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Chapter Advisory Council Steering Committee Report

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Improvements to the Ch AC:

- Improvements to ChAC: Proposal is being discussed presently, improvements are ongoing.
- SC to Identify new ways to choose topics that are of interest to the wider Chapter Community
- Have less topics on the agenda of each call - have a more focused approach
- Explore the option of replicating the regional Chapter calls model for the AC meetings - use that as a global model.



Other Chapter AC improvements

- Ch AC SC discussed a future version of the ChAC charter that would give the SC 2 year terms and proposes to make this a 2 year term
- Quorum levels - The quorum levels of Chapter AC meetings is set low, but for the meetings of Chapter SC meetings, the quorum requirement is too high - there was agreement to change this after approval from board on charter.



Engagement with Members

Only 45% of the Global Members have opted in to join Chapters. Efforts are needed to encourage all to join Chapters

Staff is in the process to develop membership recruitment plan for 55% global members to encourage them to join chapters.

A suggestion was brought up to explore various other media apart from email, and staff proposed the use of WhatsApp for the AC as well. Will be further explored in the next meeting.

There is also the need to communicate about the role of the AC to Chapters. AC will do this shortly.



Engagement in ISOC global and regional activities:

- Regional members of the SC could participate in coordination activities/meetings at the regional level. Also, it was decided to revisit this item when metrics were available.



Chapter AC interactions with BoT

- In matters of recommendations to the board - the AC will first work with staff and only when needed send recommendations directly to board
- ChAC SC wishes to have an audio/ face to face meeting with the Board at least once during a year, preferably face to face.



Topics brought before BoT

- Propose steps to make Chapters better known nationally and more trusted as sources of policy advice
- Create database/repository of ISOC/chapter collaboration
Staff updates required on what events / programs involved respective / global Chapters and what did not.
- Steps to make Chapters better known nationally and more trusted as sources of policy advice



Review of the Charter: Background

Created in April 2015, the ChAC Steering Committee (ChAC-SC) decided that, after 3 years of operation, it was appropriate to review the Charter and the Rules and Procedures of the ChAC.

On the basis of discussion, it was agreed to make some changes, in particular:

- to facilitate decisions by correspondence
- participation by all Chapters
- and broadening discussions



Changes in the Charter: summary

Change in the charter that will ensure all chapters are automatically represented without waiting for Chapters to nominate a Representative. By default the Chapter President becomes the Ch AC Representative, unless otherwise someone else is specially named.- Chapter delegate list is being considered for discussions on all Chapter matters with the AC list to be used for decisions;



The suggested changes are:

At the end of 3.1 add: "If a Chapter does not appoint a delegate, then the Chapter Chair shall be the delegate to the Chapters AC. The delegate may appoint an alternate who can represent the Chapter in case of absence of the appointed delegate."

- **Rationale:** to ensure that all Chapters are engaged and increase participation

In 5.4, delete "and concluded at the Annual Meeting".

- **Rationale:** to avoid the formality of having the full ChAC meeting confirm the election results (which are based on their votes in the first place)

Delete section 7.

Replace with a new section 7 as follows.



The suggested changes are (cont):

7. Operation

7.1 The ChAC will conduct most of its business by correspondence, in accordance with its Rules and Procedures. The ChAC may propose discussion, and take into consideration discussion, on any ISOC mailing list, in particular the Chapter Delegates list.

7.2 Any member of the ChAC may at any time propose a topic for discussion. The ChAC SC Chair will moderate the discussion and will work to find a solution (if the topic requires a solution) together with Internet Society staff.

7.3 If the member believes that a proposal has achieved consensus, the member may request that the Chair of the ChAC issue a formal consensus call. If there are no formal objections by the ChAC delegates during the consensus call, the Chair of the ChAC will transmit the proposal to the Board for its consideration.



The suggested changes are (cont):

7.4 If a proposal does not achieve consensus (that is, if there is a formal objection to it), then the Steering Committee may request that the Chair of the ChAC initiate a formal vote. If the proposal is approved by voting, the Chair of the ChAC will transmit the proposal to the Board for its consideration.

7.5 The ChAC will meet a least once a year. This(se) meeting(s) will offer an opportunity for the ChAC SC to seek feedback and input from Chapters on specific issues and provide an update on its work and/or present new initiatives. At the same time, the Chapters will have the opportunity to propose topics of discussions that are of relevance to them and their community on which they would need the support from the ChAC SC and/or ISOC staff. The ChAC SC secretary in coordination with the ChAC SC Chair will prepare the agenda of this(se) meeting(s)."

Rationale: to facilitate decisions by correspondence, that the Chair of the ChAC will first work with ISOC staff to find a solution to the topics at hand before transmitting to the board, to further develop the format of ChAC meetings



The suggested changes are (cont):

Replace the content of section 10 with the following:

"Subject to final approval by the ISOC Board of Trustees, this Charter may be amended by the Chapters Advisory Council."

Rationale: to simplify the amendment process by avoiding an unnecessary formality



Seeking Board approval of these changes

With this presentation, the Chapter Advisory Council Steering Committee seeks formal approval of these changes from the Internet Society's Board of Trustees.



New ChAC meeting models to be explored

- Identify new ways to choose topics that are of interest to the wider Chapter Community
- Have less topics on the agenda of each call - have a more focused approach
- Explore the option of replicating the regional Chapter calls model for the AC meetings - use that as a global model.

Other ways to increase engagement:

- Explore other communication channels: i.e. WhatsApp groups
- Use the Chapter-Delegates list for topic discussion and only move to the AC list for decision making



Thank you.

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