

ASO Procedures Review Core Team Meeting
26 July 2022, 12:00 UTC
NOTES

Attendees:

Herve Clement (HC) – RIPE NCC
James Kennedy (JK) – RIPE NCC
Esteban Lescano (EL)– LACNIC
Ricardo Patara (RP) – LACNIC
Saul Stein (SStein) – AFRINIC
Mike Silber (MS) – AFRINIC

Apologies:

Sander Steffan (SSteffan) – RIPE NCC

Secretariat:

Laureana Pavón – Notes

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The meeting began at 12:05 UTC.

HC shared some objectives for the meeting:

- Define the specific tasks (§) to work on
- Assign one or two members to each task
- General discussion on the ideas already proposed

HC went around the table asking for volunteers to work on each task, and it was decided that the following members of the Procedures Review team will do the work:

- A – Officers (Chairs / Vice Chairs): SStein, EL
- B – Meetings: HC, EL
- C – Global Policy Development: RP, SStein
- D – Procedures to appoint or remove members elected by the ASO AC: EL, JK
- E – ICANN Board and Directors Selection: RP, MS
- F – A specific voting process part (linked to § 7, 8, 9 and 11): EL, JK

Because the Procedures Review team will be presenting next week to the entire ASO AC, RP suggested that each pair could prepare a brief explanation of their task (e.g., this is the problem we are solving, this is our solution, a summary of our objectives) to help everyone better understand. Writing a short objective should be possible before next week.

HC will contact SSteffan to see on which tasks he would like to work.

EL: I agree with the suggestion of explaining each topic in one line, but it's important not to open the full discussion now. The group is open to every ASO AC member who wants to join, but the discussions are within this working group. This is a more efficient way to work.

HC: We will just say “These are the tasks on which we will be working, these are the persons who will be working on each task, this is the goal for each task. We will come back to you in a month.”

RP: I sent an email last week with some minor editorial changes we could address (references, duplicate paragraphs, etc.). This is very easy, and we could also have a task for that.

HC: Perhaps we could work on tasks (A-F) first and then have a global reading to address RP’s suggestion (editorial review), i.e., a second round to check for consistency, references, etc.

RP: That makes sense. I agree.

HC shared a document he prepared with each task and a list of comments added to the wiki by members of the procedures review team (see HC’s email dated 26 July).

The group discussed the different tasks:

- A – Officers (Chairs / Vice Chairs):
 - o Review the terms and roles of ASO AC chairs and vice chairs, check their consistency with regard to strength and democracy.
- B – ASO AC Meetings:
 - o Periodicity, quorum, F2F (where to meet in person, use of video)
- C – Global Policy Development:
 - o Review the work already done by Kevin Blumberg
- E – ICANN Board and Directors Selection:
 - o This is connected with F.
 - o There are currently different procedures: one for electing members to the ICANN board and another procedure for other bodies (NomCom).
 - o Because perhaps in the future we may need to appoint someone to another body, we can maintain this structure of ICANN Board / Other appointments or designations.
- F – A specific voting process part:
 - o Flexibility.
 - o Deciding something during a specific meeting.
 - o E-vote has to be the primary way of deciding in all the strong decisions we make. This is not the case currently in the procedures (some things can be decided at a meeting).
 - o What happens when somebody leaves the ASO AC and the new member must elect the ICANN board representative? Perhaps the outgoing member could complete the election process; another option would be to change the dates of the election considering the ASO elections in each RIR region.

Following steps: HC will send a summary of what we have discussed, each pair will write a brief objective for each task, which we will present next week at the ASO AC meeting.

After discussing possible options, it was decided to hold the next Procedures Review team meeting on Monday, 29 August at 12:00 UTC.

MS: Given that we'll be meeting up in groups, one member can represent each team if one of the group members cannot be present on the call.

Before then, each group can start working on their specific tasks.

All agreed.

The meeting ended at 12:43 UTC.