

ASO AC Teleconference
Wednesday, 10 January 2024
12:00 PM UTC
Minutes

Attendees	Observers	Apologies
APNIC Nicole Chan (Nicole C.) – Vice Chair Gaurav Kansal (Gaurav K.) Di Ma (Di M.) ARIN Nick Nugent (Nick N.) Chris Quesada (Chris Q.) Kevin Blumberg (Kevin B.) LACNIC Ricardo Patara (Ricardo P.) – Vice Chair Esteban Lescano (Esteban L.) Jorge Villa (Jorge V.) RIPE NCC Hervé Clément (Hervé C.) – Chair Constanze Buerger (Constanze B.) Secretariat Germán Valdez (Germán V.) Laureana Pavón (Laureana P.) – Minutes	AFRINIC Madhvi Gokool (Madhvi G.) ARIN Eddie Diego (Eddie D.) John Sweeting (John S.) RIPE NCC Angela Dall'Ara RIPE Community Mirjam Kuehne ICANN Board Alan Barrett (Alan B.) ICANN Org Ozan Sahin (Ozan S.)	RIPE NCC Sander Steffan (Sander S.)

New and updated action items from this meeting:

New Action Item 240110-1: Hervé C., Nicole C., Ricardo P., and Esteban L. to prepare a first version of the agenda for the Montevideo meeting and share it on the mailing list so it can then be consolidated with any additional information received with the documents from the legal team.

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New Action Item 240110-4: The ASO AC to review the 2023 ASO Work Plan Review that was shared via the mailing list. If no comments are received within seven days, the 2023 ASO Work Plan Review will be considered approved.

New Action Item 240110-5: The ASO AC to review the 2024 ASO Work Plan that was shared via the mailing list. If no comments are received within seven days, the 2024 ASO Work Plan will be considered approved.

New Action Item 240110-6: Kevin B. to include a line re the closed sessions in the 2023 Transparency Review and circulate the new version of the document on the ASO AC mailing list, then share the original MS Word docs with the Secretariat so they can be posted to Confluence. The ASO AC to review the 2023 Transparency Review shared via the mailing list, including attendance records and personal information. If no comments are received within seven days, the 2023 ASO Transparency Review will be considered approved.

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Agenda

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11. 2024 ASO Work Plan
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 - a) Seat 9 ICANN Board Selection
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0. Welcome

Hervé C. welcomed everyone to the meeting at 12:02 UTC, with good wishes for the new year.

Roll call was taken and quorum was established.

1. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as written.

2. 2024 ASO AC Chair Election Results

Germán V. provided the following update: The election was held as scheduled from 1 to 8 January, the voting finished before the deadline, the report was submitted on the internal list as per procedures. By

majority of votes, Hervé C. has been re-appointed as 2024 ASO AC Chair. Germán V. sent the list of individual tokens so that each ASO AC member could verify that their votes were recorded properly, and no comments were received. If no comments are heard at this time, this action can now be closed.

Hervé C. thanked everyone one more time.

3. 2024 ASO Vice Chairs Appointments

Hervé C. shared that he has once again invited Nicole C. and Ricardo P. to be vice chairs, and that they both accepted.

Nicole C. thanked Hervé C. and expressed her desire for a very productive 2024.

Ricardo P. confirmed that he accepted the invitation to be vice chair for this year. He appreciates the invitation and the group's trust.

Esteban L. congratulated the whole leadership of the ASO AC, as they will have a lot of hard work in 2024.

4. Review Open Actions

Action Item 231206-1: Germán V. to update the information on Current Global Policies that appears on the ASO AC website to reflect the fact that ICP-2 is not a global policy. **CLOSED**

Action Item 231206-2: Germán V. to organize an onboarding session for new members (Constanze B.) to be held next week. This meeting will be mandatory for newcomers and open to other ASO AC members who wish to participate. **CLOSED**

Action item 20230911-1: As soon as the period for candidate acceptance closes (15 December), the ASO AC to set up times for special meetings for deliberating after the last round of interviews with the candidates to the ICANN Board. **ONGOING**

Hervé C. proposed discussing Action item 20230911-1 under agenda item 9.

Action item 20230911-3: Each ASO AC member to read and review historical documents (questionnaires, reports, etc.) related to the ICANN Board elections to obtain a better understanding of what needs to be changed. **ONGOING**

5. Approval Minutes December 2023

Esteban L. called a motion to approve the December 2023 ASO AC Teleconference minutes as written, Kevin B. seconded the motion, no opposition or abstentions were heard, and the motion carried.

6. ICP-2 Document Review Update

Hervé C. explained that the first session on Monday 29 January will be used to by the legal team to present a report on ICP-2, which will be the first input for the ASO AC's work in Montevideo.

Kevin B. asked whether the ASO AC will be receiving a draft prior to the meeting in Montevideo.

Germán V. replied that he had discussed this matter during the December NRO EC meeting, and that the EC asked him to convey that they will be working with the legal staff on a draft version of the procedures. The EC will meet on 16 January to discuss the procedures drafted by the legal team before passing them to the AC. The EC agreed that these documents should be the first part of the Montevideo meeting, where what the ICP-2 should look like in the longer term should also be discussed. To answer the question, you ASO AC will indeed receive a draft with the recommendations of the legal staff.

Esteban L. thanked Germán V. for the information and agreed that it will be very helpful.

John S. added that Micheal Abejuala has completed the draft and that it has been passed to the EC, so this is moving along.

Nick N. asked whether there is a schedule for Montevideo.

Hervé C. thanked Nick N. for the question and replied that the work will be dedicated to ICP-2 in its two aspects (the documents prepared by the EC, and what the ICP should look like in the future). In his opinion, it would be good to have flexibility re the specifics of the agenda for Montevideo.

Kevin B. suggested having a time slot to have a look working backwards from the 24-month timeline we have been given (2024-2025), and to set key dates, e.g., if we want to have community consultations, when would those be? If we don't work backwards on a timeline, we're going to miss opportunities. The timeline discussion will help us evolve our work for the next two years.

Hervé C. said this item could be added after the session with the legal staff.

Ricardo P. added that the AC should start planning how we will present these documents to the community, as RIR meetings start in February. Also, we were tasked to review the current ICP-2 and see if there is anything missing. It would be a good idea to start thinking about that via email before the meeting, and then have a session just to discuss how the document could be improved.

Kevin wondered whether the implementation document will negate aspects of the ICP-2 in terms of technical requirements, adding that we will not know this until we see the procedures. There are questions we can ask ourselves prior to the meeting, even though these questions can be moot once we see the documents.

Hervé C. agreed that ideas will be clearer as soon as we receive the documents from the EC, and that the AC can have a more precise agenda then.

Esteban L. volunteered to collaborate with the chair and the vice chairs in the preparation of the preparatory agenda.

Hervé C. thanked Esteban L. and then asked whether the time slots for Montevideo have been decided.

Germán V. replied that the room is reserved from 8:30 to 18:00 and we can accommodate the needs of the group.

Hervé C. proposed and all agreed with the following:

New Action Item 240110-1: Hervé C., Nicole C., Ricardo P., and Esteban L. to prepare a first version of the agenda for the Montevideo meeting and share it on the mailing list so it can then be consolidated with any additional information received with the documents from the legal team.

Herve C: Laureana P. has set up a table for members to add their arrival/departure dates and asked whether anyone was having issues with their visas for Uruguay. No issues were brought up.

Laureana P. then informed that there will be a cocktail on Monday 29 January at LACNIC/Casa de Internet as well as an ASO AC dinner on Tuesday 30 January. The details will be posted on the ASO wiki.

Kevin B. asked whether the ASO AC has a timeline for providing feedback to the EC on their document, as even an idea of what they are looking for would be very helpful for the AC's work.

Germán V. replied that this matter has not yet been discussed by the EC.

Gaurav K. mentioned that APNIC has told him that APNIC can only fund one meeting, either Montevideo or ICANN 79. He has chosen ICANN, so he will not be able to join the f2f in Montevideo.

Hervé C. observed that this is something that needs to be discussed with the EC.

Esteban L. agreed, adding that it is very important for all members of the group to have the opportunity and the possibility to attend all the ASO AC f2f meetings. He added that the AC can ask the EC to provide some guidelines re the planning of ASO AC f2f meetings to make them cost effective and to better organize our work.

Kevin B. then suggested, and everyone agreed to the following:

New Action Item 240110-2: Hervé C. to ask the Secretariat to confirm with the EC what the travel policies for ASO AC representatives are for 2024 in each individual region.

7.- Seat 9 Election Process Update

Hervé C. proposed that Germán V. report on the status, and then the AC will have a closed session for further discussion.

Germán V. provided the following update: The election is now in the comments phase, we have received a list of candidates which are now in the public domain, the QRC received the signed attestation documents and bios of the candidates. The candidates have been notified that their info is published on the ASO website and that if they intend to seek expressions of support this is the time to do it.

8. 2024 ASO AC face-to-face Meeting Update

Hervé C. said that the AC needs to start preparing for their ICANN 79 meeting. He asked Ozan S. if he could confirm that the deadline for submitting the ASO AC session agenda/structure is 24 January.

Ozan S. confirmed this.

Hervé C. asked Germán V. if the EC has confirmed that they wish to have a joint meeting with the ICANN Board during ICANN 79, to which Germán V. replied that this matter will be discussed by the EC next week.

Hervé C. then asked Alan B. if he could provide a report of what the ICANN Board is doing or expecting from the ASO, for example.

Alan B. replied that the things that are keeping the ICANN Board busy are the next round of gTLDs and the grant program (spending the money gathered from the auctions in the 2022 round), also the strategic plan for the next five years, as well as other items. The ICANN Board will be holding a workshop next week in Montevideo, but unfortunately it will not coincide with the ASO AC meeting.

Ozan S. observed that registration is now open for ICANN79: <https://meetings.icann.org/en/icann79>

Kevin B. asked when the ASO AC meetings will begin so that everyone can start to plan their travel.

Hervé C. replied that ASO AC activities at the ICANN meeting in San Juan will begin on Monday 4 March.

Ozan S. noted that based on the discussion held in December, he assumed that the ASO AC would have sessions Monday through Thursday, for a total of 16 working sessions. All he needs to know is whether the ASO AC would like all of these to be public sessions. He also assumes that the ASO AC will need to have remote participation.

Hervé C. said that the idea is to propose an agenda for San Juan as well. Are there any other topics that other ASO AC members would like to discuss?

Kevin B. observed that we will not know this until after the Montevideo meeting. Constanze N. agreed.

Kevin B. proposed another agenda item for Montevideo: ICANN 79 sessions.

9. 2024 ASO AC Teleconference Schedule

Hervé C. noted that he has no problem with the proposed schedule. He suggested using this schedule to set up discussion interviews re ICANN Seat 9 election (closed sessions).

Kevin B. moved to approve the 2024 ASO AC Teleconference Schedule as displayed, Esteban L. seconded the motion, no abstentions or oppositions were heard, so the motion carried.

Ricardo P. shared that it should be clear that, until the process ends in April, the AC may also need to have special meetings in between teleconferences to discuss the Seat 9 election (e.g., to decide whether we need a second round of interviews).

After some further discussion, the following action item was decided:

New Action Item 240110-3: The Interview Committee (IC) to report back to the mailing list on a proposed timeline / dates for special meetings to discuss the ICANN Board Seat 9 election.

10. 2023 ASO Work Plan Review

Hervé C. said that the 2023 ASO Work Plan Review had been shared on the mailing list, but no remarks and been received.

New Action Item 240110-4: The ASO AC to review the 2023 ASO Work Plan Review that was shared via the mailing list. If no comments are received within seven days, the 2023 ASO Work Plan Review will be considered approved.

11. 2024 ASO Work Plan

Kevin B. observed that he had just sent the 2024 ASO Work Plan to the mailing list. The difference between the 2023 and the 2024 plan is merely the year. A lot of work was done to synch the work plan so that it did not need many changes from year to year. Esteban L. and Kevin B. reviewed it and no major additions are required.

New Action Item 240110-5: The ASO AC to review the 2024 ASO Work Plan that was shared via the mailing list. If no comments are received within seven days, the 2024 ASO Work Plan will be considered approved.

12. Annual Transparency Review

Kevin B. explained that this was very similar to the 2024 ASO Work Plan: they had tried to keep the Transparency Review similar in scope, with the key differences between 2023 and 2024 being the attendance records. These attendance records need to be reviewed to see if everybody considers them to be accurate. Also, we had no Board appointment in 2023. The only thing that is missing from the Transparency Review is that in 2023 we had some closed sessions. It is disingenuous to say that all meetings were open when we had closed sessions. One line needs to be included in the Transparency Review.

Hervé C. agreed that it is important to mention that there were closed sessions.

Nick N. had to leave the meeting at this time.

Esteban L. also agreed with including a line about the closed sessions.

Kevin B. will include text in this sense and redistribute the draft of the Transparency Review

New Action Item 240110-6: Kevin B. to include a line re the closed sessions in the 2023 Transparency Review and circulate the new version of the document on the ASO AC mailing list, then share the original MS Word docs with the Secretariat so they can be posted to Confluence. The ASO AC to review the 2023 Transparency Review shared via the mailing list, including attendance records and personal information. If no comments are received within seven days, the 2023 ASO Transparency Review will be considered approved.

Kevin B. then noted that neither the Work Plan nor the Transparency Review had been included in the open action items, even though they should have been.

Germán V. thanked Kevin B. for the feedback.

14. Form the Policy Proposal Facilitator Teams (PPFT)

Hervé C. said that, after the procedures update, he is not sure whether the PPFT is composed of five or four members. The idea is to form the PPFT, which we can discuss on the mailing list, but there is no member representing the AFRINIC region on the ASO AC.

Kevin B. said that this was a great point re AFRINIC policies. Without a member of the AFRINIC region, are the mailing list and the policy discussions open for an ASO AC member that is not part of the AFRINIC community to track the policies in the AFRINIC region? If they are open, PPFT members could be assigned the task of monitoring that.

Madhvi G. replied that at the moment there are no policies under discussion in the AFRINIC community. The discussion list is open, and anyone can subscribe and follow the discussions. She also offered her help, perhaps reporting on any policies that are proposed and so on.

Hervé C. observed that he would personally prefer having somebody from the AC monitoring what could happen re policy proposals in the AFRINIC region.

Kevin B. agreed that the individual regions should report back to the PPFT; leave the AFRINIC seat open, but show that we are monitoring it.

Hervé C. agreed: the four members of the PPFT can track what is going on in AFRINIC.

14. AOB

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15. Closed Session

Hervé C thanked the observers. After confirming that only ASO AC members were present on the call, the closed session began.

16. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Hervé C. called the motion to adjourn, Esteban L. seconded the motion, no objections were heard, and the meeting was adjourned at 13:56 UTC.