

Report on ICANN Activity for March 2017

This month was dominated by:

1. ICANN58 – the ICANN meeting in Copenhagen; and
2. An external review of ICANN At-Large (required periodically by the By-Laws) carried out by a contracted consultant (ITEMS International)

Technology TaskForce

The meeting here produced a call to the Task Force to contribute to an effort to develop a formal requirements definition for possible replacement(s) for conferencing and chat tools.

NARALO General Assembly

No progress this month

Policy Statement Drafting Program

No progress this month – except for status reporting

ICANN Evolution(Formerly “ IANA Issues ”, Formerly . . .))

Reports on progress and some ongoing issues. This effort is going to extend beyond the original June deadline, so an extension has been requested.

External Review of At-Large

This was the “review by a contractor” mentioned last month.

Response to this review has largely been negative. Twelve recommendations were demands that At-Large preform certain functions that we are already doing. Others seemed to be based on a misunderstanding of what At-Large is, what it does and the environment in which it works.

Some of the recommendations were based on a quite new membership model. Questions to the consultants about their experience with this new model produced no coherent response, as did questions about the advantages of this new model over the current one.

There is likely to be further reporting on this exercise in a later report.

DNSSEC

The root Key Signing Key is overdue for a roll-over. The effort to do this smoothly has involved a lot of planning and design.

The current scheduled date for the rollover is October 11, 2017.