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Applicant Organisation: Cook Islands Internet Action Group (CIIAG)

Region: Asia Pacific

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1) COMMITMENTS

a. Does the applicant commit to supporting individual Internet users' informed participation in ICANN?

YES

b. Does the applicant agree to assist the RALO in performing its function?

YES

2) GOVERNANCE

c. Which geographical area(s) are the applicants membership drawn from?

Asia Pacific (APRALO)

d. Is the applicant constituted so that individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the geographic region in which the ALS is based control the organisation?

YES

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response:

Verified with PM's office, Director ICT, Ms. Pua Hunter – She is a past ICANN fellow and has been to a meeting of CIIAG

e. Does the applicant really have individual members?

YES

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Provide any references used to answer the question here: Am told by source that the inaugural meeting registered 43 members, with ½ members turning up to meetings or participating via online means (Facebook group and mailing list)

If YES on (c) above, are these members active, or do they mostly just sign up and delegate to their leaders?

ACTIVE: Since newly formed, the current elected officials are running the show for now. Need to monitor progress.

f. Does the applicant have organizations as members?

NO

IF YES: Provide details about the nature, type, and number of such members:

IF YES: Provide information about the control they exert over the organisation, whether or not the organizational members are themselves predominantly organised for the benefit of individual internet users.

g. Does the applicant have governmental bodies or quasi-governmental bodies as members?

NO

IF YES: Provide details about the nature, type, and number of such members. In particular, describe whether or not the nature of these members is congruent with the *Guidelines for Evaluating ALS Applications* as regards the Second Criterion, and how you arrived at your judgment in this regard::

h. Does the applicant permit additional participation by others that is compatible with the interests of the individual Internet users within the region?

YES

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Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response: There is some cross membership between this group and Pacific Islands Chapter of the Internet Society (PICISOC).

i. Is the applicant self-supporting? (i.e. will not rely on ICANN for funding).

YES

How is the organization funded and what source material or information did you rely on to make your judgment?

They are not collecting any funds to run the organization – all voluntary and on a small scale

j. Does the applicant post on the Internet current information about their goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s)?

NO

If YES, please provide the URLs where you found the information (preferably specific to the question, not simply the homepage URL):

k. Do the membership, leadership and internal mechanisms described in the application correspond to those exposed on the website?

N/A

If 'YES', how and where are the references?

l. How does the applicant appear to be funded?

Outline funding sources: All voluntary at the moment

Where / what sources did you use to find the answers to this question?

m. Does the funding mechanism show dependence on other interest groups (i.e. industry, government)?

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NO

If YES, please provide some further information on what sources you can identify:

If 'YES', please clarify if possible whether the sources are likely to influence the governance of the organization (for example, a grant from a charity or foundation may well be free of 'strings' of this kind, where corporate donations in some cases might not be):

n. Are the leaders of the applicant organization involved in other organizations or entities?

YES

If 'YES', please reference the sources for this answer: PICISOC

If YES were they already involved in Internet governance issues in the past, and in which role?

YES

If YES, role(s): Maureen is Vice-Chair of PICISOC she has participated in IGF forums, regional ICT forums advocating PICISOC and also a recent ICANN fellow, where it has motivated her to put an application to be an ALS.

o. Is the mission / policy statement actually related to ICANN / Internet governance issues / advocating users'/consumers interests?

YES

If YES, include mission/policy statement, and reference the source: They want to centralize if possible comments submitted from the Cook Islands community towards ICT and Internet policy development where comments are sought.

3) INTERNET PRESENCE

a. Is the contact information for the organization and its contact person complete and reasonable?

No website established as yet. However there is mention of the CIAG, Maureen Hilyard in local media <http://www.ciherald.co.ck/articles/h505k.htm>

Does the listed URL work?

NO

Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

YES: NO:

Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES: NO:

If archives are publicly available, do these forums show signs of recent activity (in the last few months)?

YES: NO:

If public, are they kept up to date?

YES: NO:

4) ADDITIONAL DUE DILIGENCE

a. How active and well known is the applicant organization?

Number of results for a Google search of organisation in quotes:

Additional information if any:

<http://www.ciherald.co.ck/articles/h505k.htm>

Maureen also submitted her ICANN fellow report where she has been supported to submit an ALS application for CIAG.

b. Were you familiar with this applicant before the applicant applied to become an ALS?

YES

If ‘YES’ please provide some detail of your previous knowledge: I’ve met many of the members in Cook Islands during an ITU Numbering workshop – where I presented on IANA procedures on Root Zone Management. Diplo also ran their first IG workshop in the Pacific in Cook Islands where members of CIIAG were present. I discussed ALS opportunities to increase participation from the region through the RALO. Maureen has been convinced and motivated to submit the application after her experience as a fellow in Cartagena meeting.

c. What kind of issues does it focus on mostly?

Outline focus issues: Advocacy for ICT and Internet issues for users.

- Has the applicant set up any event, meeting, or real-life activity pertaining to Internet governance issues, or other issues related to the interests of individual users?

YES

Additional information if any: As Maureen is also vice-chair of PICISOC she and her officials collaborate in organizing the annual PacINET event in the Pacific. She was also the lead in collaborating with Diplo foundation that ran an IG workshop in Cook Islands.

- Has the applicant been active in international, regional or national Internet governance issues?

ACTIVE:

If Active, please provide details of activities or reference URLs for the same:

We are party to organizing the next Pacific Islands IGF in April 2011. Maureen is representing both CIIAG and PICISOC