

Notes from NPOC Executive Committee Meeting

Present at the Adobe Connect Meeting: Joan Kerr, Oreoluwa Lesi, Juan Manuel Rojas, Maryam Bakoshi, Caleb Ogundele

Present at the Skype Meeting: Joan Kerr, Oreoluwa Lesi, Juan Manuel Rojas, Caleb Ogundele, Raoul Plommer

Absent: Dave Cake

ICANN64 PREPARATIONS:

Updates:

- **Juan:** Gave a brief outline of the NPOC-ALAC session planned for Kobe, which will include an overview of NPOC and ALAC; Raoul will do a lecture on protecting one's data; an overview by ALAC and NPOC on PDPs; Q and A; next steps; closing the session.
- We have a room, date and time for the event.
- APRALO is not attending this meeting as they are having their own meeting at the same time.
- Juan tried to reach ISOC in Japan but hasn't heard back from them yet.
- **Joan:** ISOC Japan will attend APRALO event. No response from Open Knowledge Japan yet.
- We have ordered business cards (without the desired shimmer effect) and fliers, but no buttons.

Action Items:

- **Juan:** We need to decide on who from NPOC will talk about PDPs

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- **Juan** is working on the evite to send to NPOC members for onward sharing and publicity of our event.
- **Juan** plans on sending evites to the Newcomers and Fellowship lists. He will reach out to Dot Asia.
- **Caleb and Juan:** To work on getting the evites ready.
- **Joan:** Will contact Siranush Vardanyan (Fellowship Coordinator) to help spread the word to the fellows.

WEBSITE UPDATE:

Updates:

- **Caleb:** Gave a demo of the new website

Action Items:

- **NPOC EC:** Caleb asked that we do video interviews in Kobe with various NPOC members on how they are involved in policy.
- **NPOC EC:** Asked that we take lots of photos for upload to the website
- **NPOC EC:** We should encourage people to do blog posts in Kobe
- **NPOC EC:** Send Caleb our social media handles for sharing on the website
- **Caleb:** He will compile all website feedback and send to the EC for additional input

CHARTER:

Updates:

- **Joan:** We received feedback on Feb. 18 from John More. She will need to share that with the rest of the EC, so we can all go through that and discuss next steps.
- Joan spoke about adding the Secretariat and Treasurer role back in the charter. Suggested it should be Secretariat/Treasurer role.

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- **Raoul:** John More has made a lot of edits on the document, but will also need to re-view them carefully first.
- John More suggested that we have most of the EC positions elected and just one or two e.g. Treasurer appointed (similar to what we have now).
- John More also suggested that we have a nomination committee to run the elections

Action Items:

- **Joan:** Will upload the reviewed Charter on Google Docs so all NPOC members can take a look at it before Kobe.

FINANCE / REGULATORY ISSUES [GETTING A LEGAL REGISTRATION, OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT]:

Updates:

- **Joan:** Updated us on what has been done so far i.e. Raoul has been researching various options and suggested opening an account in Estonia.
- We will need to think about a replacement for Remmy Nweke (our NCSG Finance Committee Rep.) once his term is up
- Maryam confirmed that Remmy started his term in June 2018.
- **Raoul:**
- It costs 200 Euros to register and set-up the nonprofit organisation in Estonia (100 Euros per person). The organisation would have at least 2 board members /trustees (who ideally should be on the EC, at least in the beginning). These 2 people would be the operators of the account.
- Opening the bank account in Estonia would cost 25 Euros (plus his transportation fare to get there). We will look at selecting a bank in Estonia with a branch in Finland so that Raoul can get go there physically if he needs to, although it is anticipated that most transactions would be done online.
- Believes that this type of bank account would also be a good template for organisations with global membership, such as NPOC, NCUC and NCSG

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- This appears to be the best solution so far. There doesn't appear to be anything in the ICANN bylaws against registering an organisation called NPOC
- We don't need to register a nonprofit organisation to set-up a bank account in Estonia. However, registering a nonprofit helps NPOC take advantage of certain benefits available only to nonprofits e.g. freebies and discounts for registered nonprofits including on some Google products e.g. Google Ads.

Action Items:

- **Raoul:** Will put together all the information about opening the bank account and registering the nonprofit organisation in writing, so we can individually review and then discuss in Kobe.

POLICY COMMITTEE:

Updates:

- No updates available as Dave was absent

ADDITIONAL BUDGET REQUEST

Updates:

- **Joan:** She shared the 3 ABRs submitted in January with the EC
- **Juan:** Asked if we submitted any ABR for organising capacity-building.

EC ACTIVITIES

Updates:

- **Joan:** Has been commenting on a number of calls for comments/feedback (the ones started by Ayden, Stephanie), so as to have some NPOC contribution. Her comments have been mostly editorial.

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- We need to plan a strong community engagement strategy moving forward to enable NPOC secure funding e.g. from PIR for our work.
- **Juan:** Only Ioana has participated as a penholder in a public comment. Juan and Gloria are working on one at the moment and would love to have more NPOC participation.
- **Maryam:** Names of NPOC members interested in attending ICANN65 are due Feb. 22
- The next NPOC EC meeting on **Sat. March 9** in Kobe, Japan.