Report from the Organization Member's Advisory Council to the Board and the CEO and President of Internet Society

ISOC BoT meeting, August 4, 2012, Vancouver

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT Advisory Council Co-Chairs: Desiree Miloshevic, Keith Davidson

The Advisory Council welcomes the opportunity to provide and presents its report to the Board of Trustees, the CEO and the President of the Internet Society here in person at its Trustee's meeting in Vancouver on August 4, 2012.

Our report consists of three parts:

- 1. The Advisory Council summary of activities that took place since our last report was presented at the previous Trustee's meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica, in March this year;
- 2. The second part of the report which covers specific feedback on issues discussed by the Organization Members at our last two face-to-face Advisory Council meetings that members found were of significant importance to them. We have singled out two important issues on which we wish to provide feedback and seek and welcome further clarification: the first one is concerning the discussion with regards to the ISOC By-laws update process and the other one with regards to the ongoing Advisory Council Charter revision;
- 3. The third part of the report consists of a proposal to consider that the Internet Society develops certain Terms of Engagement when Organisational members join the Internet Society and information about the time-line for election of new AC officers.

Lastly if time allows, we would welcome any potential discussion and feedback that may arise from this report.

- 1. Activities: Advisory Council is proud to report that we have witnessed an increased interest and engagement from Organization members, not only in the attendance of the face to face Advisory Council meetings but in other online and offline fora as well. The Org members continue to actively participate, engage and contribute with their expertise to the work of the Internet Society and its ad-hoc working groups and at the same time appreciate and recognize the valuable and important work that is being done by the Internet Society and its staff, such as current activities and high-level quality of documents with regards to the WCIT meeting, produced by the Public Policy Department. In addition, Org Members participated in the Business Roundtable held during the INET20 in Geneva in April and the two Advisory Council meetings that took place on June 29th at the end of the ICANN meeting in Prague as well the Advisory Council meeting that took place yesterday, August 3, following the IETF84 meeting.
- 2. The second part is with regards to the specific feedback and further clarification sought is to do with the ISOC By-laws update and the concerns that have been raised by some AC members about the process. Firstly the AC would like to thank all Trustees and staff that have undertaken work on the ISOC By-laws updates and we look forward to your feedback with regards to our concerns. At the Prague AC meeting, there was a specific concern expressed that if Advisory Council were to be recognized only by a Board resolution it could equally be removed by such. Members proposed to keep the AC in the By-laws as it

exists today and refer to its Charter but suggested to update and align the language if wrong. On the proposal to change the number of Board Seats for Org members, AC members recognized that there is an overlap between Org Members and IETF. Some felt strongly that most of ISOC the Org members either participate or should participate in the IETF and that the direct voting today within the Org board seat allocation provides more transparency.

The proposed changes to the AC Charter are to do with the membership section and the succession policy. Proposed language changes will be further discussed and adopted by the Org members in future meetings.

3. On the subject of Terms of Engagement – there is a floating proposal that existing and future Org Members could sign up to a set of developed principles by the Internet Society prior to joining as members.

Lastly the AC thanked Keith Davidson for his service on the Advisory Council and congratulated him on being elected to the Board of Trustees.

This ends our report.