OMAC Report

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OMAC Activities

Nominations and Elections committee volunteers delivered

Following the request received from the board to identify volunteers from the organization members community who would be willing to serve on the respective Nominations and Elections committees in 2021-2022, the OMAC co-chairs made the call to organization member for volunteers to serve on each committee, sharing the Charters and details on the requirements and time commitments for each. After carefully reviewing the applications received, the OMAC co-chairs submitted the information for the selected 3 volunteers.

Four OMAC Roundtables delivered

The OMAC has created the OMAC Roundtables with the goal to network, learn, and distill advice for the Internet Society senior management and board.

Four roundtables have been held on a monthly basis with high participation rates with an average of 97% of participants satisfied with the meetings.

In Q3 roundtables #3 and #4 were held with a total of 39 participants including board members and Internet Society and senior staff participating.

Roundtable #3- Creating a Policy Discussion Group
The learnings from the previous two roundtables have shown that the impacts of Internet policies are an important issue for organization members as they affect the foundation of the Internet ecosystem.

With this in mind, during the third OMAC roundtable, organization members discussed the idea of creating a network of Internet policy peers that trust, learn and actively collaborate with each other to address policy issues.

The OMAC-co chairs together with the organization membership team drafted and shared with organization members a concept note. Based on the feedback from the organization members the network evolved into a discussion group. The objective of the discussion group will be to find ways to support the Internet Society's efforts to address the negative impacts of Internet policy, while identifying current and future policy issues that organization members see as important, and feeding ideas, insights, and information to the Internet Society.

The policy discussion group will also aim at fostering active discussion on Internet policy issues between OMAC members, Internet Society experts and community. The OMAC will dedicate a roundtable to activate this discussion group.

Roundtable #4- Internet Policy: Everything you want to know about the IGF
The fourth OMAC roundtable was an opportunity for organization members to share their experiences about the Forum and learn first-hand from Anriette Esterhuysen, Chair | IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group about the future of the IGF and how organization members can get involved.

Key Learnings

- Organization members see the Internet Society as the key provider of crucial insights on Internet policy issues
- Organization members are interested in engaging with the Internet Society in giving and receiving insights on Internet policy issues
- Organization members are interested in learning more about Internet governance and its governing institutions
- Organization members should work collectively to support renewal of the IGF's mandate, which is set to expire in 2025.

Advice to the Internet Society Board and Leadership

- There's an opportunity for the Internet Society and the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group to explore how the critical properties of the Internet can be incorporated and agreed upon at the IGF.

- There is an opportunity to create a two-way conversation between the Internet Society and organization members to tackle Internet policy issues through the OMAC policy discussion group.

- There is an opportunity for Internet Society to engage organization members in its policy work by having its senior staff give regular updates on what is being worked on with regard to policy issues and get input from the OMAC on those issues.