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Applicant Organisation: (113) Internet Society New York Chapter
Region: North America
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1) COMMITMENTS

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

YES: NO:

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

YES: NO:

2) GOVERNANCE

c. Which geographical area(s) is the applicant's membership drawn from?

USA – NY

d. 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: NO:

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

The applicant is a "Non-Umbrella Organization" as that term is understood in the Guide to Evaluating ALS Applications. Please see below with respect to the details regarding the organizational members of the applicant.

e. Does the applicant have individual members?

YES: NO:

Provide any references used to answer the question here:

Taking into consideration applicant's positive response to question 9 (regarding individual members' ability to vote or control the organization), and the answer to question 13 (description of general membership), it can be inferred that at the present time the applicant has only individual members, as there is no interest group, organization, governmental or quasi-governmental body that is member of the Chapter.

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

ACTIVE: DELEGATE: UNCLEAR:

The website has 41 registered members with a steady stream of new members on a regular basis. As completed on the application form, the organization has 25 active members who attend meetings and help plan projects and events.

f. Does the applicant have organizations as members?

YES: 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 organization, whether or not the organizational members are themselves predominantly organized for the benefit of individual internet users.

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

YES: 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 in its governance or work that is compatible with the interests of the individual Internet users within the region?

YES: NO: UNCLEAR:

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response. In particular, describe whether or not the nature of the additional participation is congruent with the *Guidelines for Evaluating ALS Applications* as regards the Second Criterion, and how you arrived at your judgment in this regard:

Although we unfortunately cannot determine it firmly, we can mention that not only, the Internet Society of New York is open to anyone who shares their goals, but also, according to their By-Laws, “All individuals and organizations falling within the defined scope of this Chapter shall be eligible for membership... Any individual denied membership for whatever reason after such procedures shall be entitled to appeal such denial to the Executive Committee”.

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

YES: NO:

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

According to the applicant (both their website and their application submitted to At-Large) their funding comes from:

- 1) *Membership fees*
- 2) *Donations*
- 3) *Grants from global ISOC*

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)?

YES: NO:

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

http://isoc-ny.org/wiki/Wiki:Community_Portal

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

YES: NO:

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

It would appear to be so. For example, at <http://isoc-ny.org/wiki/Minutes>, summaries of the organization's meetings meeting can be found.

At <http://isoc-ny.org/wiki/By-laws>, the by-laws wherein the mechanisms of membership and leadership are described can be found. However, the website does not provide details of management or board meetings.

l. How does the applicant appear to be funded?

Outline funding sources:

Members, global ISOC grants, donations

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

Their website, application form, and statutes.

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

YES: 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: NO:

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

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

YES: NO:

If YES, role(s):

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

YES: NO:

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

The mission of ISOC-NY is:

- 1. In support of ISOC, to assure the beneficial, open evolution of the global Internet*
- 2. To promote local initiatives, maximize the societal benefits which the Internet can bring to the New York area, and*
- 3. To advance the professional development of ISOC members in the New York area.*

Source: http://isoc-ny.org/wiki/Wiki:Community_Portal#Mission

3) INTERNET PRESENCE

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

YES: NO:

Does the listed URL work?

YES: NO:

Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

YES: NO:

Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES: NO:

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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 organization in quotes: *12 100*

Additional information if any:

According the online calendar, the organization is holding public meetings on a monthly basis. Events such as workshops and public forums of discussion are taking place from time to time.

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

YES: NO:

If ‘YES’ please provide some detail of your previous knowledge:

One of the Board Member, Veni Markovski, is also an ICANN Staff member.

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

Outline focus issues:

- 1) Net Neutrality*
- 2) Open access to the Net*
- 3) Privacy*
- 4) Online freedom of speech*

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- 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:

Additional information if any:

*ISOC-NY has undertaken **ISXubuntu**, a project to develop a bootable Linux CD with privacy-enhancing software preinstalled.*

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

ACTIVE: INACTIVE:

None obviously visible

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