ASO AC Work Plan for 2021

(Review – November 2021)

1. Appoint the ASO AC Chair and Vice Chairs
2. In January 2021, hold an electronic vote for the Chair for that year. (The list of candidates and the voting timetable should have been finalized during December 2020.)

The voting timetable had been finalized in December 2020, Kevin Blumberg and Hervé Clément were candidates. The election was opened January 1st. The secretariat announced January 7th that Kevin Blumberg was elected Chair for 2021.

1. At the January ASO AC meeting, confirm the election result.

The election result was confirmed during the January 13th meeting.

1. At the January ASO AC meeting, the newly elected Chair shall appoint two ASO AC members to be Vice Chairs. To be appointed, each of the appointees shall first, accept the appointment.

During that same meeting, Kevin Blumberg shared he had proposed Hervé Clément and Mike Silber to be appointed as Vice Chairs. Both had accepted.

1. The ASO AC will confirm the appointment of the Vice Chairs at the same January ASO AC meeting (in the event of no vote taking place) or at the subsequent meeting, if a vote is required.

The Vice Chairs appointments had been confirmed knowing that no vote is required per the ASO AC Operating Procedures.

1. Update the aso-chairs@ mailing list and notify the relevant ICANN parties.

The mailing list had been updated January 13th by the Secretariat and the relevant ICANN parties had been notified.

1. Review ASO AC mailing lists and ASO wiki
2. At the beginning of the year, review the lists of subscribers.

The list of subscribers had been reviewed as every year.

1. Determine if we need to review mailing list and ASO wiki policies, procedures, subscription guidelines, etc.

No review need had been identified regarding these aspects.

1. Review ASO AC Members Personal Profile
2. At the beginning of the year, ASO AC members must review their personal profile published on the ASO website.

On January 11th Secretariat requested ASO AC members to review their bios. James Kennedy’s one was added when elected early June.

1. Personal profile must have employer details and all relevant volunteer affiliations.

All profiles contain these information.

1. Form the Policy Proposal Facilitator Teams (PPFT), appoint PPFT members for Global Policy Proposals (GPP), and review the process to track and define a potential “global policy”.

The PPFT was formed early February and is composed of Martin Hannigan (ARIN), Wafa Dahmani (AfriNIC), Shubham Saran (APNIC), Esteban Lescano (LACNIC) and Hervé Clément (RIPE NCC). A Global Policy Development (GPD) Review session was set up October 20th including a presentation from in RIR to provide an overview of the GPD process through each region.

1. Set the timetable for the year’s meetings
2. In January 2021, set the timetable (dates and times) for the rest of the meetings of the year (2021).

The timetable was proposed in January and approved during the meeting of this month.

1. Adopt the ASO AC Work Plan for 2021
2. In January, adopt the work plan for the year. The work plan should have been drafted by a volunteer selected at the end of the previous year.

Mike Silber volunteered in November 2020 to draft the ASO AC Work Plan 2021 that was adopted January 28th.

1. Continue the appointment process for the ICANN Board Seat No. 9
2. Qualification Review Committee reviews the qualifications of candidate applicants. The list of qualified candidates are posted per operating procedures.

The QRC was composed of Nurani Nimpuno (RIPE NCC), Aftab Siddiqui (APNIC), Ricardo Patara (LACNIC), Louie Lee (ARIN) and Mike Silber (AfriNIC). That committee reviewed the qualifications of the applicants and 10 candidates were nominated whose names had been posted on the ASO website.

1. The Interview Committee is formed from the members of the QRC. The IC will finalize details concerning the various interviews in the selection process.

The same members had formed the IC who actively prepared the content of the questionnaires and the way the interviews would be conducted.

1. Conduct the selection process, and announce the selection.

The IC conducted

* a first round of written interviews (=> 8 candidates),
* a second round of videoconferences – 10-18 March – (=> 4 candidates)
* a third round of videoconferences – 5-6 April –

Alan Barrett was finally elected and the selection was announced publicly June 2nd.

1. Appoint members to the ICANN NomCom and other groups as required
2. Early in the year confirm with ICANN NomCom their deadline for the ASO representative appointment

ICANN officially shared that a NomCom delegate would be requested from the ASO AC by end of July.

1. Review and finalize the NomCom appointment process.

The appointment process timeline was defined including a sufficiently long nomination period to ensure proper outreach. The selection process was similar to last year.

1. Perform outreach to seek candidates for an ICANN NomCom representative.

Outreach was performed on the discretion of the councilors.

1. Considering ICANN NomCom time appointment requirements, appoint the ICANN NomCom representative and announce the appointment.

Brajesh Jain was appointed as the ASO AC NomCom representative and the result was announced July 18th.

1. Participate in RIR Global policy process and tracking of ongoing Global Policy Proposals (GPPs) (if any)
2. The Policy Proposal Facilitator Team will help the ASO AC determine if an RIR policy proposal can potentially be a GPP. If so, the PPFT will track the proposal through each region’s PDP and produce a report for the ASO AC to help assess if the requirements are met.

Martin Hannigan pointed out that a GPP discussion could be held regarding the ARIN policy proposal 2021-1. It was finally decided that 2021-1 adopted an “Editorial Change” status without any global policy impact.

1. The ASO AC will forward any GPP to the ICANN Board along with the AC’s assessment of the GPP.

NA

1. Begin the appointment process for the ICANN Board Seat No. 10
2. Review and finalize the appointment process.

That was discussed during the year

1. Determine the time frame for the selection process.

The [timeframe](https://aso.icann.org/aso-ac-calls-for-nominations-for-seat-10-on-the-icann-board-of-directors-2/) was discussed and published on the ASO web site mid-September

1. Send out the call for candidates.

The calls were sent by each RIR at the same date

1. Form committees as the procedure dictates.

The QRC had been formed end of October and composed of Mike Silber (AFRINIC), Shubham Saran (APNIC), Martin Hannigan (ARIN), Ricardo Patara (LACNIC), Hervé Clément (RIPE NCC)

1. Review the current ASO AC Operating Procedures and if changes are required follow procedures for updating the guide.

That was discussed in 2021 but further work will occure in 2022

1. Participate and conduct outreach efforts at ICANN Meetings.
2. Plan for any ASO AC attendees at ICANN meetings.

NA: all 2021 ICANN meetings are virtual

1. As the first ICANN meeting of the 2021 calendar year is likely to be virtual, organise a virtual ASO AC meeting with attendance by as many ASO AC members as possible.

That meeting, focused on Global Policy Development Process was organized in October.

1. Review the possibility of an “in person” ASO AC meeting during the 2021 calendar year.

No possibility

1. Where possible at ICANN meeting(s) during calendar year 2021, hold (virtual or in person) public meetings for reporting and outreach from the numbers community to other parts of the ICANN community. Develop the content based on the make-up of the audience.

The last [ASO AC update](https://aso.icann.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/ICANN70_ASO_Policy_Update_FINAL.pdf) had been prepared for ICANN 70

1. Hold discussions with the ICANN Board and other ICANN groups. Identify topics and start scheduling early to minimize conflict.

As discussed with the NRO EC and as there had not been specific subject to share, there had not been any meeting with the ICANN Board in 2021.

1. Provide regular updates to the Numbering communities.
2. Update the ASO Report with information of the last 2020 RIRs meetings.

The document was updated and published for the ICANN 70 virtual meeting

https://aso.icann.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/ICANN70\_ASO\_Policy\_Update\_FINAL.pdf

1. Present ASO activity report at RIR meetings during the year.

The activities are presented regularly

1. Review the ASO AC activities for the current year
2. In November 2021, call for an AC member to volunteer to prepare the Activity Review of the work that was accomplished over the 2021 calendar year. The draft should be circulated prior to the December 2021 meeting for comments and discussion.

After having presented the pre-review in August, Hervé Clément volunteered in November 2021 to prepare this Activity Review. The final version had been sent January 11th to the ASO AC.

1. Review should include the effectiveness of activities of PPFT members.

Yes

1. In January 2022, accept the ASO AC 2021 Activities Review.
2. Draft the ASO AC Work Plan for 2022
3. By the first week of November, call for an AC member to volunteer to draft the ASO AC Work Plan for the following year. The draft should be circulated in December 2021 for consideration and adoption in January 2022.

Saul Stein and James Kennedy volunteered in November to prepare the ASO AC Work Plan for 2022 and sent the dedicated document December 23rd.

1. Review all the ASO AC appointments made to different ICANN committees and working groups.
2. Review for sufficient reason for each appointment to continue.
3. If there is enough reason, then check with the current appointee if he/she wants to continue; otherwise, appoint a new candidate.

The NRO EC appointed Hervé Clément member of the 2021 Community Excellence Award Selection Panel whose result was announced June 14th.

1. If there is not enough reason, then terminate the appointment and notify the relevant group.

NA

1. Define the term for each appointment and review the terms.

Done

1. Review the transparency of AC’s work
2. In November 2021, review what went well and what improvements can be made with the transparency of the ASO AC in terms of meetings (full, subgroup/committees), mailing list, etc. Make adjustments as necessary.

Kevin Blumberg and Shubham Sharan volunteered in November to review the transparency of AC’s work.

1. Set the date and time for the January 2022 meeting.
2. In December 2021, set the date and time of the first meeting of 2022.

The first 2022 meeting take place January 12th.

1. Begin to set the timetable for 2022 meetings.
2. In December 2021, consider the dates and times for the meetings for the following year, including drafting and reviewing the timetable (dates and times) for the rest of next year (2022). Conflicts with these meetings should be avoided when possible: RIR, ICANN, IGF, and possibly large regional NOGs.

The proposed timetable was shared by the secretariat in December.

1. By October 2021, set a place and date for a possible face to face meeting of the entire ASO AC in 2022.

It’s very difficult at the end of the year 2021 to have a visibility of the possibility of in-person ICANN or RIR meetings.

1. Begin the process for selecting the ASO AC Chair for 2022.
2. In the December 2021 meeting, determine the timetable and election schedule.

The nomination phase take place during December’21 and the election period between January 2nd and 9th.

1. In December 2021, call for nominations & seconds, and finalize the list of candidates.

Kevin Blumberg was the only candidate.