ALAC in the past 6 months

- ALL the RALOS have approved MoUs, and have elected representatives
- NARALO is the last to form
- The final elected ALAC representatives who will take up their seats are:
  - Beau Brendler (USA)
  - Robert Guerra (Canada)
- Wendy Seltzer – outgoing Board-appointed Interim ALAC member from NA
Outreach and structure building

• Over 100 ALSes certified
• Map

Within ICANN

• Rapprochement with other groups within ICANN
  – Liaison to SSAC
  – Liaison to NCUC
  – Joint activities with NCUC, including 2 workshops on gTLDs – geoTLDs and Freedom of Speech
• Talking to ccNSO re more joint involvement
• We want to work with all the ICANN structures to provide the individual user perspective on the issues
Structure Building

- Have spent years on this
- Need to continue building and outreach, but no longer to the exclusion of almost all else
- Redirect resources to the policy areas of ICANN work.
- An Advisory Committee needs to advise.
- We have already started

Policy and Research

- Requested issues report on Domain Tasting
  - A lot of work went into this - being the first time that an Advisory Committee asked for one
- Those involved in the process:
  - the GNSO Commercial and Business Users, the Intellectual Property and the gTLD Registries Constituencies
  - ICANN staff who participated in the timely creation of the report.
  - Maria Farrell for her help in the processes leading up to the request for the report as well as the follow-on activities during the ICANN meeting in San Juan.
Work on IDNs

• Workshop later today (2 pm)
• ALAC is committed to bringing the users’ voices to ICANN and facilitating relevant research and policy.
• Has been actively participating in the IDN activities of the President’s Advisory Committee on IDNs and in the policy-making activities in the GNSO and ccNSO

At Large Working Groups

• IDN Policy Formation
  – There are several working groups on IDNs in various organs of ICANN. This At-Large working group is dealing with them holistically.
• WHOIS Policy
  – WHOIS policy has been a big issue within ICANN for some time. As a result of the importance of the issue, ALAC has a liaison just for this issue.
• Registrant / Registrar Relations
  – A new working group being formed to look holistically at the relationship between registrants and registries and what, if anything, the At-Large community wants to recommend be done.
geoTLDs

• In collaboration with NCUC, we held a workshop on geo-TLDs

• We agree that
  – City TLDs provide a great opportunity for users.
    • More choice,
    • Identification with the region/city
    • Good opportunities for local business.
  – Need to consider
    • Rights of governments to register governmental domains
    • Trademarks
  – A local geographical and unrestricted (!) domain is a very useful addition to the existing TLDs for the users.

Structure

• RFC for the ALAC Review is currently posted.
  – Unfortunate timing - reviewing the Interim ALAC just as we are about (in a few hours) to declare the Interim ALAC dead and proclaim the real ALAC.
• The process is very new and we now have to work on getting results quickly:
  – Involvement
  – Education on the issues
  – Systems to ensure timely quality feedback
  – 2 way dialogue
New tools for At Large work

• Wiki workspace
  – All documents, meeting minutes, recordings etc posted on the wiki at st.icann.org/alac
• Discussions on public mailing list
• New web-based membership database to automate and decentralise ALS application process
• New At-Large website development in progress

Thank You