

ccNSO / ALAC Liaison Report April 23rd 2015

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1) April 21st 2015 ALAC Monthly Meeting...

Due to meeting conflicts today's meeting has been postponed until April 30th. Meeting notes and decisions will be reported in May.

2) ALAC - ALS (At Large Structures)

Summary

At Large Structures (ALSs) are Internet user groups with a common interest in ICANN and Internet Governance. They are organized community groups who participate in the At Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), and they cooperate on a regional basis via five geographic Regional At Large Organizations (RALOs). Each RALO is an administrative entity designed to convey to the ALSs, ALACs work as an ICANN Community, and to convey the will of the ALSs through the ALAC to the ICANN Board.

Out of 225 ALS applications (including the three below), there are currently 187 Accredited structures.

Today, ALS application #s 219; 220; and 222 voting results were announced and they reveal unanimous ALAC approval, based upon due diligence and RALO advice. An additional vote on application # 221 is in progress and will be completed by next Monday.

Link to ALAC Brochure for examples of ALS Groups [{LINK}](#)

3) ALAC/ccNSO Regional database.

The ALAC is in the process of compiling a spreadsheet analysis of the geographical locations of all ccTLDs and all ALSs.

Summary

The purpose of this research is twofold: a) To assist with outreach efforts to increase the number of ALSs that will represent the end user community in the At Large Advisory Committee, and b) to identify those ALSs which currently have a relationship with a ccTLD. There are a number of ccTLDs which actively engage with the type of user groups that apply to become ALSs. The groups become familiar with the role that the ccTLD plays in the national Internet ecosphere and in Internet Governance in particular. And the ccTLD has first hand access to the needs and concerns of their customers (and potential customers) with additional marketing options.

There may be an opportunity for this subject to be further discussed among interested parties in Buenos Aires at ICANN 53.

Respectfully submitted
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