

## At Large Advisory Committee



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## 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](http://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

