At-Large Advisory Committee

At-Large Formation & Activities

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Interim ALAC's Mandate

- New Bylaws call for framework of local, regional, global groups to promote <u>structured involvement</u> and <u>informed participation</u> of global individual Internet user community (the "At-Large" community).

- Interim ALAC appointed earlier this year to help create framework and add "At-Large voice" to ICANN policy making.

At-Large Framework

- Local At-Large Structures (existing groups or newly formed) focusing on participation by individual users at the local or issue level.

- 5 Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs) composed of At-Large Structures, acting as main forum, coordination point in each region for public input to ICANN.

- ALAC composed of members selected by the RALOs and NomCom, providing advice on activities of ICANN that relate to the interests of individual Internet users.

ALAC's Formation Proposals

- To build framework, ALAC charged with formulating recommendations to the Board on criteria and procedures for formation of the RALOs and recognition of At-Large Structures.

- After soliciting, incorporating public comment on draft proposals, ALAC transmitted recommendations to the Board for action.

Proposals on Board's Agenda

- Proposed minimum criteria for At-Large Structures (ALSs).

- Proposed certification process for ALSs.

- Proposed guidelines for the form of each RALOs' Memorandum of Understanding to be entered into with ICANN.

- Proposed procedures for Board review of ALAC certification decisions.

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

Critical Step for At-Large

- Board approval will enable ALAC to begin outreach, help with formation of At-Large groups to advance:
    - Structured involvement of the individual user community in ICANN,
    - Formalized role for At-Large in ICANN's policy development process,

At-Large Participation and Representation

- Structured to make sure voice of different sectors of the Internet community will be heard and that their representation can be effectively taken into account.

- ALAC and underpinning framework give At-Large role in selection of Board and provides At-Large with meaningful involvement in development of ICANN policy.

- ALAC seeks support of other constituencies.

ALAC Activities To Date

- Outreach to At-Large communities in various regions, and providing the Board with proposals to launch At-Large organizing.

- Contributions to NomCom selection process – 5 At-Large delegates and outreach support.

- Soliciting views, encouraging discussion in At-Large community – website, forum, email announcements (to 6000+), translations.

ALAC Activities To Date

- Providing "individual user voice" in policy development with liaisons on Names Council, UDRP Task Force, new gTLD Committee, WHOIS Task Force, GNSO WHOIS Privacy Steering Committee.

- Participating in development of, or commenting on: Board-approved GNSO Recommendation on Whois Accuracy and Bulk Access; Board action on WIPO-2 Recommendations; GNSO new gTLD Committee's report; and WHOIS Workshop.

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