Report on ICANN Activity for February 2017

<u>Technology TaskForce</u>

There is some continuing discussion on alternative chat solutions (alternatives to Skype). Slack has been discussed, Mattermost as well. This solution has an advantage or two, including history preservation. This may be tested further in a later meeting

This meeting spent a lot of time on a conferencing solution called MeetEcho, and this was tested. MeetEcho is used by IETF for its meetings.

This is apparently still under development – the representatives were very interested in our observations – in particular, some additions that would be needed for ICANN meetings.

New Board Member and Board Member Selection Process Committees

Our vote was cast on February 16. The vote was cast as directed by GTALUG EXEC.

The results of that vote have been published: the NARALO chair will vote for Alan Greenberg.

NARALO General Assembly

No progress this month

Policy Statement Drafting Program

Drafts of the Beginner Guides mentioned last month have begun to appear. Personal observation: the format is quite good – concise and easy to read. Some of the content badly needs work.

ICANN Evolution(Formerly " IANA Issues ", Formerly . . .))

Still following the progress of the Work Stream 2 teams. There is some discussion on the subject of Jurisdiction and a question has gone out: To what extent has the current ICANN jurisdiction been an impediment to your relationship or business with ICANN?

The other work groups are nearly at the point of publishing – some will next month at the Copenhagen meeting.

At-Large Review.

A draft of a review by a contractor has been published for review. The key recommendations have produced a great deal of discussion. There is a meeting scheduled for very early Monday, 27 February, so there will likely be an update.

The key recommendation is a re-organization of At-Large membership into single members only, which is apparently expected to solve most of At-Large's problems.