

## ccNSO / ALAC Liaison Report December 11<sup>th</sup> 2014

### 1) December 9<sup>th</sup> 2014

#### ALAC – ccNSO Coordination Working Group

##### Description

This working group has been established to participate in a joint ALAC-ccNSO project which proposes to establish a database matching At Large Structures (ALSes) and the ccTLD of their country. It is hoped that the ALAC-ccNSO partnership will look at developing a plan of action that will generate some mutual understanding of the roles of each other's organizations, on which they may build a collaborative relationship.

This group has a program committee that is attempting to by organize a face-to-face meeting between members of the ALAC and ccNSO Leadership Teams at the ICANN 52 Meeting in Singapore. The ALAC is represented on the program committee by Maureen Hilyard (ALAC Liaison to ccNSO) and Dev Anand Teelucksingh (ALAC & Technology Expert). ccNSO is represented by Katrina Sasaki (Vice Chair – ccNSO Council) and Ron Sherwood (ccNSO Liaison to ALAC)

Two previous meetings were arranged. One meeting was at ICANN 50 (London) and another at ICANN 51 (Los Angeles). Both meetings were hosted by ALAC. Both of these events were difficult to arrange due to the recently increased workload at ICANN meetings, and the many (often conflicted) meeting times.

Although the two previous meetings were deemed to be valuable and it was agreed to convene a third f2f meeting in Singapore, as of today December 9<sup>th</sup> 2014, there has been no opportunity to finalize a mutually agreeable date and time.

Katrina wrote that, in her opinion, *"... for at least a year we won't have more time – everybody will be very busy. And I bet that whichever time slot we choose – another important meeting will pop-up at precisely the same slot. And there is nothing we can do. However, it does not mean we should not try."* Ron and Maureen agreed to continue to work to see if there is any possibility for a representative group of council members from each community to get together to discuss issues that are important to both groups. That is, specific issues which could benefit from shared perspectives and concerns. ALAC staff members are at this time attempting to find a date and time slot (possibly on Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>) before the ccNSO meeting starts on Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup>. We were hopeful that this information would be available before our Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. But at this point we still have no further option available to us.

I will be pleased to learn from any Councilor or staff member of any suggestions or recommendations that I may deliver to ALAC from the ccNSO.

**2) November 19<sup>th</sup> 2014**

## **ALAC Statement on the Public Interest Commitment ALAC Review [– Follow Up]**

### **Introduction**

Evan Leibovitch, Secretariat of the North American Regional At-Large Organization (NARALO) and Chair of the At-Large New gTLDs Working Group, composed an initial draft of this Statement after discussion of the topic within At-Large and on the Mailing Lists. This Statement is a follow-up of the ALAC Statement on the Public Interest Commitments, which is currently under review by the Board New gTLD Process Committee (NGPC).

On 13 November 2014, this Statement was posted on the At-Large Public Interest Commitment ALAC Review – Follow-up Workspace.

Due to the urgency of reinforcing the ALAC position on the Public Interest Commitments, Alan Greenberg, Chair of the ALAC, requested that Staff open an ALAC ratification vote on the proposed Statement on 13 November 2014 and close on 18 November 2014.

On 19 November 2014, Staff confirmed that the online vote resulted in the ALAC endorsing the Statement with 13 votes in favor, 0 vote against, and 0 abstention.

**13<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

## **ALAC Statement on the Public Interest Commitments**

### **Summary**

1. The ALAC advises the Board of ICANN to immediately "freeze" (that is, cease contracting of or delegating) the 28 TLD strings identified by the GAC as requiring enhanced safeguards ("Category 1, Safeguards 1-8"), pending further community review and subsequent changes to the Public Interest provisions of the TLD agreements;
2. The ALAC forms a sub-committee, comprised of At-Large and other ICANN community members, to examine the current PIC mechanism, as well as any other Public Interest safeguards that may be deployed for relevant TLDs, and to recommend enhancements that better protect consumers and end-users in an expedited manner;
3. The ALAC assigns a liaison to the newly-formed ICANN Contract Compliance and Safeguards group (subject to its approval), in order to ensure that the At-Large Community is aware of the initiatives and progress of the Department on an ongoing basis

**Link to full Statement {[LINK](#)}**

Respectfully submitted  
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