

ASO AC Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, 11 March 2026 - 11:00 AM UTC
Face-to-Face Meeting During ICANN 85 Mumbai India
Draft Minutes

Attendees	Observers	Apologies
<p>AFRINIC Saul Stein (Saul S.)</p> <p>APNIC Nicole Chan (Nicole C.) Devesh Tyagi (Devesh T.) Maemura Akinori (Akinori M.)</p> <p>ARIN Alyssa Quinn (Alyssa Q.) Amy Potter (Amy P.) – Vice Chair Kevin Blumberg (Kevin B.)</p> <p>LACNIC Esteban Lescano (Esteban L.) – Vice Chair Jorge Villa (Jorge V.) Ricardo Patara (Ricardo P.)</p> <p>RIPE NCC Constanze Buerger (Constanze B.) Hervé Clément (Hervé C.) – Chair Andrei Robachevsky (Andrei R.)</p> <p>Secretariat Germán Valdez (Germán V.) Laureana Pavón (Laureana P.) – Minutes</p>	<p>AFRINIC Madhvi Gokool</p> <p>APNIC Bhadrika Ulka Jeremy Harrison</p> <p>ARIN Michael Abejuela</p> <p>LACNIC</p> <p>RIPE NCC Athina Fragkouli</p> <p>ICANN Org Andrew McConachie (Andrew M.) Carlos Reyes (Carlos R.) Ozan Sahin (Ozan S.)</p> <p>ICANN NomCom Pablo Hinojosa (Pablo H.)</p> <p>ICANN Board</p> <p>Community Mirjam Kuehne Brajesh Jain Julien Masse</p>	

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approval Minutes February 2026
5. Review of Open Actions
6. ICP-2 Update
7. ICANN 86 Prep
8. NomCom Report
9. Review of Reviews CCG Update
10. AOB
11. Closed Session
12. Adjourn

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New and Updated Action Items

New Action Item 260311-1: German V. to report to the NRO EC that the ASO AC is maintaining the plan to meet in Seville so they can facilitate the necessary travel and accommodation support.

Minutes

1. Welcome

Hervé C. welcomed everyone to the ASO AC's monthly meeting.

2. Roll Call

Germán V. performed roll call and quorum was established.

3. Agenda Review

The agenda was displayed on screen and approved as written.

4. Approval Minutes February 2026

Esteban L. called the motion to approve the Minutes of the ASO AC February 2026 Teleconference. Kevin B. seconded the motion, no abstentions or opposition were heard, so the motion carried and the minutes were accepted as written.

5. Review of Open Actions

Action Item 260204-1: German V. to prepare the meeting between the ICANN Board and the ASO during ICANN 85 in Mumbai (session to be held on Tuesday 10 March at 9:00 am local time).

CLOSED

Action Item 240605-3: Hervé C. to prepare a new monthly report on the ICP-2 review and send it to the ASO AC for feedback. Hervé will then send the final version of this report to the EC prior to the next NRO EC meeting. **ONGOING**

Re Action Item 240605-3, Hervé C. noted that this month the action item was completed with much interaction with the NRO EC and the RIR legals.

6. ICP-2 Update

Hervé C. noted that the ASO AC had done much work on the RIR Governance Document during the week. He also summarized the work sessions and joint sessions he, Amy P, and Esteban L. had shared with various ICANN constituencies and others during the week (GAC, ALAC, RSSAC, ISPCP, ICANN Board).

Esteban L. congratulated the entire team for excellent work during the week.

Kevin B. thanked Ricardo P. for participating remotely in the sessions despite his 10-hour time difference.

7. ICANN 86 Prep

Hervé C. noted that it has been agreed that the ASO AC will meet in Seville.

Ozan S. confirmed that the ICANN 86 Policy Forum will take place in Seville, Spain, on 8-11 June 2026. He displayed on screen the ICANN public meeting block schedule as well as the production timeline, including Prep Week, which will take place on 20-21 May. He added that the ICANN 87 website is up and running and registration is open.

Germán V. said it is up to the ASO AC to decide whether they would like to have joint sessions or merely working sessions to finalize their work on the RIR Governance Document.

After some discussion, Esteban L. proposed having 12 or 16 working sessions (all slots with no conflicts) and adjust this in case some other sessions are needed. Focus on completing the work from Monday through Thursday, with no additional days.

All agreed to focus on the ICANN week, no additional days, and using as many sessions as needed to finalize the document. Plan no joint sessions.

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In response to Osan S.'s question, Esteban L. suggested using the same title we used the last time for their Prep Week presentation.

8. NomCom Report

Hervé C. thanked Pablo Hinojosa for submitting reports on his work on the NomCom.

Pablo Hinojosa said that it was a pleasure to serve as the ASO's NomCom appointee. He then presented a detailed report on the work done by the NomCom, its history (ICANN is not membership based, there was an attempt to select board members by global democracy which failed, that was the origin of the NomCom) and evolution, its function and goal.

He then spoke to the 2026 process where a record number of 232 applications were received (120% growth compared to last year). The application window has now closed, the process is well established and thorough, the NomCom will soon go into a deep dive into the list of candidates, and after Seville there will be outcomes and deliberations.

Kevin B. recalled that, historically, an ASO AC member would join the NomCom, but it was an enormous amount of work. He told Pablo Hinojosa that it would be useful if he could keep tally of the hours involved in being part of the NomCom, as it would be very helpful for the AC to have this information for incoming candidates to the NomCom.

All thanked Pablo Hinojosa for his work and report.

9. Review of Reviews CCG Update

Akinori M. explained that he and Hervé C had participated in a joint session with the RoR CCG, which had been very useful. He then presented a slide deck (Review of Reviews – ICANN 85 sessions with community groups) and spoke to the “Phases of work and key deliverables”. He also presented a document prepared by himself titled Overview of RoR CCG.

He added that the RoR CCG is aware that the ASO has decided to postpone our review until the RIR Governance Document is completed.

The RoR CCG is meeting every week at rotating times and observation is welcome.

Kevin B. said that a lot of this is outside the scope of the ASO AC. The EC asked us to participate, but this is a much larger process, there's a lot more at stake, time, energy, cost, the MoU, so much that we don't have knowledge of.

In short, the RoR is about keeping the other communities fit and demonstrating that we are also fit.

10. AOB

Hervé C. thanked all the observers for their participation.

11. Closed Session

12. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Kevin B. moved to adjourn the meeting and Jorge V. seconded the motion. There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 UTC.