2021 UASG Election of Chair & Vice Chairs Process and Timeline

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Purpose

This document outlines the process and timeline that will be used to elect a Chair and Vice-Chairs of the UASG.

UASG Structure

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) is overseen by one Chair and two to three Vice-Chairs, who are appointed to two-year terms with the possibility of one reappointment. So that Chairs and Vice-Chairs may serve for a period of no less than two years and no more than four. The goal of the Steering Group is primarily to oversee and participate in the work of the UASG, lead the budget process, maintain the Charter, and coordinate the creation and dissolution of projects.

The UASG charter can be found at this link: https://uasg.tech/uasg-charter/ and the Chair and Vice-Chairs roles and responsibilities can be found at this link: https://uasg.tech/information/members/operational-documents/.

Important Note: The Chair and Vice Chairs are volunteer roles and will receive no remuneration. In addition, the following Conflict of Interest Statement for UASG applies: *To help avoid any perceived or actual conflict of interest (COI), UASG leaders, UASG Ambassadors, members holding working group's leadership positions in the UASG, and any organization(s) affiliated with individuals in these UASG roles, are prohibited from participating in this SOW. In addition, ICANN org COI applies.*

2021 UASG Election Process
1. The subscribers of the UA-Discuss mailing list are considered the electorate eligible to vote in the UASG elections.

2. The eligible voters will be the subscribers of the UA-Discuss mailing list on the date of announcing the election, any new subscribers joining after the election announcement date will not participate in the voting process.

3. Only self-nomination will be accepted for the chair and vice-chair positions and must include a Statement of Interest within the nomination period in order to be considered complete.

4. In the interest of diversity, if more than one nomination is received from candidates working in the same organization or company, only the first nomination received will be considered.

5. The Statements of Interest (SOI) of the candidates will be published on the UA-Discuss mailing list before starting the voting process

6. The election process will be managed by a specialised elections service provider (third party), the final results will be audited and confirmed.

7. An electronic voting system will be used for casting the ballots which will be sent to the eligible voters' email addresses.

8. Each individual can cast only one vote for this election from any of the email addresses of his or her choice, in case he or she has registered to UA-Discuss mailing list with more than one email address. Any other votes, if found, will be considered void.

2021 UASG Election Timeline
- 17 February to 29 February 2021: Accepting the self-nominations with the Statements of Interests (SOI).
- 2 March 2021: Announcing the final list of candidates and their Statements of Interests (SOI)
- 5 March until 15 March 2021 (10 Days voting period): Announcing the starting of the elections.
- 17 March 2021: Announcing the result of the election.