Organization Contact Information

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a. Organization Official Name

Internet Society (ISOC) Afghanistan

a1. Organization Name in English (if available)

a3. Organization Name Acronym (if available)

ISOC Afghanistan

b. Organization Wiki

c. Organization's official website URL

http://InternetSociety.af

https://www.facebook.com/ISOCAfghanistan

d. Organization email address

info@internetsociety.af

e. Organization phone number (include country/city codes)

+93799553778

f. Organization mailing address (location and postal address, if different)

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g. Organization Country

Afghanistan

h. Organization City

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i. Upload Organization Logo

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Other contact

Additional contact information (name, email, telephone, etc.)

Structure and Governance

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a. Are members of your organization residents of this specific region you seek to represent?

Yes

b. Are the officers of your organization residents of this specific region?

Yes

Please explain the answer above in sufficient detail so that a person not familiar with your Organization would be able to understand the reasons for your answer, and reference the URLs where any statutes or operating principles or other supporting information related to this question can be found:

Our members are residents of Afghanistan that is APRALO region.

c. Is your organization formally incorporated or organized under a national legal jurisdiction?

No

IF YES: Please describe what legal recognition it has and indicate the place of legal incorporation or registration

d. Describe your Organization's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes):

ISOC Afghanistan is governed by a General Assembly of members and is managed by a board of directors elected by members. It has a Secretariat looking after the day to day activities.

e. In what language/s does your Organization conduct its business?

Pashto, Dari and English

About Your Members

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a. Do you have individual members with the ability to vote in or otherwise control the management of the organization?

Yes

IF NO: Describe what role individuals have in the management and work of the organization.

b. Do you have organizations as all or part of your membership?

Yes

IF YES: Describe whether they are profit-making, non-profit-making, a mixture of both, and/or what proportion of the total membership each type of private sector organization is. Please also describe what the nature of the organizational members is: For example, are they all of a similar type or interested in a similar activity or policy area?

It is a mix of both. 50% private and 50% civil society. They have common interests but also interest in areas that are different from others.

The current organizational members, include TechNation (http://technation.af) and Afghanistan Reliable Technology Services (http://arts.af). We are currently running a membership campaign and in process of reviewing more applications. Based on Article #5, of our bylaws attached, there are a total of 9 board seats, 3 seats of which are elected by the organizational members and 6 seats by individual members. Hence, the voting rights are about 30% (organizational members) and about 60% (individual members).

c. Do you have governmental bodies, or quasi-governmental bodies, as members of your organization?

No

IF YES: Please describe their nature and role in the decision-making and work of your organization, and the proportion of the total membership made up of these types of organization.

d. Describe the general membership – are they predominately of one (or more) professional background or interest group? (e.g. journalists, online rights activists, consumer organizations, individual consumers, etc.)

Members are from various backgrounds, including technology, legal, media, writers, entrepreneurs, user groups.

e. Describe how your Organization keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest:

We use web, mailing list, social media, and events to keep our membership informed.

f. Approximately how many members of each type of membership class (if you have more than one) do you have?

Individuals 70%, Organizational 30%

g. Explain the eligibility requirements (if any) for your Organization's constituents/membership:

We have a simple membership criteria: being Afghan or a residence of Afghanistan, being a member of the global ISOC.

Funding

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a. What is the primary source, or sources, of funding for your Organization? (if unfunded/entirely voluntary simply indicate "N/A"):

Membership dues and donor funding

b. Is your organization mainly self-supporting and would not be dependent on ICANN funding for the day-to-day operations of the organization?

Yes

c. Do you receive any funding from government agencies or for-profit entities? If so, please describe below and describe their involvement in the activities of the organization (if they so participate):

No.

Communication

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a. Does your Organization commit to supporting its individual constituents'/membership's informed participation in ICANN?

Yes

b. Does your Organization post on the Internet publicly-accessible, current information about your Organization's goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s)?

Yes

If this information currently is available, provide URLs

Http://tech.af

c. Provide information on your Organization's leadership (leaders' names, positions, emails):

Aziz Taqwa, chairman, aziz.taqwa@gmail.com

Omar Mansoor Ansaru, 1st vice chair, Omar.m. ansari@gmail.con

Fayaz Kamal, 2nd vice chair, Fayaz_kamali@hotmail.com

Nasrat Khalid, Secretary, nasratkhalid3@gmail.com

Shabana Mansoiry, treasure, shabanamansoory@gmail.com

Zmarialai Was, board member, zmwafa@hotmail.co.

Zubair Warsaji, board membet,warsaji@gmail.com

d. Are the leaders of your organization, as individuals, involved in other similar organizations or entities?

Yes

If yes, please say which ones:
Chairman of ISOC Afghanistan, Aziz Taqwa, has been actively involved in the IG issues by bringing diverse stakeholders and communities together at the local events, and workshops, to address the most pressing issues our society is facing. He has been part of the Afghan delegation to the IGF, and has been teaching at the American University of Afghanistan.

ISOC Afghanistan's First VC, Omar Mansoor Ansari, has been actively participating in the WSIS process since 2003, the IGF since 2012, and in the ICANN work since 2014. Omar was appointed as the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) member in the early 2016. He also serves as a member of the ICANN Business Constituency since 2015. In addition, Omar serves as chairman of the National ICT Alliance of Afghanistan (NICTAA), and board member of the World IT and Services Alliance (WITSA). He is an ICANN Fellowship alumni.

Board member, Zmarilai Wafa, has served as the Afghanistan representative at the ICANN GAC when he was working with the Ministry of Communications and IT and head of the Afghanistan Cyber Emergency Response Team (AfCERT) and AFNIC. Currently, as a member of the ISOC Afghanistan and his involvement in the private sector, Zmarialai actively participants in the IG issues, such as planning and execution of IGF Afghanistan, cyber security awareness and education. He is an ICANN Fellowship alumni.

Treasurer, Shabana Mansoory, serves as cofounder of the TechWomen Afghanistan. Shabana has been involved in engaging female technologies across Afghanistan through events, workshops, capacity building and awareness programs in ICT and Internet issues.

Objectives

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a. Please describe your Organization's mission and purpose (please post in the text box below or provide a URL, if posted):

Promote internet as a safe place for all, build capacity of young Afghan men and women, advocate for policy reform

b. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your Organization's constituents/membership:

Access, content, cctlds.

c. Has your organization set up any event, meeting, or real-life activity pertaining to Internet governance issues, or other issues related to the interests of individual users?

Yes

If yes, please provide examples:

Internet Governance Forum round tables

d. Has your organization been active in international, regional or national Internet governance issues?

Yes

If yes, please provide examples:

Member of Global ISOC community, participating in IGF and ICANN meetings. It is planning on organization national and regional IGFs.

e. If your Organization is accredited, will it commit to participating actively in the Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) for the region in which your Organization is based?

Yes

f. If your Organization is accredited, does it or will it agree to adhere to the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the other ALSes in your Geographic Region and ICANN, as if it were an original signer of that document?

Yes

g. Does your organization have written bylaws or other constitutional instruments?

Yes

IF YES: Please insert the text of the written bylaws or other constitutional instruments below (in English if available)

Bylaws of the Internet Society Afghanistan

April 21st, 2015

Article I. Name.

The organization shall be called:

In English: Internet Society Afghanistan Chapter

In Pashto: د افغانستان ټولنه انټرنېټ ده نول

In Dari: انجمن انټرنټ د ایران افغان ستان

It shall be commonly branded by its abbreviation:

In English: Internet Society Afghanistan or ISOC Afghanistan

In Pashto and Dari: ساک آی ستان افغان

Internet Society Afghanistan Chapter shall also be referred to as "Chapter" or "Society" hereafter.

Article II. Scope and Purpose

Internet Society Afghanistan will facilitate engagements from the local community on issues pertaining with Internet governance in coordination with International and regional organizations .

Internet Society Afghanistan enhances collaboration with ISOC community as a member of the global Internet community through a local presence, focusing on local issues and developments, and use of local languages.

Internet Society Afghanistan will serve persons who live or work in Afghanistan and Afghan diaspora living abroad.

Internet Society Afghanistan is chartered by the Internet Society. These bylaws neither supersede nor abrogate any of the Bylaws of the Internet Society that regulate chapter affairs.

Article III. Membership and its Requirements

Internet Society Afghanistan shall have two types of members: Organizational Members and Individual Members.

All individual members of Internet Society Afghanistan chapter shall also be members of the Internet Society. Membership is not necessary, however, for participation in activities of the society or its chapters.

All individuals and organizations falling within the defined scope of Internet Society Afghanistan shall be eligible for membership without discrimination.

Membership in Internet Society Afghanistan shall be open to all global Internet Society members in the locality served by the Society. Afghan nationals living abroad are also eligible to apply for membership.

Membership will formally be granted upon approval by the Board. The board may appoint a Membership Committee comprised of Society members to undertake the membership approval.

General Obligations of the Members are to:

Agree to the code of conduct of the Society

Pay annual membership dues

Actively participate in Society activities

Strive for promoting the open development, evolution, and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people in Afghanistan .

Article IV: Organization and Officers

The Internet Society Afghanistan is composed of:

General Assembly (GA) of the members: The GA is the highest decision-making body of the organization to be held every other year.

Board of Directors (Board): The Board shall be elected by the General Assembly.

Secretariat: The Secretariat shall be appointed by the Board and shall provide administrative and organizational support to the members.

Officers

Officers of the Internet Society of Afghanistan shall be members of the Board who carry specific titles:

Immediate Past Chairman, Chairman, First Vice Chairman, Second Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Board Nomination:

The Chairman with the consent from the Board shall appoint a Board Nomination Committee at least three months prior to annual business meeting, the General Assembly. The Nomination Committee shall be comprised of volunteer Members of the Chapter. The Nomination Committee shall announce to and request all members to make a nomination, by a specified date (deadline). A member can nominate him/herself and or another member. Nomination committee shall collect biographies, resumes and other information, screen and finalize a list of candidates and present to the Board and the General Assembly. No nominations shall be accepted after the deadline for nominations has passed.

The Internet Society HQ staff maybe invited by the Board to sit on nomination/ election committee.

Board Elections:

Board Members shall be elected at the Annual Business Meeting by the General Assembly of the members. The Board shall then elect the Officers, Chairman, 1st Vice Chairman, 2nd Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer from within the elected Board members.

Composition of the Board:

The Board shall comprise of:

Nine (9) members elected by and from the Members of the Society, and one (1) Immediate Past Chairman.

The composition of the elected members shall be as follows:

3 Seats from the Organizational Members

6 Seats from the Individuals

 All chapter board members and officers will certify to serve the interests of ISOC Afghanistan chapter and not of their personal or organizations' interest.

The Board will provide for the annual audit of the books and accounts maintained by the Treasurer. The Board shall perform all other duties required of it by this constitution.

In the event a position on the Board becomes vacant prior to the expiration of said term, the Chairman shall convene a meeting of the Board. The Board shall consider the qualifications of the members, who have expressed an interest in filling the vacancy. The Chairman shall appoint a new Officer or Board Member with the approval of the Board.

While serving as a Board Member the individual must maintain all the membership requirements listed above. Each elected member of the Board can remain within the Board for the maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. Each term is maximum two (2) years. Officers cannot become officers for more than two (2) terms, they can however be elected as board members.

Removal of Directors and Resignations

The entire Board of Directors or any individual Director may be removed from office at any time by the vote of a majority (2/3) of the members. If any or all Directors are so removed, new Directors may be elected at the same meeting and shall hold office for the remainder of the terms of the removed Directors. If new Directors are not elected at such meeting, the vacancy or vacancies created by the removal shall be filled as provided in Section 4.

Any officer may be removed, with or without cause, by a majority of the Board of Directors in office at the time, at any regular or special meeting of the Board. Such officer shall be removed should he/she cease to be qualified for the office as herein required.

Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors or to the Chairman or Secretary of Internet Society Afghanistan Chapter. Any such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Followings shall constitute cause for removal:

Serious misconduct

Absence of a Director from three (3) or more consecutive Board meetings

Composition of the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall be:

Headed by a Chief Executive hired by the Board, and his/her supporting staff. The Chief Executive can be a paid position.

Article V. –Voting

The voting members of the Society Board shall be:

Chairman

First Vice Chairman

Second Vice Chairman

Treasurer

Secretary

Other Board members

Immediate Past Chairman is a non-voting member of the Board.

Those who are elected shall take office immediately upon election and serve until their successor is elected.

Each Board member cannot take more than two terms.

Board member shall serve for maximum two consecutive years as a member of the Board.

An Officer cannot become Officer for more than two (2) terms. They can, however, be elected as board member for another non-consecutive term.

A majority of the Board must be present to constitute a quorum at any Board Meeting.

The Board shall provide for the annual audit of the books and accounts maintained by the Treasurer and shall perform all other duties required of it by these bylaws.

The chapter may utilize online voting mechanisms to conduct its elections in order to ensure more participation from members who are unable to attend AGM.

Article VI. -Duties of Officers

Chairman

It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings of the Internet Society Afghanistan and of the Board, to appoint all committees, to be an ex-officio (present in all or establisher) member of all committees, with the right to debate and to vote, The Chairman shall be a voting member of the Board.

The chair is the principal officer and is responsible for leading Internet Society Afghanistan Chapter and managing its activities in harmony with the policies and procedures of the Internet Society. The Chair interacts with the Internet Society headquarters including some reporting to Internet Society Headquarters.

1st Vice Chairman

It shall be the duty of the 1st Vice Chairman to perform the duties of the Chairman in absentia, and to perform other duties directed by the Chairman. His/her duties shall include attending meetings and General meeting within his Section and maintaining liaison with his Internet Society Afghanistan Chapter representative. The 1st Vice Chairman promotes Internet Society Afghanistan Chapter at global stages.

2nd Vice Chairman

It shall be the duty of the 2nd Vice Chairman to perform the duties of the Chairman and the 1st Vice Chairman in absentia, and to perform other duties as directed by the Chairman. His/her duties shall include attending meetings. The 2nd Vice Chairman promotes Internet Society Afghanistan Chapter at global stages.

Secretary

The Recording Secretary will see that meeting minutes are kept and shall provide copies to Council Members and any other member that may request them. His/her duties shall include attending meetings and Conferences within the Internet Society Afghanistan Chapter and recording information that would be of interest to the Board. They will also perform others duties as may be deemed necessary by the Chairman.

Secretary shall maintain membership records for members of Internet Society Afghanistan Chapter

Treasurer

He/she is charged with collecting and maintaining financial records, membership fee (dues), and membership financial records for members of Internet Society Afghanistan Chapter. Treasurer will also perform other duties as may be deemed necessary by the Chairman.

Immediate Past Chairman

The Immediate Past Chairman shall remain as a non-voting member of the Board for the year following his/her term as Chairman. The Immediate Past Chairman shall provide guidance and counsel to the Board.

Article VII. Committees

All committees shall be appointed and removed by the Chairman in consultation and approval from the Board members. The members of the committees can be notified in writing or otherwise at which time

the individual named as chairman of the committee shall make appropriate steps to call the committee to meeting for the purpose of transacting the required business.

There shall be a standing bylaws committee.

Article VIII. -Temporary Committees

With the advice of Internet Society Afghanistan Chapter Board, the Chair may appoint such temporary committees as appropriate.

Article IX. -Meetings

Internet Society Afghanistan shall hold meetings only in places that are open and accessible to all members of its members.

The General Assembly shall be held either in November or December every other year. At this meeting, the Chair shall present a report to members.

The election of Board members shall be held during the Annual General Assembly every other year.

Notices of the place and time of all meetings shall be distributed to all members at least two weeks prior to any meeting by Internet mail or by oral, telegraphic, or other written notice, duly served on or mailed.

Board meets at least 4 times a year for regular board meetings. The board members shall call extraordinary meetings from as needed.

Article X. – Membership Dues

The individual membership of the Society dues shall be collected.

The organizational membership of the Society dues shall be collected.

The specific amount of membership dues would be decided by Board, and reviewed annually. The membership dues amount shall be announced at the General Assembly and available online.

Article XI. -Amendment and Voting Procedures

A standing Bylaws committee shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the bylaws and collecting any recommendations on the amendments in the bylaws.

Changes in the bylaws can be proposed by any member and shall be considered for a vote only if such a change is backed by at least 5% of the total membership.

All proposed changes to these Chapter Bylaws should have been approved by the Internet Society before being presented to the Chapter membership for a vote.

Any amendments in the bylaws shall be made only if approved by quorum of members present in any official meeting of the Society.

A quorum of the Chapter shall be defined as two-third of the voting membership of the Chapter.

Article XII. Board Ineligibility- Notice

It is the responsibility of each member of the Board to disclose to the Chairman in a timely manner any circumstances which could render him ineligible to serve on the Board. In such situations, the Chairman shall bring the facts to the attention of the Board which shall determine the eligibility of that member.

OR

If a member knows he or she is ineligible, he or she shall notify the Chairman immediately and the Board may grant a one-time exception up to ninety (90) days.

Article XII. –Dissolution of the Chapter

Dissolution of Internet Society Afghanistan by consent of the members shall consist of unanimous agreement of all its officers at the publicized meeting.

Should Internet Society Afghanistan be dissolved, its assets shall be transferred to the National ICT Alliance of Afghanistan (NICTAA) or any other non-profit active in the ICT sector to be identified and agreed by majority of the members.

Signature

Signature

Omar Mansoor Ansari

Name

Omar Mansoor Ansari

Title

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