

Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2008

Applicant Organisation: (114) Foundation for Building Sustainable Communities
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?

Ontario, Canada

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. Moreover, FBSC is federally incorporated and all its members are Canadian citizens.

e. Does the applicant have individual members?

YES: NO:

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Provide any references used to answer the question here:

As indicated in the applicant's response to question 2a (regarding individual members' ability to vote or control the organization), and 2b&c (organizations, governmental bodies, or quasi-governmental bodies, as members of the organization), the applicant has only individual members.

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

ACTIVE DELEGATE: UNCLEAR:

There is no information neither on the website nor on the application form about the active or passive involvement of the members.

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

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with the *Guidelines for Evaluating ALS Applications* as regards the Second Criterion, and how you arrived at your judgment in this regard:

The Foundation partners with Canadian and international communities on a local basis to promote, facilitate, and implement sustainable development programs.

http://www.fbsc.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1%3Afbsc&catid=31%3Ageneral&Itemid=1

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 application submitted to At-Large, the applicant's funding derives from:

- 1) Sponsorships
- 2) Donations
- 3) Fee for service

Also, FBSC has received funding from Ontario Ministry of Energy to support various community outreach initiatives for environmental sustainability, including seminars on Green IT.

i. 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):

www.fbsc.org

There is no information at all about membership.

j. 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?

www.fbsc.org

The website does not provide any information about membership.

k. How does the applicant appear to be funded?

Outline funding sources:

Sponsorships, donations, fee for service

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

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l. 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):

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

YES: NO:

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

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

YES: NO:

If YES, role(s):

n. 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 FBSC is: "To preserve our world by cultivating sustainable sensibilities".

Source:http://www.fbsc.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1%3Afbsc&catid=31%3Ageneral&Itemid=1

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:

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: 2,640,000

Additional information if any:

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:

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

Outline focus issues:

Sustainable Community Development (SCD)

Appropriate Technologies (AT)

Information, Communication Technologies (ICT)

- 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:

FBSC manages **WOWEN**, an open source communications project created for women who use or want to learn more about Free and Open Source Software, also called F/OSS, or OS, and sometimes Linux.

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- 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: