

Application for "At-Large Structure" (ALS) Designation



Applications should be submitted electronically to staff@alac.icann.org. Please address any questions about the applications process to this address.

The form can be downloaded from [URL Here]

Organisation Contact information

1. Organisation's Name:

Greater Toronto Area Linux User Group (GTALug)

2. Organisation's email address: info@tlug.org

3. Organisation's phone number (include country/city codes):

1-416-222-9821

4. Organisation's address (location and postal address, if different):

80 Pemberton Avenue

Toronto, ON M2M 1Y3

5. Organisation's website (URL) (if available):

gtalug.org

Primary and Secondary Contact for Organisation:

If accredited, the primary contact will be assumed to be that person who will cast any votes required, with the secondary person being the alternate – though your Organisation may at any time change its voting and alternate representatives.

6. Primary contact:

a. Name: Myles Braithwaite

b. Email address: myles@monkeyinyoursoul.com

c. Telephone: (416) 732-1657

7. Secondary Contact:

a. Name: Gordon Chillcott

b. Email address: ____gordonc@linux.ca____

c. Telephone: ____ (416) - 937-0983____

Description

1. Structure and Governance:

- a. Is your Organisation constituted so that individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the Geographic Region in which your Organisation is based control your Organisation?

Indicate Yes or No: ____ Yes____

- b. Please explain the answer above in sufficient detail so that a person not familiar with your Organisation would be able to understand the reasons for your answer, and attach or reference the URLs where any statutes or operating principles or other supporting information related to this question can be found:

- i. The executive of GTALug is composed of a Board of Directors, along with a President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board of Directors is elected by the membership, and the members must be in attendance at the Annual General Meeting to cast their vote.

- ii. The members of the Board of Directors and the Executive actively solicit suggestions, ideas and recommendations from the membership, not only at regularly scheduled meetings, but at other social functions. Furthermore, members at large are often invited to Board/Executive meetings when they have serious concerns, ideas or suggestions that must be explored, or other matters.

- c. Is your organization formally incorporated or organized under a national legal jurisdiction?

Indicate Yes or No: ____ Yes____

IF YES: Please describe what legal recognition it has and indicate the place of legal incorporation or registration

The Greater Toronto Area Linux User's group is a not-for-profit organization, incorporated in the Province of Ontario

d. Describe your Organisation's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes):

i. The Board of Directors itself elects the Executive (President, Treasurer and Secretary). An effort is made to fill these positions from the membership at large, rather from the Board.

ii. Most decisions are made collectively by the Board and the Executive and then communicated to the membership at large.

iii. Where a member or members at large have issues with a decision of the Board/Executive, those members are free to approach the Board or the Executive with their concerns. A practice of inviting members at large to meetings of the Board/Executive grew up around this effort and is the common practice today.

e. Does your organization have written bylaws or other constitutional instruments?

Indicate Yes or No: ____ Yes_

IF YES: Please provide a copy along with your application (in English if available)

f. Explain the eligibility requirements (if any) for your Organisation's constituents/membership (if you provide a written application for

admission as a member, you may attach a copy):

- i. A membership application form is completed (attached to this document), and a fee is paid. The fee is annual.
 - ii. The requirement for membership is an interest in Linux and other Open Source products and their use, and an agreement with the general principles of the organization.
- g. In what language/s does your Organisation conduct its business?
- i. The business of the organization is conducted in English.

2. About Your Members

- a. Do you have individual members with the ability to vote in or otherwise control the management of the organization?

Indicate Yes or No: __Yes__

IF NO: Describe what role individuals have in the management and work of the organization.

- b. Do you have organisations as all or part of your membership?

Indicate Yes or No: __No__

IF YES: Describe whether they are profit-making, non-profit-making, a mixture of both, and/or what proportion of the total membership each type of private sector organization is. Please also describe what the nature of the organizational members is: For example, are they all of a similar type or interested in a similar activity or policy area?

- c. Do you have governmental bodies, or quasi-governmental bodies, as members of your organisation?

Indicate Yes or No: __No__

IF YES: Please describe their nature and role in the decision-making and work of your organization, and the proportion of the total membership made up of these types of organization.

- d. Describe the general membership – are they predominately of one (or more) professional background or interest group? (e.g. journalists, online rights activists, consumer organizations, individual consumers, etc.):
 - i. As described above, the requirement for membership is an interest in Linux and other Open Source products and their use, and an agreement with the general principles of the organization.
 - ii. The above describes a broad spectrum, which includes professionals in the IT field, professionals in other fields where Linux is or might be used, hobbyists, journalists, technology watchers and others. Our current membership includes all of the above, drawn from the population of the Greater Toronto Area.
- e. Describe how your Organisation keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest:
 - i. We inform our membership through the use of our website and through the use of our (e-mail) mailing lists.
- f. Approximately how many members, of each type of membership class if you have more than one, do you have?
 - i. there is a single class of members. Our current plaid membership is around 40, with a mailing list (and non-member attendees) that numbers in the hundreds.

3. Provide support for the statement that your Organisation is self-supporting

(by answering "yes" you confirm that it will not rely on ICANN for funding):

Indicate Yes or No: __Yes____

4. What is the primary source, or sources, of funding for your Organisation? (if unfunded/entirely voluntary simply indicate "N/A"):

a. Currently, the primary source of funding is membership fees.

5. Do you receive any funding from government agencies or for-profit entities? If so, please describe below and describe their involvement in the activities of the organization (if they so participate):

a. We do not currently receive any funding from government agencies or for-profit entities

6. Does your Organisation commit to supporting its individual constituents'/membership's informed participation in ICANN?

Indicate Yes or No: __Yes____

6. Does your Organisation post on the Internet publicly-accessible, current information about your Organisation's goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s) (if this information currently is available, provide URLs)?

Indicate Yes or No: __Yes____

Please refer to <http://tlug.ss.org> .

7. Provide information on your Organisation's leadership (leaders' names, positions, emails):

Directors: Seneca Cunningham (seneca-cunningham@rogers.com_
_____David Patrick (djp@linuxcaffe.ca)
_____Chris Browne (cbbrowne@gmail.com)
_____Myles Braithwaite (myles@monkeyinyoursoul.com)
_____Gordon Chillcott (gordonc@linux.ca)

President: Drew Sullivan (drew@ss.org)
Treasurer: Chris Browne (cbbrowne@gmail.com)
Secretary: Colin McGregor (olinmc151@rogers.com)

Objectives

1. Please describe your Organisation's mission and purpose (please attach any mission or policy statement for your Organisation, if in writing, or provide a URL, if posted):

1. The Greater Toronto Area Linux User Group is committed to the free exchange of Linux-related information. Our goals as a user group include the creation of mechanisms that allow people with a common interest in linux to socialize.

- To promote interest in and use of the [Linux](#) operating system, the [Free Software Foundation](#), and the [GNU Public License](#).
- To foster Linux education and training.
- To organize and sponsor special events
- To encourage public acceptance of Linux and [Open Source](#) solutions. This may involve demonstrating [Linux equivalents](#) to proprietary software.
- To provide various means for the free exchange of information, news, and ideas about Linux and the Open Source advantage.
- To employ Linux and Free Software solutions in addressing social and technological problems in the Greater [Toronto](#) Area.

2. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your Organisation's constituents/membership:

GTALug's current interests include: DNS-SEC; IDN gTLD program; IDN ccTLD processes; IDN's generally.

3. If your Organisation is accredited, will it commit to participating actively in the Regional At-Large Organisation (RALO) for the region in which your Organisation is based?

Indicate Yes or No: ____Yes____

4. If your Organisation is accredited, does it or will it agree to adhere to the

provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the other ALSes in your Geographic Region and ICANN, as if it were an original signer of that document?

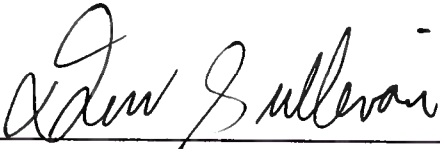
Indicate Yes or No: ____ Yes ____

The texts of the MoUs can be found at:

https://st.icann.org/alac/index.cgi?reference_texts

Signature

Include the name, and title, if applicable, of the individual who is authorized by your Organisation to sign this application and commit your Organisation to comply with ALS criteria.

Signature: 

Name: Drew Sullivan

Date: July 6, 2009

Title: President