Internet Society
Elections Committee 2017/2018
Final Report to the Board of Trustees

The Elections Committee is happy to present its final report to the Board of Trustees.

For the 2018 the Internet Society Board of Trustees elections there was one trustee elected by the Internet Society Organizational Members and one by the Internet Society Chapters. Organizational Members group had three candidates for the election and Chapters group had four candidates for the election.

Further, two trustees were elected by the IAB (Internet Architecture Board) for the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) by a separate process.

The 2017/2018 Elections Committee comprised Hiroshi Esaki(chairman), Hans Peter Dittler, Gihan Dias and Kathy Brown (ex-officio).

Nominations opened on 27 October 2017, and closed on 15 December 2017. Following the nominations process, the candidate slates comprising **Tejpal Bedii**, **Robert Kisteleki**, and **Robert Pepper** for the Organizational Members, **Walid Al-Saqaf, Matthew Rantanen** and **Robert Zambrana** for the Chapters, were announced on 26 January 2018. There were one successful petitions, which is for **Stefano Trumpy**, for additional candidates and so on 26 February 2018, the list of candidates were confirmed.

As in past years a short biography of each candidate was posted on the Internet Society website (https://www.internetsociety.org/2018-board-trustees-nominees).

To encourage easier and open communications between the candidates and the constituents, two mailing lists were created, one each for the organizational members and chapters.

The initial discussions were kicked off with three questions posed by the Election Committee and the candidates' answers which were then posted to mailing lists. We received the assistance of ISOC Staff to populate the mailing lists with the email IDs of the respective candidates and constituents. The welcome message sent out included

information on how to unsubscribe if the mailing list participants so desired. There was some activity on the mailing lists and were generally well within the norms of an informed and engaging discussions.

ISOC Staff sent out the ballots to the various voters. We did encounter some invalid email IDs, but they were quickly fixed. Both the ISOC Staff and myself reached out directly to those organizations and chapters to get the voting individuals properly identified and entered into our elections system.
Big and significant thank you to the ISOC Staff on ensuring that the voting process running smoothly and without a glitch.

Voting closed on April 9 2018 at 1500 UTC.

No challenges were received by the President during the appeals period. The following persons were elected in the 2018.

Trustees election (final results announced April 19, 2017):

Chapters
Walid Al-Saqaf was elected by Chapters with 34 votes out of the 90 votes cast. There are 122 chapters and this gives a 74.59% participation in this year's election.
Each Chapter had one vote to cast. A list of all Chapters eligible to vote in the election, indicating which Chapters exercised their voting privilege, is available on the chapters forum in Connect.

Organizations
Robert Pepper was relected by Organizational Members receiving 123 weighted votes out of 352 weighted votes cast.
Each Organizational Member could cast two votes and each of the votes had a weight of between 1 and 6 based on the membership category.
In this elections, 68 out of 122 Organizational Members (55.54%) voted.

The Internet Engineering Taskforce (IETF). Following the process documented in RFC 3677, the IAB selected and the IESG confirmed **Gonzalo Camarillo** and **John Levine** to serve as Internet Society trustee.

Term of Office

The term of office for all four of the new Trustees will be three years, commencing with the Internet Society's Annual General Meeting in June 2018.

Voting Statistics 2013 - 2018

The results of election participation over the last five years are as follows:

2018: 91 out of 122 Chapters (74.59%) voted. 68 out of 122 Organizational Members (55.74%) voted.

2017: 89 out of 119 Chapters (74.79%) voted. 75 out of 111 Organizational Members (67.57%) voted.

2016: 79 out of 114 Chapters (69%) voted. 75 out of 132 Organizational Members (57%) voted.

2015: 88 out of 105 Chapters (84%) voted. 74 out of 119 Organizational Members (62%) voted.

2014: 74 out of the (then) 100 Chapters (74%) voted. 87 of the (then) 150 Organizational Members (58%) voted.

2013: 72 out of the (then) 91 Chapters (79%) voted. 95 of the (then) 142 Organizational Members (67%) voted.

From the figures above, Chapters Members did increase and keep their participation rates in this year's election. That is a good sign and should be acknowledged and encouraged.

On the other hand, Organizational Members had a significant decrease their participation rate in this year's election. We do not have concrete reason of this and should realize the reason of this and consider method(s) to increase their partition for the election.

The feedback of this year's elections process has been very good and the switch to the mailing lists for discussions meant that there were no challenges in access. Very few people unsubscribed from the respective mailing lists.

The voting system offers abstentions and this year there were 1 abstentions from the Chapters and 7 from Organizational Members. Here, the last year's abstain from Organizational Members was 5. While it is acceptable for voters to abstain, it would be useful to find out why that happens.

In order to further improve the Board of Trustees election process we recommend that the 2018/2019 Elections Committee consider the following for possible incorporation into the elections process:

1. Organizational Members had a significant decrease their participation rate in this year's election. We should realize the reason of this and consider method(s) to increase their partition for the election.
2. Encourages active communication and discussions between the candidates and their respective constituencies.
3. Continue with the use of the mailing lists as this has shown to be very easy to use and manage.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and regards to all the ISOC Staff involved in the elections process (BigPulse voting system, Internet Society website and mailing lists). These were all done with quick a turn around.

Also, I would want to express a special thank and regard to Kevin Craemer as our and my Board Liaison who has provided splendid support to the election committee.

On behalf of the 2017/2018 Elections Committee,

Hiroshi Esaki.
Chairman, Elections Committee,
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