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Internet Society
US New York Chapter

ISOC-NY BOARD MEETING

February 11, 2019

MINUTES

Welcome and Roll Call

Called to order at 18:29.

Members present included Greg Shatan and Joseph Shraibman. Members present on-line included Dave Burstein, Reuben Loewy, Avri Doria, Andrea Garcia, Jonathan Askin, Sherri Antoine and Stuart Reid.

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes from December 3, 2018 meeting. Seconded and approved.

2. Board Membership.

Greg reported that Chris Grundemann has stepped down as Vice President, and that we need a replacement. Question as to whether we should appoint or call for nominations. Greg would like to expedite. Dave Burstein volunteered to take the position if no one else steps up. Greg will put it out a call for expressions of interest to the Board.

3. ICANN Update.[1]

We need an Alternate Representative to the At-Large and to NARALO. Greg is the primary rep. (Note that Stu and Sherri are representatives to NCSG and NCUC.)

   a. ICANN66 will be in November in Montreal (ICANN65 "policy forum" meeting in Marrakech, June 24-27)

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[1] ISOC-NY is an "**At-Large Structure**" within the At-Large Community, which is represented by the **ALAC** (At-Large Advisory Committee). At-Large is the "end-user" voice at ICANN. At-Large members are organized into five **RALO**s (Regional At-Large Organizations); ISOC-NY is a member of **NARALO** (North American Regional At-Large Organization). ISOC-NY is also a member of the **NCSG** (Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group) and the **NCUC** (Non-Commercial Users Constituency), which is part of the NCSG. The NCSG is part of the ICANN **GNSO** (Generic Names Supporting Organization), which manages gTLD policy development.

b. 60 seats funded for ATLAS III (the periodic At-Large Summit) meeting during ICANN66

c. North American School of Internet Governance (NASIG) happening just before ICANN66

d. Issues to be addressed include GDPR effect on WHOIS; engagement, internet activity and connectivity.

e. Andrea Garcia volunteered to be the Alternate At-Large Rep.

f. NCSG/NCUC. Greg will find help for Stu and Sherri to get on board. Avri volunteered to help.

4. Internet Society Reporting.

End of Year Reports are due.

a. Joseph – Grant Report is due. Not sure what goes in it

b. There may be other end of year (calendar) reporting items that are due. By-Laws say our year ends June 30.

c. Activity Reports – Greg has posted on website.

d. Greg will ask for Joly models for reports

5. By-Laws.

Greg is reviewing. Will circulate.

6. Treasurers Report.

a. Must file appropriate version of Form 990. Cost is approximately $750 for accountant to file. NYC Mesh puts us over the $70,000 limit, so we need to file the full Form 990

b. Joseph – Revenue vs. taxable income determine which form we must file

c. Form 990 is due May 15.

d. Greg – funding sources like to see Form 990 filings from non- profits

e. Joseph – need to keep better track of income and expenses

f. By-Laws require us to use widely accepted accounting software. Currently using non-traditional software (Joseph)

7. NYC Mesh Report.

Brian not present to provide. State of Mesh Meetup tomorrow. Greg will attend and do meeting as representative of ISOCNY.

8. <u>Events & Activities</u>.

   a. ISOC NY, IEEE and others had successful conference event at the United Nations on "Turning the Corner on the Digital Divide". Greg will post photos from event on social media.

   b. Civic Hall event was held on January 31. "The Internet Runs on People" was the event title, and Greg and Avri attended this outreach and exploratory event. Question as to whether there is a continuing relationship. Greg thinks there is value in continuing the relationship

   c. Question as to whether ISOC-NY wants to have an office at the future Tech Hub, located at 14th Street and Broadway. Also will be contacting Tech NYC to look at partnering and membership recruitment.

9. <u>Upcoming Meetings and Events</u>.

   a. ISOC-NY Board Meeting to be scheduled for late March. Could combine with ICANN Readout?

   b. Jonathan has an event on 3/24 at Bushwick Generator. Potential for combining with Board Meeting. Greg will explore with Jonathan off-line.

   c. We need to have an Annual Meeting. Supposed to be keyed to year end. Could be social and/or educational/business. We need to think about and plan for maybe April

   d. Consider having an ICANN sponsored Readout in April after ICANN64. Greg willing to host in his office

   e. Suggestion that we do our own event on the digital divide in NYC this spring. Stu and Sherri will discuss and coordinate with Greg. Perhaps tie into launch of Streaming University Project at Grant Houses.

      i.   Discussion of potential topics including Lifeline cutbacks, Verizon fiber non-build, advocate for needed policies

10. <u>Challenges and Tasks</u>.

    a. Revive member survey

    b. Public relations. Need to let news outlets know who we are

    c. Interact with other organizations (e.g. NYC Mesh)

    d. Get social media efforts going

    e. Newsletter. Dave volunteered to put template together

11. <u>Other Business</u>.

    a. Andrea Garcia – Think tank

b. Joseph – role and funding of Executive Director position; Greg: no funding source. Agreed to have Shuli step down until we are able to find replacement. Shuli will remain a member of ISOC, but will not be Executive Director.

12. Motion to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned: 19:35