ISoc 2015 Elections Committee
Final Report to the Board of Trustees

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

The 2015 ISoc trustee election was held to elect one trustee by ISoc Organizational Members and one by ISoc Chapters. Two trustees were also selected by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) by a separate process.

The 2015 Elections Committee comprised Gihan Dias (Chairman), Hans Peter Dittler, Scott Mansfield, Desiree Miloshevic, Kris Seeburn and Kathy Brown (ex-officio).

This year, nominations opened on 2014-10-21 and closed on 2014-12-20. Thereafter, following the nominations process, the candidate slates comprising Susan Estrada, David Farber and Alice Munyua for the org members' election, and Walid Al-Saqaf, Johan Helsingius, Rafael Ibarra and Youn Jung Park for the chapters' election, were announced on 2015-03-02.

As in past years, candidates' statements were posted on the ISoc website. In addition, this year two forums – one for each election – were run on the ISoc "Connect" platform. The chapters forum was quite active, and in additon to expressing their views on the issues, some candidates posted video statements. The org members forum was inactive.

Another change was the reduction of the number of times a vote could be cast from 10 last year, to 2 this year. There were no comments – adverse or otherwise – on this change.

The elections process was, in the main, smooth and issues regarding voting representatives, etc. were resolved together with the ISoc staff. However, some issues arose regarding the eligibility of certain org members, both at the beginning of the election, and at the end. Although these were satisfactorily resolved, the Elections Committee Chairman considers that ISoc staff should have been more in control of the situation. An Internal Review of the 2015 Org Membership Voter Validation Process was conducted by the relevant staff, and their report, including recommendations, in annexed herewith.

The following persons were elected in the 2015 Trustees election:

Chapters
Walid Al-Saqaf was elected by the chapters receiving 34 votes out of the 88 votes cast. Each of the other candidates (and abstentions) received less than this number of votes. A list of all Chapters eligible to vote in the election, indicating which Chapters exercised their voting privilege, is available here (login required).

Organisations
Alice Munyua was elected by org members receiving 92 weighted votes out of 232 weighted votes cast. Each of the other candidates (and abstentions) received less than this number of votes. In this election, the vote of each organisational member has a weight of between 1 and 6 based on the membership category.

A challenge to Ms. Munyua's election was received by the President. Although the challenge was

only regarding the suitability of the candidate and not the elections process, the release of the final results were delayed until the determination of the challenge by the Board, which decided not to uphold the challenge.

The Internet Architecture Board (IAB)
Separately, following the process documented in RFC 3677, the IAB selected Gonzalo Camarillo and John Levine to serve as ISoc trustees.

Term of office
The term of office for all four of the new Trustees will be three years, commencing with the ISoc's Annual General Meeting in July 2015.

Voting Statistics 2013-2015
The results of election participation over the last three years are as follows.

2015 election:
88 out of 105 Chapters (84%) voted.
74 out of 119 Organisation Members (62%) voted.
2014 election:
74 out of the (then) 100 Chapters (74%) voted.
87 of the (then) 150 Organisation Members (58%) voted.
2013 election:
72 out of the (then) 91 Chapters (79%) voted.
95 of the (then) 142 Organisation Members (67%) voted.

According to the above statistics, there was higher election participation among Chapter Members than among Organisation Members in all three elections.

The elections committee is also happy to note that a larger percentage of both chapters and org members voted this year than in the previous year.

The feedback of this year's elections process is positive, and no negative feedback was received.

In order to further improve the Trustees election process we recommend that the 2016 Elections Committee consider the following for possible incorporation into the elections process:

1. Make sure early in the process that the election system is set up to the correct number of votes, abstentions and voting recasts (2 has been a good value used in 2015).
2. Verify the eligibility of the org members and set up a cut-off date for org member and chapter eligibility.
3. Continue with the forums on "Connect"
4. Ensure that the elections process dates are achievable, and co-ordinate with the nominations committee to ensure this. Also consider the effect of holidays in various countries worldwide, and especially where staff responsible for the elections systems reside on the elections calendar.

On behalf of the 2015 Elections Committee,

Gihan Dias
Chairman
23rd June 2015