

AFCN application for ALS (At Large Structure) Status under ICANN At Large provisions.  
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## Application for "At-Large Structure" (ALS) Designation

### Contact Information

1. Organization's Name: Association For Community Networking (AFCN)
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### Description

7. Is your organization constituted so that participation by individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the Geographic Region in which your organization is based will predominate in your organization's operation?

Yes.

8. Describe you organization's constituents/membership (number, citizenship/ location, defining characteristic -- e.g. profession for professional societies):

Board of Directors: 9 members, predominately USA (one seat is Canadian), actively engaged in field of community networking and digital literacy

Advisory Council: Includes past members of the board of directors and other leaders of the field identified by the Board & Council.

(Currently 15 members, listed below)

Voting Members: Currently almost 150 members involved with promoting community networking, many of whom lead regional and local community networks through out the United States.

9. Explain the eligibility requirements (if any) for your organization's constituents/membership (if you provide a written application for admission as a member, you may attach a copy):

Members: Our membership is open to any and all who are concerned with the role of Internet and other communications technologies, and infrastructure, the promotion of community networking as a field of practice, and the policy and social milieu that best supports that dialog.

We actively recruit grassroots leadership in the movement for community networking and the public use of technology and media. We maintain strategic partnerships across the network of Community ICT/digital divide activist networks.

We have provision for organizational membership in addition to individual membership, but there is currently no substantive differentiation between the two classes of membership..

10. In what language/s does your organization conducts its business?

English.

11. Provide support for the statement that your organization is self-supporting (by answering "yes" you confirm that it will not rely on ICANN for funding):

Yes. We confirm we will not rely upon ICANN for our funding .The Association For Community Networking (AFCN) historically relies upon membership fees and revenues from conferences and events. The Development Committee works to cultivate resources through grants for specific projects. We have operated for more than 12 years as a working volunteer board and advisory council. ....

12. Describe you organization's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes):

*From the corporate by-laws of the AFCN:*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Association.  
The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than seven, nor more than nine directors.  
All seats on the Board of Directors shall be elected by the Voting members.  
The term of each Board member shall be three years.*

**OFFICERS**

The Officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, which shall be elected from and by the Board of Directors . An Executive Director may be appointed by the Board.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Board of Directors shall establish an Advisory Council. The Council shall serve to provide special expertise, influence, financial and organizational advice and strategic vision for the benefit of the association. The powers of the Council shall not extend beyond those of the general membership.

**MEETINGS**

*The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year, at such time and place as the Board by resolution may direct.*

*All meetings of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof shall be open to attendance by any member of the Association in good standing, but nothing herein shall prevent the Board or any committee from convening in private session for the consideration of any matter; provided, however, the vote or final action shall be taken in open session.*

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13. Does your organization commit to supporting its individual constituents'/membership's informed participation in ICANN?

Yes.

14. Describe how your organization keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest:

Our constituents/membership is kept informed about issues of interest via periodic email newsletters, and may participate in discussions through the organization's website and several listservs.

15. Does your organization post on the Internet publicly-accessible, current information about your organization's goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s) (if this information currently is available, provide URLs)?

Yes. <http://www.afcn.org>

Other URL's registered for this organization's exclusive use:

None, currently.

16. Provide information on your organization's leadership (leaders' names, positions, emails):

Board of Directors:

- \* Michael Maranda, **President**, [mmaranda@afcn.org](mailto:mmaranda@afcn.org)
- \* Kevin Tharp, **Secretary**, [kevin\\_tharp@afcn.org](mailto:kevin_tharp@afcn.org)
- \* Stelios Valavanis, **Treasurer**, [stel@onshore.com](mailto:stel@onshore.com)
- \* Dan Etulain, [foxnet@ptialaska.net](mailto:foxnet@ptialaska.net)
- \* Max Gail, [fullmax@aol.com](mailto:fullmax@aol.com)
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- \* Gareth Shearman, [shearman@victoria.tc.ca](mailto:shearman@victoria.tc.ca)
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Advisory Council:

- \* Ann Bishop
- \* Laura Breeden
- \* Andy Carvin
- \* Richard Cville
- \* Andrew Cohill
- \* Gene Crick
- \* Joan Durrance
- \* Michael Gurstein
- \* Richard Lowenberg
- \* Sascha Meinrath
- \* Peter Miller
- \* Judith Pepper
- \* Sally Rawlins
- \* Steve Snow
- \* Angela Stuber

## Objectives

17. What is your organization's primary goal or mission (please attach any mission or policy statement for your organization, if in writing, or provide a URL, if posted):

Mission Statement: The Association For Community Networking provides resources, shared learning, and experienced guidance to help communities and organizations use information and communications technologies effectively.

18. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your organization's constituents/membership:

Our primary concern is for public participation in Internet Governance and Communications Policy and Practice at all levels of society., including awareness of the relation between the several layers of US policy/formal jurisdiction over and around communications networks.

19. If formed, will your organization commit to assisting the Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) for the region in which your organization is based in performing its function?

YES. We are very active in seeking partnerships with entities in the US and throughout North America for the promotion of our common values.

## Signature

20. (Include the name, and title, if applicable, of the individual who is authorized by your organization to sign this application and commit your organization to comply with ALS criteria.)

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Michael Maranda

President