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Applicant Organization: ISOC TRV

Region: APRALO

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1) COMMITMENTS

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

YES: ☒x NO: ☐

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

YES: ☒x NO: ☐

2) GOVERNANCE

- a. Which geographical area(s) are the applicants' memberships drawn from?**

APRALO

- b. Is the applicant constituted so that participation by individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the geographic region in which the ALS is based control the organization?**

YES: ☒x NO: ☐

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

As per application form: "As an authorized Chapter of the Internet Society, ISOC-TRV is an organization composed by Internet Users. The Chapter seeks to uphold the interests of Internet Users, and recognizes their role in creation and influencing of policy relating to the Governance of the Internet and the technologies that drive it."

"Any Global Member of the Internet Society who wishes to associate with the Chapter can become a member of the Chapter."

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As per email exchange with applicant: "Membership is governed by Section III of the by-laws. In addition, there is also a geographic restriction according to Section II (2), which states that the Chapter shall serve persons living "...in the geographic territory of the city of Trivandrum in the State of Kerala in India". However, given that Trivandrum is one of the three territories of Kerala, and that there are no other organizations serving the rest of Kerala, ISOC-TRV may admit members from other parts of Kerala as well, until such time new chapters are formed to serve them."

c. Does the applicant really have individual members?

YES: ☒x NO: ☐

Provide any references used to answer the question here:

As per application form: "ISOC-TRV has just been constituted, and there are about 40 members at this time. Significant further growth in membership is expected."

As per email exchange with applicant: "The by-laws do not impose any conditions on membership. However, it is expected that most of the members, at least in the initial stages, would be technically skilled users, IT professionals, and technology students. "

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

ACTIVE: ☒x DELEGATE: ☐

d. Does the applicant have organizations as members?

YES: ☐ NO: ☒x

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

YES: ☐ NO: ☒x

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

YES: ☒x NO: ☐

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response: as per email exchange with applicant: “As a matter of policy, ISOC TRV will allow participation by members, which may include:

- Non-members who are considering becoming members
- Students
- Domain Experts & Speakers
- Government and civil society leaders who need to be educated on Internet Governance

The last group is particularly important, as we consider educating non-members (particularly policymakers and policy influencers) to be part of the ISOC mandate.

Finally, most meetings non-administrative meetings would be open to members of the other professional societies in the region (such as IEEE, Computer Society of India and Institution of Engineers).”

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

YES: ☒x NO: ☐

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

The organization relies on volunteer work almost exclusively. As per applicant: “ISOC TRV will work through local sponsorships, particularly from professional organizations (such as IEEE Kerala Section) and the industry, to begin with. We will utilize ISOC support as and when we receive it, but will not be dependent on it to get started.” No Government funds are expected for the core activities of the organization.”

- h. 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)?**

YES: ☐ NO: ☒x

There is no website yet. As per email exchange with the applicant: "We are in the process of setting up our website--it may take a few weeks more. To begin with, we will be using ISOC infrastructure, but will set up our own website within 3-4 months. We do have our Twitter account (@isoctrv) as of now."

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

YES: ☐ NO: ☒x But as there is no website as of yet. However, the defining document of the organization is the Bylaws.

- j. How does the applicant appear to be funded?**

Volunteer work exclusively as per reply to point g.

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

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

YES: ☐ NO: ☒x

As per applicant: "No Government funds are expected for the core activities of the organization. We expect that some events--for example workshops, training programs and seminars on technology areas and Internet Governance--will be funded by Government and Government institutions."

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

YES: ☒x NO: ☐

If 'YES', please reference the sources for this answer: as per email exchange with applicant: "At present, I'm a Vice Chair of APRALO, and also a Member of the ICANN NomCom (2014, 2015). For my full bio, pls see: <http://icfoss.in/director.html> or the ICANN Wiki."

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

YES: ☒x NO: ☐

If YES, role(s): As per email exchange with applicant: ""I've been involved with Internet Governance since 2009, and have been representing another ALS in APRALO (the Computer Society of India) since 2012."

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

YES: ☒x NO: ☐

If YES, include mission/policy statement, and reference the source:

As per the Bylaws: "The Chapter will serve the objectives and purposes of the Internet Society by serving the broad interests of the global Internet community through a local presence, focus on local issues and developments, and use of local languages."

3) INTERNET PRESENCE

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

YES: ☒x NO: ☐

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Does the listed URL work?

YES: ☐ NO: ☐ N/a as they are hosted via ISOC only. However applicant stated: "Through email, on-line mailing lists, periodic events and general meetings of members including the Annual General Meeting."

Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

YES: ☐ NO: ☐ n/a

Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES: ☐ NO: ☐ n/a

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

YES: ☐ NO: ☐ n/a

If public, are they kept up to date?

YES: ☐ NO: ☐ n/a

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: "isoc trv" 5 results

Additional information if any: The Chapter is a very recent one, and as of today, appears as 'In formation" on the Internet Society website.

As per email exchange with applicant: "We are a fully chartered Chapter, and the web site is being updated to reflect this. We were introduced to the community during the ISOC meeting at ICANN 52 at Singapore. Also, pls see Agenda Item #3 in the ISOC Board meeting No. 119 at Singapore earlier this month available at the following link: <http://www.internetsociety.org/board-meeting-agenda-no-119> "

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

YES: ☒x NO: ☐

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If 'YES" please provide some detail of your previous knowledge:

As per the ICANN Wiki: **Satish Babu** is a past President of the Computer Society of India^[1], where he held charge during 2012-13. CSI became an At-Large Structure of ICANN during his tenure at President. He is currently the Director of the International Centre for Free and Open Source Software^[2].

He is a member of the following ICANN working groups:

- Capacity Building Working Group
- ATLAS 2 Working Group
- Meeting Strategy Working Group (MSWG)

He was elected to the ICANN's 2014 NomCom in July 2013, representing APRALO, and also selected as one of the two Vice Chairs of APRALO (June 2014)

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

- Preservation of a Free, Open, Unified, Global Internet
Internet Governance, including the policy development through the multistakeholder model
- Use of the Internet as an instrument for human development, poverty alleviation, and enhancing the quality of life around the world
- Grassroots-level capacity building for influencing Internet Policy
- Initiatives that enhance the resilience of the Internet such as running L-root instances

- 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: ☐ NO: ☐ x

Additional information if any: There however are plans to: Our launch event is scheduled for March/April 2015 (depending on the availability of resource persons such as Siva for ISOC Chennai). The community of ISOC-TRV is part of the technical fraternity of about 7-8 professional societies, which have been organizing local, national and international events for over 20 years. ISOC-TRV is expected to be organizing technical events on an ongoing basis.

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

ACTIVE: ☐ x Concrete projects to be active INACTIVE: ☐