

Report on ICANN Activity for January 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 put forward its proposal for comment in December. The proposal contains 12 recommendations, from which the Bylaws of the new version of ICANN are currently being drafted. Since then the Working Group has been coping with the comments they have received and the discussion (debate in some cases) that has ensued.

Closure of comments on the proposal closed on January 22. GTALUG submitted comments that were largely similar to the comments posted by At-Large Advisory Committee..

The At Large group has been examining that input as well, to see where the recommendations that come in cross any of At-Large's “red lines” and where the red lines of other constituencies lie (one of these “other constituencies” is the Board).

There are several meetings taking place each week, and the issues change rapidly as responses from the other organizations come in. Very broadly, the current (as of the afternoon of January 24), the issues under discussion are:

- the boundaries of ICANN's Mission
- exercise of powers of the community to recall Board members (or the entire Board), reject a budget or a proposed new Bylaw.
- Levels of influence by the various parties who exercise these powers (At-Large's position demands parity)
- concerns about the timeline for Exercise of Power
- indemnification and liability
- Consumer Trust as described (?) in Bylaws or by NTIA
- Human Rights declaration in the Bylaws
- Global Public Interest (?)

Technology TaskForce

A problem with machine translation of e-mails (English/Spanish) was identified in 2012. The translation system is a custom system, built by ICANN, using Google Translate. The problems with this system are rather extensively documented at:

<https://community.icann.org/display/LACRALO/discussion-of-LACRALO-mailing-list-issues>

Efforts by ICANN staff to address these issues have been ineffective – current work on this is being done by a staffer part-time.

The Task Force chair is sending a request for budgeting to deal with this. As a member of the Task Force, I sent a note of support with a reminder that LACRALO is not the only region that will need this type of facility if outreach efforts are to succeed.

