

ccNSO/ALAC Liaison Report April 14th 2016

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The ALAC Monthly Meeting Call is next week.

Prior to that call there are two ALAC Policy Advice Papers which will have been voted upon and which will be available to report.

They are: **Draft Framework of Principles for Cross Community Working Groups**

Voting Closes April 16th

And: **At-Large Final Report Recommendations of the Geographic Regions Review Working Group Workspace**

Voting Closes April 22nd

Today, April 13th 2016, during the **At-Large Leadership Team (ALT) Mid Month Meeting Call**, there was discussion about the upcoming schedule for the ICANN 56 Meeting in Helsinki. It was commented that the shortage of time under the new ICANN Meeting schedule does not provide for a face-to-face Strategic Planning meeting of the ALT. There was hope that a Budget Request for a meeting space, prior to the official ICANN opening, would be sanctioned.

At-Large Captioning Pilot Project

A pilot captioning project will be tested in April and May to allow teleconferences in one language to be captioned in one or more alternate languages.

The vision is to “pilot-test” ICANN’s capability to increase the accessibility of Policy development activities by providing real-time captioning service on existing At-Large community meeting calls. The concept is to test a potential new/additional vendor (Caption First) who, it is believed, can provide captioning capability at levels comparable to our current transcript provider in real-time at substantially lower prices.

Targeted: A nine (9) pilot-test call effort over the course of several months, concluding with a staff assessment and recommendation at the end of the test.

See further details Wiki: **At-Large Captioning Pilot Project** [{LINK}](#)

AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ALAC Correspondence on the Study Group on Sensitive New gTLDs

On 26 February 2016, Staff confirmed that the ALAC unanimously approved the motion to send this Correspondence (with suitable edits) to the ICANN Board.

See correspondence excerpt below:

March 28th 2016 ALAC Letter to Steve Crocker:

EXCERPT:

The ALAC is responding to Mr. Chalaby's letter of 30 September 2015 sent on the behalf of the NGPC, regarding Public Interest Commitment (PICs) that the GAC and ALAC have been calling for, with regard to highly-regulated strings, wherein Mr. Chalaby notes:

"The NGPC does not believe that it currently possesses the authority to establish a new community-based mechanism like the PICs review committee suggested by Mr. Andruff. Rather, consistent with ICANN's bottom-up multi-stakeholder model, we think it is more appropriate to provide you with Mr. Andruff's proposal for your consideration."

The ALAC has been on-record with its desire to see a review mechanism put in place long before it read the ALAC PICs Resolution¹ into the record at the Public Forum at ICANN 51 Los Angeles.

Therefore, our response to Mr. Chalaby's letter is that the ALAC believes that the Board has all of the requisite authority to call on the community to establish the said "Review Committee" based upon the fact that this is a specific PICs implementation issue that was called for by the GAC in their ICANN 46 Beijing Communiqué, as well as in every related Communiqué since then. The ALAC does understand that the Board may not have the authority to address any problems discovered by the Committee, but in light of the ongoing CCT Review and the PDP for future rounds of new gTLDs, the investigation itself appears to have significant merit.

Link to original document [{LINK}](#)

Respectfully submitted

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