

**ASO AC Teleconference
Wednesday 5 May 2021
12:00 PM UTC
Draft Minutes**

Attendees	Observers	Apologies
<p>AFRIC Saul Stein (SSt) Wafa Dahmani Zaafour (WD) Mike Silber (MS) – Vice Chair</p> <p>APNIC Nicole Chan (NC) Shubham Saran (SSa)</p> <p>ARIN Kevin Blumberg (KB) – Chair Martin Hannigan (MH)</p> <p>LACNIC Ricardo Patara (RP) Jorge Villa (JV) Esteban Lescano (EL)</p> <p>RIPE NCC Nurani Nimpuno (NN) Hervé Clément (HC) – Vice Chair</p> <p>Secretariat Germán Valdez (GV) Laureana Pavón (LP) – Minutes</p>	<p>ICANN Staff Carlos Reyes (CR)</p> <p>ICANN Board Ron da Silva (RdS) Maemura Akinori (MA)</p> <p>Community:</p> <p>ARIN Sean Hopkins (SH)</p> <p>RIPE NCC / NRO EC Hans Peter Holen (HPH)</p>	<p>APNIC Aftab Siddiqui (AS)</p> <p>ARIN Louie Lee (LL)</p> <p>RIPE NCC Filiz Yilmaz (FY)</p>

New action items from this meeting:

New Action Item 210505-1: GV to check with ICANN the deadline for submitting the name of the ASO representative selected to serve on the ICANN NomCom and to send the timeline followed previously by the ASO AC when selecting their NomCom representative to the list for the ASO AC to review.

New Action Item 210505-2: GV to invite Pankaj Chaturvedi, current ASO AC appointee to the ICANN NomCom, to the next ASO AC meeting and add his report on the NomCom process to the meeting agenda.

New Action Item 210505-3: KB to draft a brief note to the ARIN Advisory Council saying that the ASO AC had reviewed Draft Policy ARIN-2021-1 and concluded that the proposed changes did not affect global policy.

New Action Item 210505-4: KB prepare a draft agenda for a an ASO AC meeting in September to work on global policy (a potential run-through of the ASO AC global policy procedure and an explanation by policy representatives from each region on their global policy development processes).

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Agenda

0. Welcome
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 4. Approval Minutes
 - a) 7 April 2021 – Monthly Teleconference
 - b) 14 April 2021 – Special Meeting
 5. ASO Procedures Update Next Steps
 6. ASO Representative ICANN NomCom
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 8. ASO Virtual Meeting
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1. Welcome

KB welcomed participants at 12:00 UTC.

Roll call was performed, and quorum was established.

2. Agenda Review

The agenda was presented on screen, no changes or additions were suggested so the agenda was approved as written.

3. Review Open Actions

Action Item 210414-1: The Secretariat to send to the nom-com list a brief description of the Schulze method and how it would apply to the ICANN Seat 9 election. The message should also describe how the method applies in the specific case of four candidates and the various scenarios that might occur. **DONE**

Action Item 210414-2: The Secretariat and RP to create a page on the wiki for all ASO AC members to add their notes on the lessons learned during the 2021 Seat 9 election with a view to a 2021 ICANN Board Election Process Review. **DONE**

KB noted that the wiki page had been created and that they would discuss it further under agenda item 5.

Action Item 210414-3: The Secretariat to send out a Doodle poll to schedule two placeholders for ASO AC meetings during the deliberation phase of the ICANN Seat 9 election. These meetings would then be cancelled at the chairs' discretion 24 hours in advance of each meeting. **DONE**

Action Item 210407-1: KB to review the timeline for the time-sensitive items on which the ASO AC will work as part of their 'virtual meeting' (ASO AC procedures, global policy development process) to present to the ASO AC so they can determine what work needs to be done to prepare for two or three calls to address those specific topics and then schedule those calls. **ONGOING**

KB explained that they had gone through possible dates with the Secretariat and the vice chairs and that potential dates appeared to be limited by the start of the NomCom process in June and the start of the next ICANN board appointment in September, leaving them with the rest of May, June, July and possibly August, as this would need to go to the NRO EC for approval and ratification. He said they would come back to this when discussing agenda item 5.

4. Approval Minutes

a) 7 April 2021 – Monthly Teleconference

HC proposed a motion to approve the minutes of the ASO AC Monthly Teleconference held on 7 April 2021 with the clarifications sent by HC to the list, EL seconded the motion, no objections were heard, and the motion carried.

b) 14 April 2021 – Special Meeting

KB moved to approve the minutes of the Special ASO AC Meeting held on 14 April 2021, MS seconded the motion, no objections were heard, and the motion carried.

5. ASO Procedures Update Next Steps

KB observed that RP had submitted a fairly in-depth document on potential improvements and that this document was now available on the wiki for the other ASO AC members to comment on over the next week or two.

KB then said they needed to ask themselves whether they were looking to introduce minor changes /tweaks to help improve the process considering the number of candidates, etc. or whether they would prefer working on a bigger, holistic set of changes that could be done within the limited time frame we have.

SSt brought up the idea of recording candidate interviews.

HPH stressed that this idea had been raised to the EC and that the EC had turned down the request due to time constraints and not being able to perform a legal assessment without a clear problem statement. HPH added that for future processes the ASO AC should incorporate this into the changes in their procedures and then the EC would do the legal analysis and get back to the AC on that.

NN then mentioned that the reason for the recordings was simply to allow as much flexibility as possible in scheduling a very large number of interviews, noting that this was now something for the ASO AC to define and try to put to the EC for the next ICANN Board election cycle.

KB said that they needed a way forward, that this would require a lot of work, that he'd received feedback that it would not be possible to do the work on the procedures during the regular ASO AC calls and have any substantive changes prior to going live for the next round in September. He suggested creating a group of volunteers to do a quick review of the process, which they could start right now and continue on the list.

MS agreed that this was the only practical way forward.

KB asked for volunteers with time and a desire to work on reviewing the ASO AC ICANN Board selection procedures.

RP volunteered to work on this with the help of other ASO AC members. He said that he had proposed some adjustments to the ASO AC procedures, that he didn't believe that they could address every aspect, but that they could work on the most important changes, e.g. the timeframe for the process.

KB noted that he would like to see some volunteers from all regions.

The group of volunteers was confirmed as follows: RP, MS, HC, KB, SSs and MH.

KB said they would begin working on this on the mailing list and asked MS to coordinate the start of the process and then the rest would continue, adding that the current election voting phase would close that evening at midnight UTC and that they could then begin the procedure review process.

Before moving on to the next agenda item, RdS mentioned that, from a participant's standpoint, an aspect he thought had gone really well and that perhaps the ASO was not seeing was that the Secretariat had done a phenomenal job in communicating well with the candidates, setting expectations on timing and other aspects. He added that perhaps there was a way to put that into the process.

KB thanked RdS for his input, adding that it was good to get feedback from the candidates.

6. ASO Representative ICANN NomCom

KB asked GV what the end date was for this selection and the following action item was decided:

HPH recalled that in the past the hard deadline had been the autumn ICANN meeting, that since there probably wouldn't be any travel, as soon as the chair and vice chair were appointed the NomCom would begin planning, so June / July would be the preferred date for the NomCom appointment.

CR offered to help with this action item and confirmed what HPH had said. He added that his advice would be for the ASO AC to target an appointment in July every year.

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KB said that in prior years they had called for candidates and done a lighter-touch version of a selection process, adding that this position was open not only to the ASO AC but also to the community.

NN noted that, in the past, she had found it useful to invite the ASO AC appointee to the NomCom to one of the ASO AC's meetings to report to the ASO AC regarding the process. She added that, since they were working on improving their processes, it would be useful to hear the opinion of Pankaj Chaturvedi, current ASO AC appointee to the ICANN NomCom on this.

The others agreed and the following action item was created:

New Action Item 210505-2: GV to invite Pankaj Chaturvedi, current ASO AC appointee to the ICANN NomCom, to the next ASO AC meeting and add his report on the NomCom process to the meeting agenda.

7. ARIN region draft global policy discussion

KB explained that MH had sent a notice to the ASO AC related to ARIN 2021-1 which was a policy in the ARIN region that was attempting to define and clean up some text in their policy manual, that most changes were in the regional policy sections of the manual, but that 2021-1 also included a change to section 10 (global policy), and that it had been brought up at the meeting that there would probably be an issue with regional and global policy being part of the same policy.

KB then noted that, from the ASO perspective, they needed to answer whether this was a valid global policy and that he had some concerns related to the fact that it was a comingled policy. He wondered whether the best option might be to request clarification from the Advisory Council if it was global policy.

HPH said it was not entirely clear whether this was a policy proposal or an editorial cleaning of the text, but that he believed it was the latter, in which case traditionally the text might have had smaller editorial changes in all the regions. He said that in the ARIN region all policy was contained in the same section of the manual, so when they did editorial changes there was the potential for confusion and that it might be a good idea for the AC to clarify this before talking about the global policy process.

KB agreed and said they had two options: 1) because the ASO did not have a procedure for editorial changes, any change would still need to go through the AC, or 2) the ASO AC could review the changes to the policy and conclude that they were not substantive.

HPH suggested that their analysis should be whether there had been a substantive change to the policy.

At KB's request, SH said that policy 2020-1 contained a single change to section 10, which is on global policy: "In Section 10.3: Replace "This document describes the policy governing the allocation of Autonomous System Numbers (ASNs) from the IANA to the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs)." with "This document describes the policy governing the allocation of ASNs from the IANA to the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs)."

JH added that they were discussing how to put it into their procedures when policy is changed.

KB repeated his question on whether this was an editorial change/clean up or a global policy, stressing that they needed to decide this.

HPH offered an easy way out: ARIN could be open and transparent and say whether this is a global policy or an editorial change.

NN said in her opinion it did not sound a global policy proposal. JV and WD agreed.

KB said they could write a note saying “we’ve reviewed this, it is not global policy.” He then asked whether this was something that required the AC’s stamp of approval or not.

Because no further comments were heard on this topic, KB he said he would take upon himself the following action item:

New Action Item 210505-3: KB to draft a brief note to the ARIN Advisory Council saying that the ASO AC had reviewed Draft Policy ARIN-2021-1 and concluded that the proposed changes did not affect global policy.

8. ASO Virtual Meeting

KB said that, as agreed earlier during the meeting, they were now pushing forward with having a smaller group work on the procedures specifically related to the ICANN director nominations.

KB said that it had been also mentioned that it would be useful to do a run through on global policy and how the ASO AC would handle a global policy, first understanding how each region handles global policy proposals. He said that that this would involve inviting policy representatives from each region to explain their processes to the ASO AC.

KB observed that nothing would be scheduled over the summer, but that a meeting related to global policy in each region could be scheduled for September, before they kicked off the next director nomination process.

He asked the ASO if they would be comfortable having a 2- 3- hour call for this and to go through their global policy process in September.

RP, MS, SSt and JV agreed. No objections were heard so the following action item was decided:

New Action Item 210505-4: KB prepare a draft agenda for a an ASO AC meeting in September to work on global policy (a potential run-through of the ASO AC global policy procedure and an explanation by policy representatives from each region on their global policy development processes).

9. AOB

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10. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, EL moved to adjourn the meeting, SSt seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 UTC.