Report on ICANN Activity for September 2015

This report covers August as well as September

At-Large Ad-Hoc WG on the Transition of US Government Stewardship of the IANA Function

The Work Group had to contend with proposals from the Cross-Community Working Group on IANA Transition (hereinafter called "CWG") and the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability ("CCWG").   My apologies for the acronyms – they are not mine.

The CWG released its proposal to the Coordination Group during this period and subsequent meetings dealt with feedback from that group.

The CCWG had one or two meetings per week during this period and the proposal being drafted and re-drafted by this group changed constantly . This meant that the Ad-Hoc group met twice weekly for meetings that were often quite long and involved.

I took part in several straw polls, which attempted to gain consensus on a number of detailed topics.   I also worked with the rest of the group on the text of At-Large's response to the CCWG proposal.

The discussions were long and covered too many details to be described in any detail here, except to say that two possible governance models emerged. One was a "single member" model (everyone but the board is part of a large, legally-recognized "person") and the other was a "designator" model, similar to the member except that the powers of that body are more restricted.

In the end, the Board came up with a model of its own that uses binding arbitration to manage disputes, does not need a designator or single member, etc.   This created the need for a CCWG/Board face to face meeting in Los Angeles that ended on Sept 26 at 10:00 PM EDT.

NARALO

I was invited to become part of the Community Outreach Pilot Program. I declined this for a couple of reasons. One major one is the fact that they needed a member who represents the outreach project in NARALO. And I'm not it – that office is held by another person.

Technology Task Force

Currently dealing with e-mail translation issues that are more involved than they look, especially when dealing with "reply" e-mails. Also continuing work on accessibilty issues.

Registration Issues: No activity