last year's questionnaires and reports for this year's election). **ONGOING**

Action item 20230911-3: Each ASO AC member to read and review historical documents (questionnaires, reports, etc.) related to the ICANN Board elections to obtain a better understanding of what needs to be changed. **ONGOING**

Action item 20230911-4: The ASO AC Chair to share via the mailing list Nick N's final text with the modifications to the ASO AC Operating Procedures (the Kyoto Draft) with a notice of an e-vote for its approval in 7 days. **CLOSED**

Before moving on to the next agenda item, Hervé C. thanked Nick N. and the group that worked on the procedures review for their work. He will share the document so that the voting period can open this Sunday.

4. Approval Minutes

a) 6 September 2023 Teleconference

Kevin B. moved to approve the 6 September 2023 ASO AC Teleconference minutes, none opposed, and the minutes were approved as written.

5. ICANN Board Election Update

Germán V. called the ASO AC's attention to the email he sent earlier noting that two nominations have been received as of today. As part of the ASO AC procedures, the Qualification Review Committee needs to be created to begin reviewing the nominations.

Hervé C. proposed defining the QRC via email within one week, and all agreed.

New Action Item 231011-1: All to define the composition of the QRC via the mailing list within one week.

Hervé C. suggested reminding the community of this process at any RIR meeting before 15 December.

Kevin B. will be presenting a slide on the ICANN Board election at the ARIN meeting. He will send the slide deck to the chair and vice chairs later today. The slide deck needs to be updated, as it should be consistent and vetted to be presented at all the RIRs.

All agreed that the chair/vice chairs will be the owners of this document.

New Action Item 231011-2: Hervé C. to send to Kevin B. the slide deck they had recently shared at AIS.

6. ASO AC Activities in ICANN 78

Hervé C. observed that he would be attending ICANN 78. No other ASO AC members will be present in Hamburg for ICANN 78.

Hervé C. then noted that there will be the possibility of having some meetings, e.g., he had a meeting in Johannesburg with Oscar Robles, who proposed that Hervé C. present the changes to the ASO AC procedures to the NRO EC in Hamburg.

He then asked Steve S. or Ozan S. whether the ICANN 78 agenda includes a meeting between the ASO and the ICANN Board.

Steve S. replied that the ASO meeting with the ICANN board is scheduled for Tuesday.

Also related to this joint meeting, Ozan S. added that the ASO AC should submit their questions for the Board (if any) prior to the meeting so that they can be published in advance for transparency. If the ASO can agree on the questions, Ozan S. will send them to the ICANN Board.

Kevin B. asked whether there are any questions for the ASO AC, as he assumes that the NRO EC would answer any questions there may be. He then added that ICANN has a very long deadline, but that many of the supporting organizations fill up their agenda quickly. ICANN 79 is in the planning stage. The sessions we now have are poorly attended. If we want to improve the messaging of the ASO, we can't wait until February/March. In a nutshell, if we want to present to other SOs for any reason, we need to give them notice a long time in advance. In Hamburg, if we are meeting with the EC, a question might be "what should we be doing at ICANN 79?"

In addition to Kevin B.'s suggestion, Ozan S. shared that the first meeting ICANN meeting in 2024 will be held in San Juan (Puerto Rico) and we can begin planning the ASO sessions in December. Likewise, registration for ICANN 79 is open and invitation letters may now be requested.

Hervé C. said that the ASO received a request from ALAC and the African members of ALAC who want to have an opinion on the African situation. Hamburg could be the opportunity to discuss this with ALAC, as the EC will be there.

Answering a question from Kevin B., Hervé C. confirmed that this discussion will indeed occur provided that the EC approves.

Steve S. added that the African RALO are concerned and would like someone from the ASO to provide a briefing and a general discussion on the overall stability of the RIR system. We are still trying to see how much time we can fit in for this discussion at ICANN 78. If the session is scheduled, Steve S. will send the AC the link.

7. ASO AC Procedures Review Update

Hervé C. thanked Ricardo P. for shepherding this group. He also thanked Nick N. for his work. He reminded anyone who has any last questions that they should not hesitate to ask during this 7-day period. He also stressed how important it is for everyone to participate in the voting, as these changes need to be approved to continue operating.

Kevin B. explained that all the substantive changes the AC agreed to in Kyoto are in the document, as well as a number of editorial changes. Having read the document a couple of times, he sees that Nick N. has cleaned up the wording so that it matches and flows, cleaned up the text. He recalled that many of the changes were to unify grammar, style, and so on.

Nick N. said that, indeed, the wording did not match throughout the document, so we decided to make these additional editorial changes.

Sander S. observed that making the document more readable is important and thanked Nick N.

To stress what Hervé C. said, Germán V. reiterated that the participation of the whole AC is needed. Voting will start this Sunday and will close at the last minute of next Saturday. We need the participation of the entire AC in order to be able to present this to the EC in Hamburg.

Kevin B. added that the ASO AC procedures are broken and don't deal with the current situation where we don't have members from one region. He would love for all 13 current ASO AC members to vote on this document, but whatever the result, his opinion is that it should be sent to the EC with the vote count and an explanation of what is going on and why the changes are required.

8. Reports

a) APNIC 46

Hervé C. said that pretty much the entire ASO AC attended APNIC 46 and thanked APNIC for receiving the ASO AC in Kyoto.

Nicole C. added that the APNIC EC had called a special meeting of members where they voted on five resolutions to amend the APNIC Bylaws. The five resolutions were prepared following comments after a community consultation and all of them passed (new eligibility criteria for APNIC EC candidates, independence and geographic representation of the EC, prevent individuals involved in litigation against APNIC from being nominees, limit the control one organization (or corporate group) can have on the EC, introduce a new independent body, the Electoral Committee).

b) AIS

Saul S. was not on the call.

Hervé C. shared that he had been present at AIS, which is not an RIR meeting but a meeting of the African community that takes place once a year. This time it was sponsored by ICANN. There were very good presentations, of course the current situation was discussed. The receiver appointed by the Mauritius court said he wanted to do his best to try to organize elections within five months.

Steve S. added that there is typically an AFRINIC day at AIS, so we presented some of our initiatives. There is also an IANA update, those are normal elements of the program. From our point of view, the intention is to listen to the African community and their challenges. It was a good meeting. There was a community forum on Saturday, an interesting session. Our Board chair gave a speech as well as our CEO.

c) LACNIC 40

Hervé C. thanked Jorge V. for sharing a document with a full report on LACNIC 40 via email.

9. AOB
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10. Closed Session

11. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Kevin B. moved to adjourn, Sander S. seconded the motion, no one opposed, and the meeting was adjourned at 13:16 UTC