

Report on ICANN Activity for December 16, 2018

ATLAS III

There has been some discussion by the new ALAC chair about reaching into the ALS's to get more members actively involved. There are now plans for discussing this and other related topics in ATLAS III. There will be further discussion on this, including the role and value of ALS's generally..

Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)

This group is still streamlining its procedures. And still looking for pen-holders.

There has been some "brisk discussion" by several members of this WG on the two major topics being covered now - in fact, they take most of the hour and a half to two-hour meetings. This level of discussion is seen as welcome, because At-Large needs to be able to show that the responses we publish really are the result of At-Large consensus.

These two topics are described immediately below.

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

This is getting close to its deadline and a number of issues are not resolved, for instance:

1. whether to distinguish between legal and natural persons;
2. whether ICANN becomes the sole Data Controller (and assumes liability)
3. backup and escrow
4. compliance monitoring

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.

The reporter submitted comments on the topic of "Last Resort" resolution where there is more than one applicant for the same (or very similar) strings. This is still under discussion, but the basic alternatives are auctions (which were used last time), random draw, and Requests for Proposals. The comment suggested caution where Requests for Proposals are considered.

The At-Large response is due on the 21st, so there will be more discussion.

Geographic Name TLD's

There is some ongoing discussion of this topic. ".AMAZON" is a case in point.

NARALO

The last meeting concentrated mainly on progress reports. There was supposed to be a presentation by ICANN Staff's North America Stakeholder Engagement group, but they couldn't make it. We expect to hear from them in the next meeting.

