Application for "At-Large Structure" (ALS) Designation

Applications should be submitted electronically to staff@atlarge.icann.org. Please address any questions about the applications process to this address.

The form can be downloaded from http://www.atlarge.icann.org/files/atlarge/als-application-form-en.doc

Organisation Contact information

1. Organisation's Name:

    ___**Cook Islands Internet Action Group (CIIAG)** _____

2. Organisation's email address: _**PO Box 156, Avarua, Rarotonga, COOK ISLANDS** _____

3. Organisation's phone number (include country/city codes):

    __**+682 54641**_____

4. Organisation's address (location and postal address, if different):

    __**c/o Maureen Hilyard, Pokoinu, Nikao, Rarotonga, Cook Islands**

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5. Organisation's website (URL) (if available):

    _____**nil**_____

Primary and Secondary Contact for Organisation:

If accredited, the primary contact will be assumed to be that person who will cast any votes required, with the secondary person being the alternate – though your Organisation may at any time change its voting and alternate representatives.

6. Primary contact:

    a. Name: __**Maureen Hilyard**_____

    b. Email address: __**hilyard@oyster.net.ck**_____

    c. Telephone: ___**+682 54641**_____

7. Secondary Contact:

    a. Name: ___**Mike Pynenburg**_____

    b. Email address: _____**mike@thecomputerman.co.ck**_____

c. Telephone: _____**+682 54388**_____

Description

1. Structure and Governance:

    a. Is your Organisation constituted so that individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the Geographic Region in which your Organisation is based control your Organisation?

        Indicate Yes or No: ___**YES**_____

    b. Please explain the answer above in sufficient detail so that a person not familiar with your Organisation would be able to understand the reasons for your answer, and attach or reference the URLs where any statutes or operating principles or other supporting information related to this question can be found:

        CIIAG is an organisation of internet users on Rarotonga who are interested in learning more about the internet and its uses, and supporting mechanisms that will help to improve the internet and internet use in the Cook Islands. It is a formally constituted NGO and has 43 local members from the public and private sector. We also have other members from overseas who are keen to see the internet progress in the Cook Islands.

    c. Is your organization formally incorporated or organized under a national legal jurisdiction?

        Indicate Yes or No: _____**YES**_____

        IF YES: Please describe what legal recognition it has and indicate the place of legal incorporation or registration

        CIIAG was formed in May 2010. It is registered with the Ministry of Justice of the Cook Islands on Rarotonga as the "Cook Islands Internet Action Group Incorporated" and has its own constitution.

    d. Describe your Organisation's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes):

        We have a Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer (although membership is free). There are 3 other committee members. We have had online meetings about the formulation of our constitution and other similar" meetings" which included all those who registered as members. Members were asked to comment and to vote on decisions relating the formation of our organisation.

    e. Does your organization have written bylaws or other constitutional instruments?

        Indicate Yes or No: __**YES** we have our own constitution_____

IF YES: Please provide a copy along with your application (in English if available)

f. Explain the eligibility requirements (if any) for your Organisation's constituents/membership (if you provide a written application for admission as a member, you may attach a copy):

Anyone is eligible to join our organisation, as long as they send us their email and get onto our email list.

g. In what language/s does your Organisation conduct its business?

English

2. About Your Members

a. Do you have individual members with the ability to vote in or otherwise control the management of the organization?

Indicate Yes or No: ___**YES**_____

IF NO: Describe what role individuals have in the management and work of the organization.

b. Do you have organisations as all or part of your membership?

Indicate Yes or No: ____**NO**_____

IF YES: Describe whether they are profit-making, non-profit-making, a mixture of both, and/or what proportion of the total membership each type of private sector organization is. Please also describe what the nature of the organizational members is: For example, are they all of a similar type or interested in a similar activity or policy area?

c. Do you have governmental bodies, or quasi-governmental bodies, as members of your organisation?

Indicate Yes or No: ___**NO**_____

IF YES: Please describe their nature and role in the decision-making and work of your organization, and the proportion of the total membership made up of these types of organization.

d. Describe the general membership – are they predominately of one (or more) professional background or interest group? (e.g. journalists, online rights activists, consumer organizations, individual consumers, etc.):

The members of CIIAG are ordinary citizens of our small Pacific island country who live on Rarotonga or the outer islands who are interested

in learning how the internet can help them, their lives, their businesses, their learning, etc. They work for the government, for themselves, or for other people. Most of them have their own computers, some only use computers at work. Technology is expensive to buy here. Internet use is a growth industry in the Cook Islands, but there is not enough known about what the internet is all about and how they as ordinary users can contribute to how it develops globally.

e. Describe how your Organisation keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest:

The membership are kept informed about issues that may be of concern or interest to them via email The service is new and at the moment provides and shares information eg notification of FREE online learning courses through Alison.com, and other Information that may come via the PICISOC email list. I would like them to become more informed by sharing with them issues from the Public Comment section of the ICANN, so that we can discuss them as a local organisation and contribute our vote and/or comment.

Any outward emails that come from CIIAG are sent from the official CIIAG email address (ciiag@oyster.net.ck, to indicate that it is legitimate CIIAG communication). It is only used for CIIAG related information and is a discussion board for members
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f. Approximately how many members, of each type of membership class if you have more than one, do you have?

We have a one size fits all class of membership..

3. Provide support for the statement that your Organisation is self-supporting (by answering "yes" you confirm that it will not rely on ICANN for funding):

Indicate Yes or No: ___**YES**_____

4. What is the primary source, or sources, of funding for your Organisation? (if unfunded/entirely voluntary simply indicate "N/A"):

N/A

5. Do you receive any funding from government agencies or for-profit entities? If so, please describe below and describe their involvement in the activities of the organization (if they so participate):

NO

6. Does your Organisation commit to supporting its individual constituents'/membership's informed participation in ICANN?

   Indicate Yes or No: ____**YES**_____

6. Does your Organisation post on the Internet publicly-accessible, current information about your Organisation's goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s) (if this information currently is available, provide URLs)?

   Indicate Yes or No: ___**NO**_____

7. Provide information on your Organisation's leadership (leaders' names, positions, emails):

   _Maureen Hilyard, Chair, hilyard@oyster.net.ck_____

   _Mike Pynenburg, Vice Chair, mike@thecomputerman.co.ck__

   _Anaseini Pokino, Secretary, anaseini@education.gov.ck_____

   _Mathilda Miria-Tairea, Treasurer, aumat@oyster.net.ck_____

Objectives

1. Please describe your Organisation's mission and purpose (please attach any mission or policy statement for your Organisation, if in writing, or provide a URL, if posted):

   Our formal objectives are: (1) to encourage the building of technical capacity within the public and private sector; (2) to encourage the development of legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines that will ensure quality internet / broadband and mobile services; and to encourage equitable and quality access to the internet / broadband and mobile services for all residents of the Cook Islands (including those in the outer islands and disabled users).

   The members of CIIAG are also encouraged to become members of the Pacific Chapter of the Internet Society - a regional organisation which oversees developments related to the internet within the Pacific region.

2. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your Organisation's constituents/membership:

   As the Chair of the group I would like our members (even though we are just a tiny little island in the Pacific) to be able to take part in decision making about the internet. By being exposed to the issues, they will better understand not only how to make the internet safer for our users in the Cook

Islands, but also, how we can use this global network to enhance our economy and make our country more productive by reaching out beyond our borders. We could also make use of the support network that comes with being part of a larger Internet -related organisation.

3. If your Organisation is accredited, will it commit to participating actively in the Regional At-Large Organisation (RALO) for the region in which your Organisation is based?

   Indicate Yes or No: ___**YES**_____

4. If your Organisation is accredited, does it or will it agree to adhere to the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the other ALSes in your Geographic Region and ICANN, as if it were an original signer of that document?
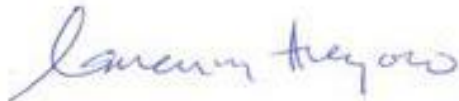
   Indicate Yes or No: __**YES**_____

   The texts of the MoUs can be found at: https://st.icann.org/alac/index.cgi?reference_texts

Signature

Include the name, and title, if applicable, of the individual who is authorized by your Organisation to sign this application and commit your Organisation to comply with ALS criteria.

Signature:

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Name:____Maureen Moari Hilyard_____

Date: ____24 December 2010_____

Title: ____Chair, CIIAG_____