

At its meeting on February 23, 2010, the ALAC decided to ask all candidates seeking ALAC's endorsements to address two questions.

Alan Greenberg's e-mail of 9 March 2010 requests a statement responding to the following questions:

1. that you are in a position to fairly assess ICANN's accountability, transparency and the focus on the interests of global Internet users;
2. that you will be able to do this from the perspective of the global ICANN At-Large Community and the ALAC.

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- 1. ... that you are in a position to fairly assess ICANN's accountability, transparency and the focus on the interests of global Internet users;**

First, I would confirm that I am an **Internet User**. For more than four years, since I retired, I have been alone in managing the use of the Internet for my voluntary work and for the whole family, with hardly any technical support. The NGOs with which I am associated, particularly <*Interparents.eu*> have benefitted from my experience on the Internet as a user.

I am not technically qualified in this field and have no commercial interests in the Internet.

Notwithstanding, I would go so far as to suggest that I have a good instinct for what works and what does not work on the Internet from the users' point of view, including specific ICANN aspects. I took part in the initial negotiations which resulted in the internationalisation of ICANN. I am on record for resisting the dilution of user representation within ICANN. I supported IDN at an early stage. I initiated what has proved to be one of the most successful new TLDs, on a hunch as to what many users in Europe might want.

May I also say a word about “**fairness**”. It is only right that we should participate in a fair assessment, which should be cognizant of, and on occasion should take account of, how the ICANN organisation got from there to here and where it might be going.

It so happens that I had the opportunity to discuss, officially and privately, with all the leading protagonists in the ICANN process over an extended period of years. From the inception of the POC, the IFWP, the EC-POP, the first At Large elections and the subsequent manifestations of At Large in ICANN. I confess that I was there in one capacity or another.

I would dare to suggest that at this stage in the life of ICANN, that background could contribute significantly not only to an objective evaluation from the users' point of view but also to its fairness.

2. that you will be able to do this from the perspective of the global ICANN At-Large Community and the ALAC.

Whoever undertakes this task, as a sole individual, faces a challenge if she or he is to integrate the whole perspective of the global At Large Community into the evaluation of ICANN's accountability and transparency. I would only say that I believe that I am better placed than most people to attempt to do this loyally and with an open mind.

I am fluent in three languages and have lived in different parts of the world for most of my life. I have worked - on mission - in a number of other countries for more or less extended periods.

I am known to many of the At Large leadership, and to members of the At Large Advisory Committee. I have attended several At Large meetings and conference calls and contributed to the final drafting of the At Large Mexico statements. I follow the EURALO and ALAC discussion lists on a regular basis.

I would submit that I am well aware of the diversity of circumstances world wide, as I am aware of the spectrum of opinion and advice within the At Large community and ALAC.

Furthermore, and without prejudice to the outcome of the recent discussion about whether or not representatives could be mandated in this context, I would expect our representative on this Team to benefit from a channel of communication with ALAC during the evaluation process. How this could be done would be influenced by the working methods of the evaluation Team, which have not yet been determined.
