

**ASO AC Teleconference**  
**Wednesday, 2 September 2026**  
**12:00 PM UTC**  
**Draft Minutes**

| <b>Attendees</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Observers</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Apologies</b>                      |
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| <b>AFRINIC</b><br>Saul Stein (Saul S.)<br>Ish Sokoon (Ish. S.)<br><br><b>APNIC</b><br>Nicole Chan (Nicole C.)<br>Devesh Tyagi (Devesh T.)<br>Maemura Akinori (Akinori M.)<br><br><b>ARIN</b><br>Alyssa Quinn (Alyssa Q.)<br>Amy Potter (Amy P.) – Vice Chair<br>Kevin Blumberg (Kevin B.)<br><br><b>LACNIC</b><br>Esteban Lescano (Esteban L.) – Vice Chair<br>Jorge Villa (Jorge V.)<br>Ricardo Patara (Ricardo P.)<br><br><b>RIPE NCC</b><br>Hervé Clément (Hervé C.) – Chair<br>Constanze Buerger (Constanze B.)<br>Andrei Robachevsky (Andrei R.)<br><br><b>Secretariat</b><br>Germán Valdez (Germán V.)<br>Laureana Pavón (Laureana P.) – Minutes | <b>AFRINIC</b><br>Madhvi Gokool<br><br><b>APNIC</b><br>Bhadrika Panchal (Bhadrika P.)<br><br><b>ARIN</b><br>Eddie Diego<br>Hollis Kara<br>Michael Abeujela<br>Ashley Perks<br><br><b>LACNIC</b><br>María Gayo<br>Ignacio Estrada<br><br><b>RIPE NCC</b><br>Angela Dall'Ara<br>Ulka Athale<br>Anna Wilson<br><br><b>ICANN Board</b><br>Oscar Robles (Oscar R.)<br><br><b>ICANN Org</b><br>Andrew McConachie<br>Ozan Sahin (Ozan S.)<br>Carlos Reyes (Carlos R.)<br><br><b>Community</b><br>Nancy Carter<br>Mirjam Kühne<br>Christopher Quesada | <b>AFRINIC</b><br>Musa Stephen Honlue |

**New and Updated Action Items**

**New Action Item 240902-1:** ASO AC members to review the draft submission for forthcoming Public Comment for RoR CCG final report circulated by Akinori M. and provide comments or suggested improvements via the mailing list.

**New Action Item 240902-2:** Hervé C. to ask the NRO EC for advice regarding any submission to the RoR CCG public comment process.

**New Action Item 240902-3:** The Secretariat to proceed with the required announcements and related process steps to begin the 2027 ICANN Seat 9 regular election process.

**New Action Item 240902-4:** Hervé C. to check with the NomCom to check whether they have any guidance re use of AI by candidates to the ICANN Board.

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## **Agenda**

0. Welcome

1. Roll Call

2. Agenda Review

3. Review Open Actions

4. Approval Minutes August 2026

5. RIR Governance Document Update

6. ICANN Board Seat 9 - 2026 Vacancy Election Update

7. ICANN Board Seat 9 - 2027 Regular Election Public Timeline

8. Cross Community Group on Review of Reviews

9. Closed Session

a) ICANN Board Seat 9 – 2027 Regular Election Internal Timeline/Deliveries

10. AOB

11. Adjourn

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## **Minutes**

### **1. Welcome**

Hervé C. opened the meeting and welcomed everyone at 12:04 UTC.

### **2. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken and quorum was established.

### **3. Agenda Review**

The draft agenda was displayed on screen and approved as written.

### **3. Review Open Actions**

**Action Item 240805-1:** Akinori M. to prepare a brief report or message for the NRO EC on the status of the work of the Reviews CCG, in consultation with Hervé C. as needed. **CLOSED**

Was discussed under agenda item #8.

#### **4. Approval Minutes August 2026**

Constanze B. moved to approve the draft August 2026 ASO AC Teleconference minutes as written Akinori M. and Esteban L. seconded the motion; no opposition was heard so the motion carried.

#### **5. RIR Governance Document Update**

Hervé C. reported that the final draft of the RIR governance document (version 3) had been sent to the NRO EC in July. The comms team is now drafting an announcement, a rationale document, and a redline comparing versions 2 and 3, and the NRO EC is currently reviewing this version to determine the final version that will be discussed with ICANN. He thanked the communications and legal teams for their support and invited any further input from the CCG.

Bhadrika P. thanked the CCG, in particular Ulka A., as well as the drafting and legal teams for their contributions to finalizing and publishing the rationale document.

She then informed the group that an ICP-2 review session would be held at APNIC 62. The session will focus on the rationale document and the differences between Version 2 and Version 3, with Akinori M., Nicole C, and Devesh T. currently scheduled as co-presenters. The session is scheduled for Wednesday, 9 September, at 10:00 UTC / 5:30 Indian Standard Time, with participation available for both remote attendees and those present in person.

Hervé C. thanked Bhadrika for the update and indicated that he would try to attend the session remotely.

#### **6. ICANN Board Seat 9 - 2026 Vacancy Election Update**

Hervé C. reported that the exceptional election process to complete the remainder of Alan Barrett's ICANN Board Seat 9 term had concluded. The announcement was recently published and Oscar Robles was confirmed as selected to serve the remainder of the term through the conclusion of the ICANN 90 Annual General Meeting in November 2027.

Oscar R. thanked the ASO AC for its trust and said he would dedicate his full effort to the role, even though the appointment covers a short period. He noted the importance of maintaining dialogue at the ICANN Board level and said he would work with Christian Kaufmann to ensure awareness of NRO and numbers community topics and their relevance.

#### **7. ICANN Board Seat 9 - 2027 Regular Election Public Timeline**

Hervé C. then shared the need to begin planning for the next regular election cycle for Seat 9, as the current term will end in November 2027. He explained that a public timeline would be presented for transparency, while confidential details of the election process would be addressed in closed session.

Germán V. presented the proposed public timeline for the Seat 9 regular selection process, explaining that it was based on timelines used in previous elections. He walked through the major phases and corresponding dates, aiming a to have a winning candidate announced by mid-May 2027.

Hervé C. added that, because Seat 10 is currently filled by Christian Kaufmann from the RIPE NCC service region, the ASO AC cannot select someone from the RIPE NCC service region for Seat 9.

Andrei R. asked whether the ASO AC would conduct the process independently or whether coordination with the NomCom would be required. Germán V. clarified that the process is entirely coordinated by the ASO AC and does not require coordination with the NomCom.

All agreed that the proposed timeline looks very good in general, and that discussion of confidential details and its approval would be deferred to the closed portion of the teleconference.

Note: During closed session the ASO AC approved the below timeline

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|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Nomination phase | 15 September-15 December 2026  |
| Comment phase    | 16 December 2026-14 March 2027 |
| Interview phase  | 15 January-14 March 2027       |
| Selection        | 15 March-29 April 2027         |
| Voting           | 30 April-7 May 2027            |
| Announcement     | 15 May 2027 (Around)           |

## 8. Cross Community Group on Review of Reviews

Hervé C. introduced the topic, noting that he and Akinori M. had been following the group's discussions and considering whether the ASO AC should provide input during the next public comment opportunity. He proposed first discussing the matter today within the ASO AC and then going to the NRO EC with a specific question, asking whether ASO participation in the consultation is needed.

Akinori M. reported that he had circulated a draft submission for forthcoming Public Comment for Reviews CCG final report via email shortly before today's meeting. He summarized its main contents: the draft expresses appreciation for the Cross Community Group's work, recognizes improvements in ICANN review mechanisms, and reiterates that the ASO's structure is largely outside ICANN while remaining open to appropriate external suggestions. The draft would be submitted only if authorized by the NRO EC.

Kevin B. mentioned that observing the CCG process and becoming more involved are distinct issues, and questioned whether the NRO EC had requested any ASO AC action beyond monitoring the process.

Hervé C. agreed with Kevin B's point, noting that the discussion was primarily informational and that the NRO EC should decide whether any action should be taken.

After some further discussion, the following action item was decided:

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Ozan S. noted that the ICANN 87 Prep Week schedule has been published (<https://www.icann.org/en/announcements/details/icann87-prep-week-schedule-now-available-31-08-2026-en>). The RIR Governance update will happen on Tuesday 6 October at 15:00 UTC.

Alyssa Q. updated about some changes in her affiliations and those are being reflected in the ASO website.

## **11. Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, Esteban L. moved to adjourn the meeting, Jorge V. and Saul S. seconded the motion, no objections were heard and the meeting was adjourned at 13:12 UTC.