

## Report on ICANN Activity for February 2016

### IANA Issues (Formerly “At-Large Ad-Hoc WG on the Transition of US Government Stewardship of the IANA Function”)

The “Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability” had intended to present its proposal to the Working Group's chartering organizations on February 18. That date has slipped.

A “minority report” by a dozen or so members of the Governments Advisory Committee (GAC) objected to a provision that described that Advisory Committee's role in presenting advice to the Board and the Board's decision to reject it. A further complication arose with provisions dealing with GAC advice that the Board accepts, but may contravene ICANN's Bylaws.

Debate over this issue can be expected to either conclude during a meeting on the morning of February 23 or continue right up to the meeting in Marrakesh (March 3 – March 10.). The practical deadline for a final draft for presentation to NTIA is March 9.

### Technology TaskForce

Not much progress here. An addition to Adobe Connect for “captioning” of meetings was tested. This system turns out to have more practical value than just providing for the hearing-challenged, and it was welcomed as a useful addition.

Adobe Connect is releasing a new version that apparently will not require Flash Player for the client. This will be tested.

### WHOIS – Registration Data Base

This issue is becoming active again. A policy effort is about to begin on the “new” system, following the formal Policy Development Process.

No decision yet on whether to participate actively.

### Other

North American At-Large was asked to vote on an application by ISOC-DC (ISOC in Washington DC) to join.

We voted in favour of the application – the application will probably pass.