ASO AC Teleconference
Wednesday 1 September 2021
12:00 PM UTC
Draft **Minutes**

Attendees	Observers	Apologies
AFRINIC Saul Stein (SSt) Wafa Dahmani Zaafouri (WD) **APNIC** Nicole Chan (NC) Shubham Saran (SSa) Aftab Siddiqui (AS) **ARIN** Kevin Blumberg (KB) – Chair Martin Hannigan (MH) Louie Lee (LL) **LACNIC** Ricardo Patara (RP) Jorge Villa (JV) Esteban Lescano (EL) **RIPE NCC** Nurani Nimpuno (NN) Hervé Clément (HC) – Vice Chair James Kennedy (JK) **Secretariat** Germán Valdez (GV) Laureana Pavón (LP) – Minutes	**ICANN Board** Ron da Silva (RdS) **ICANN Staff** Carlos Reyes (CR) **NRO EC** Hans Peter Holen (HPH) – RIPE NCC **Community** Angela Dall'Ara – RIPE NCC Sean Hopkins – ARIN	**AFRINIC** Mike Silber (MS) – Vice Chair

New action items from this meeting:

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Agenda

0. Welcome
1. Roll Call
2. Agenda Review

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0. Welcome

KB welcomed participants and the meeting began at 12:02 UTC.

1. Roll Call

GV performed the roll call and quorum was established.

2. Agenda Review

KB moved to approve the agenda as written, ES seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Review Open Actions

Action Item 210804-1: HC to go over the 2021 ASO AC workplan to make sure that the timeline for the different activities is Ok and to confirm the workplan.

KB noted that HC had sent a document to the mailing list last Friday.

No comments were heard regarding this document prepared by HC.

Action Item 210707-1: KB to work with GV to send out a note and Doodle poll to schedule a meeting with the participation of a person knowledgeable in the global policy development process in each region and send this to the NRO EC for approval.

KB said that representatives from two regions had already been confirmed. He added that he would follow up on this for the October call, which will be extended a total of approximately one hour to discuss this topic and to review our global policy development process.

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4. Approval Minutes

  a) 4 August 2021

HC moved to approve the minutes of the 4 August 2021 ASO AC meeting, LL seconded, and the motion carried.

5. 2021 ASO Virtual Meeting Update

KB reminded the AC that the virtual meeting would be an extension of the regular October ASO AC call. As mentioned, representatives of each RIR will participate to share how they handle the policy development process within their framework. KB suggested that, if anybody has any questions on this topic for the RIRs, they can ask these during the Q&A session planned for the October meeting. Alternately, if there are any generic questions, these could be sent to the list so they can be forwarded to the RIRs.

6. ASO ICANN Board Election Procedures Update

KB noted that August had been difficult month for him, so he had been unable to finish the work on redlining significant changes. He said that he would send this shortly and added that the ASO AC could also review the work that RP has compiled from other AC members, which is available on the wiki.

7. ASO 2022 ICANN Board Election Seat 10 Timeline

At KV's request, GV displayed a draft timeline for the 2022 ICANN Board Seat 10 election.

After going over the timeline, KB observed that the ASO AC needs to make decisions and that this should be duly documented in the ASO AC procedures and incorporated in the 2022 workplan to eliminate the need for the chair to summon special meetings.

KB commented that the interview phase included in the draft timeline began on 25 January and ended on 30 March, quite a long window at almost two months. He wondered whether it would be possible to set aside, for example, two weeks —10 or 15 interview slots— for these interviews and document this in the timeline, as this would shorten the interview phase and allow more time for the rest of the process.

SSt agreed but observed that having too many candidates might pose a challenge.

KB replied that the AC would know the maximum number of candidates in November, so they might want to take advantage of this long window.

JV said this would depend on the number of candidates to be interviewed.

AS noted that the timeline would have to be published in advance.

KB explained that, in the past, the AC had been forced to change the timeline to allow more time for nominations. He then wondered if this second round of nominations should be documented in the procedure.

HPH shared that this was already an issue when he joined the ICANN NomCom many years ago. He explained that the chair at the time said that under no circumstances would the nomination phase be extended, which meant that the NomCom had to work to attract good candidates before the deadline. In his opinion, this might apply here — if the AC looks for more/better candidates, focuses on the deadline, and organizes their work accordingly, there may be no need to plan for an extension.

KB said that he would love to plan for success, adding that he liked HPH's idea of extending the nomination phase a little bit and doing it in one shot.

HPH suggested that the AC could start now and solicit candidates at all the autumn RIR meetings.

HC said he tended to agree with HPH — in terms of transparency and clarity, having a longer nomination phase to actively reach out to potential candidates and no second nomination phase might be best.

NN recalled that during the past round she had argued that the AC should do more outreach. In her opinion, it's about setting the results that the AC wants to achieve. There is nothing wrong with having an extension, but this should be a last resort, not a random extension because we feel that the number of candidates is not high enough. The procedure should be clear: "we can extend the nomination phase if we don't have X number of candidates," for example, otherwise trust in in the AC is eroded.

SSt agreed that the AC doesn't need to wait until the nomination phase to start looking for candidates.

RP added that they might set internal milestones and, if the desired number of candidates is not reached by then, the AC can do more outreach.

To avoid extensions, JV suggested that for their next Seat 9 election they should add a six-month period before the nomination phase, an outreach phase within the RIR communities.

KB asked if anyone was opposed to the concept of "do it once, do It right," actively seeking for candidates, and extending to the nomination phase to 1st December.

No opinions against were heard.

KB summarized the discussion by saying that the nomination phase would be extended to 1st December. He added that the only region that would be unable to nominate candidates was AFRINIC (they already have a representative on the Board) and invited everyone to start doing outreach for when the nomination phase opens.

8. AOB

No items were added.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, HC moved to adjourn the meeting, EL seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 UTC.