



Interim ALAC Report to Board on At-Large Formation Proposals

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At-Large Involvement & Participation

- New Bylaws call for establishment of framework of local, regional, global groups to promote structured involvement and informed participation of the global individual Internet user community in ICANN.



At-Large Framework

- Local At-Large Structures (existing groups or new) focusing on participation by individual users at the local or issue level.
- 5 Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs) composed of At-Large Structures, acting as main forum, coordination point in each region for public input to ICANN.
- ALAC composed of members selected by the RALOs and NomCom, providing advice on activities of ICANN that relate to the interests of individual Internet users.



ALAC Mandate

- To build this framework, the Interim ALAC was appointed by the Board 5 months ago and charged with formulating recommendations to the Board regarding the criteria and procedures for formation of the RALOs and recognition of At-Large Structures.



Transmitted to Board

- <http://www.icann.org/montreal/alac-organization-topic.htm#1>
- Proposed minimum criteria for At-Large Structures (ALSs).
- Proposed certification process for ALSs.
- Proposed guidelines for the form of each RALOs' Memorandum of Understanding to be entered into with ICANN.
- Proposed procedures for Board review of ALAC certification decisions.
- Proposed Application for "At-Large Structure" (ALS) Designation.



Balanced Rules, Processes

- ALAC attempted to balance need to minimize rules/simplify ALS designation and RALO creation processes with need to address Bylaw requirements/provide guidance and assurances that ALS and RALOs would be credible groups that facilitate informed participation by users in ICANN.



Public Input Solicited

- Public input solicited on ALAC website since 9 April 2003 (English, Spanish)
- Public comments received on draft criteria, accreditation process, MOU guidelines.
- ALAC responded and incorporated several comments.
- Final proposals posted on the ALAC's website for public comment since 4 June 2003.



Critical Step for Organizing

- Board approval needed to launch At-Large organizing and expand ALAC work with the At-Large community to involve/represent in ICANN a broad set of individual user interests.