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Applicant Organisation: San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the Internet Society

Region: NARALO

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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

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

The Chapter will serve people located in the greater San Francisco Bay Area including the Silicon Valley. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco_Bay_Area

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 organisation?

YES: X NO:

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

According to Article VI of the organization's bylaws, the Executive Committee will be elected by the individual members of the organization. The relevant articles of the bylaws are listed below:

Article IV. - Officers

- 1.The officers of this Chapter shall be: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- 2.The officers shall be elected by the Executive Council. They shall take office immediately and serve for one year or until their successor is elected.

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Article V. - Duties of Officers

- 1.The chair is the principal officer and is responsible for leading the Chapters and managing its activities in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Internet Society and these bylaws. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of this Chapter and of its Executive Council. With the advice of the Chapter's Executive Council, the Chair shall appoint all members of committees of this chapter and all Committee chairmen.
- 2.The Vice Chair shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chair.
- 3.The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Chapter and Executive Council meetings. Other duties of the Secretary include:
Preparation of the Annual Chapter Report for presentation to the Chapter at the Annual Election Meeting.
Preparation of the Chapter's Activity Report and submission of this report to ISOC Headquarters.
Notification to ISOC Headquarters of any changes in the elected officers of the Chapter.
Submission of any proposed amendment to these Vice President of chapters for approval .
- 4.The Treasurer shall collect dues, pay all bills, and maintain the Chapter's financial records. Duties of the Treasurer shall also include:
Preparation of the Chapter's Annual Financial Report for presentation to the Chapter at the Annual Election meeting.
Completion and submission of the Annual Financial Report to ISOC Headquarters.*

Article VI. - Executive Council

The Executive Council shall be elected by the individual members of the chapter.
The term of the members of the Council shall coincide with the terms of the officers. They shall take office on the first day of the fiscal year and serve for one year.

Source: <http://www.sfbayisoc.org/Charter>

e. Does the applicant really have individual members?

YES: X NO:

Provide any references used to answer the question here:

The names of individual founding members are listed on the organization's website:

1. Zaid Ali - Genius.com,Inc
2. Ted Hardie
3. Franck Martin - PICISOC Chair, ISOC Trustee
4. Sophia Bekele
5. Annalisa Roger
6. Ken Krechmer
7. James Ausman
8. Cynthia Waddell - Vice Chair ISOC Disability and Special Needs Chapters
9. Annalisa Roger
10. Kevin Ruse
11. John Gale
12. Wisam Daoud
13. Krassimir Tzvetanov
14. Michael Palmeter
15. Glenn Ricart
16. David Tien
17. Richard Hart
18. Vikas Khanna
19. Vlad Markov
20. James Ausman
21. Matt Cornillault
22. Michel Weksler
23. Ken Krechmer
24. Leticia C. Smith
25. Sajith K
26. K. Ramesh Babu
27. Vividh Siddha
28. George Ledin
29. Gary Tsang

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

ACTIVE: X DELEGATE:

Many members are active as Board members:

- Zaid Ali, Chair
- Anna Lisa Rogers, Vice Chair
- Ken Krechmer, Treasurer
- Sophia Bekele, Secretary
- Ted Hardie, Board member
- Franck Martin, Board member

f. Does the applicant have organizations as members?

YES: X NO:

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

The application states that they do have organizations as members. Additionally, the organization's website states that the ISOC SF Bay Area Chapter has two organizations as supporters. These organizations are: Avonsys - www.avonsys.com and PICISOC - www.picisoc.org.

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?

YES: NO: X

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: NO:

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

- i. 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?

- 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: X NO:

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

The organization's charter, including their Bylaws, is available at:

<http://www.sfbayisoc.org/Charter>

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

YES: X NO:

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

Information on the organization's membership is available in their charter: <http://www.sfbayisoc.org/Charter>. Within their Charter, the Bylaws provide information regarding their leadership and internal governance mechanisms.

I. How does the applicant appear to be funded?

Outline funding sources: The organization indicated on its application that is “unfunded/entirely voluntary”. According to its website, membership is free. However, ISOC charges \$75 to become a “Sustaining Member” (<http://www.sfbayisoc.org/join>).

The organization also notes on its application that it receives support form two profit-making business in the industry. Its website shows that Avonsys - www.avonsys.com and PICISOC - www.picisoc.org provide support.

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

The organization’s application and website.

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

YES: NO: X

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: X NO:

If ‘YES’, please reference the sources for this answer:

Sophia Bekele, Secretary of the organization, served on ICANN’s GNSO policy board from 2005-2007 (see: http://icannwiki.org/Sophia_Bekele)

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Franck Martin, a Board Member, is also the current Chairman of the Pacific Islands Chapter of the Internet Society (PICISOC) (see: <http://www.linkedin.com/pub/franck-martin/0/41/a08>)

Were they already involved in Internet governance issues in the past, and in which role?

YES: X NO:

If YES, role(s):

See above.

o. 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:

The SF-Bay chapter mission statement reads:

- Enable members to exchange technical, policy, or otherwise relevant information amongst themselves.
- Provide the opportunity for outreach from the chapter to the local community on these topics.
- Promote the core values of the Internet society.
- Interact with other ISOC Chapters and groups, as well as relevant groups outside of ISOC.
- Develop programs related to standards, public policy, and education for the membership.

Source: <http://www.sfbayisoc.org/tiki-index.php>

3) INTERNET PRESENCE

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

YES: NO: X

There is no physical location, telephone number or specific e-mail address provided. The site provides an ISOC URL (<http://www.isoc.org/join/>) for people to join.

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Does the listed URL work?

YES: X NO:

Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

YES: X NO:

Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES: NO: X

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

YES: X NO:

If public, are they kept up to date?

YES: X 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: 155

Additional information if any:

Google search was performed of “San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the Internet Society”. See results at:

<http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&q=%22San+Francisco+Bay+Area+Chapter+of+the+Internet+Society%22&aq=f&oq=&aqi=>

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

YES: NO: X

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

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

Outline focus issues:

According to their website, the SF-Bay ISOC chapter's current initiatives are:

- Broadband technology program (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009)
- IPv6 technology
- Trust/identity initiative
- Open Standards
- Cyber crime
- Distance Education
- Silicon Valley corporate involvement
- Speakers at a local chapter events

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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: X NO:

Additional information if any: The organization has held two Board Meetings. The organization was established in February 2009, so are a relatively new organization.

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

ACTIVE: INACTIVE: X (Cannot see any such activity on their website or their application)

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