Report on ICANN Activity for Movember 19, 2018

ATAS III

No further progress on this topic, other than some unsubstantiated remarks that the number of ALS delegates might be increased to around 90.

Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)

This group is still streamlining its procedures.

Every issue presented to it (by a request for comments). Is examined with a few key questions, chief of which is "does this issue effect the end-user?". If it does, then CPWG must determine the position of At-Large – and the positions of other key decision-making groups.

This is the intent of these "new procedures". CPWG is trying this out and perfecting it as it goes. There is a side-intent of trying to decrease "discussion" of the issue during the (currently) hour and a half meetings.

WHOIS/"Registrant Data System" Policy Development Process ("EPDP")

The Barcelona AGM (which this reporter did not attend) apparently featured a meeting that was, according to one attendee, "frustrating". As a result of this frustration, that attendee created a graphic which laid out, among other things, the concern about just who will provide any requested Registrant Data – the Registrars/Registries or ICANN itself. This issue has interesting liability implications.

The discussion continues.

Generic Top Level Domains - Discussions on the Next Round

The At-Large response that was submitted just prior to the last report prompted some additional questions. These are being examined by two CPWG pen-holders, who have asked for comments.

One topic under current discussion is applications for city domain names (e.g. .toronto), in light of what was apparently allowed during the last round of gTLD's. There are a number of concerns about what the position of the city in question might be. Another concern that needs a bit more traction is the issue of which city is under consideration (there are 2 cities named Toronto and at least 16 Hamiltons).

NARALO

Not much to report, except from ICANN staff, there was a remark that alternatives to Adobe Connect are being considered for "smaller" meetings, where things like interpretation, captioning and scribing might not be required. ZOOM is under serious consideration, apparently.