

Chapter Advisory Council (ChAC)

Report to the Board of Trustees

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ChAC Action Plan and Priorities

1. Help create more meaningful opportunities for engagement of chapters and members
2. Enhance communication and cooperation with ISOC and ISOC Foundation staff and with the BoT
3. Revision of the ChAC rules and procedures
 - Work yet to be started
4. Support ISOC's new initiative on chapters' archives
5. Remove barriers for new chapters
6. Improve transparency of the ChAC actions and positions



ChAC Action Plan and Priorities

Intended goals:

- Chapters shall improve their influence and help drive Internet governance policies both locally and globally
- ISOC strategies, priorities and programs will have been concretely influenced by contributions coming from the chapters and channeled through the ChAC



Removing Barriers for New Chapters

Concrete actions to lower barriers for new chapters around the chapter chartering and first year of existence

- [**Done**] Newly chartered chapters are now eligible for Chapter Admin Funding in their first year
- [**In progress**] An easy-to-read check-list for chapters in formation for easier planning
 - which costs need to be covered by the chapter formation groups themselves – e.g. local legal registration
 - which costs can be incurred and charged to the Chapter Admin Funding budgets after chartering - opening a bank account, setting up and hosting a web presence, etc.
- [**Longer-term, under consideration**] Based on this year's experience with the NonProfit Builder partnership: consider if any costs can be covered through such a partnership for chapters that have reached the final steps of their formation process



Chapter Content Archive Project

ISOC/Foundation staff will support the chapter-led local chapter content archive

- Representatives from the Mexico and the US New York Chapters are working on an initial document laying out ideas for the project
- Staff has received an initial draft, but is waiting to receive the final document
- A working group will be set up under the ChAC to help the Mexico and US New York Chapter develop and guide this project



ChAC Transparency

- ChAC SC leadership team worked with staff to update the ChAC Document Index with links to all ChAC documents.
- This Index is now available to all chapter leaders via the resources page of the Chapter Leader Portal (AMS).



Opportunities for (Peer) Engagement and Collaboration

- ISOC's "Mobilized Community" project leads joined the Full ChAC call in February to present the various engagement and collaboration opportunities throughout the year.
- Project specific collaboration opportunities were also discussed during the Full ChAC call in May.
 - WSIS+20 and UN Advocacy work
 - 2025 community workshops



Cooperation and Communication with ISOC Staff and Board

- Quarterly calls between ChAC and ISOC leaderships were organized as of January 2025 to ensure there is a healthy connection and dialogue between our community leaders and organization leadership.



ChAC and ChAC SC activities

ChAC Steering Committee holds monthly calls

ChAC Steering Committee leadership holds monthly calls

Full ChAC holds quarterly calls – Feb 25, May 20, Sep 16, Nov 18

Quarterly calls between ChAC SC and ISOC staff leaderships



Report from Q2 Full ChAC Call

Public and restricted access to various ChAC documents, *Flávio Wagner*

Opening of ChAC calls to BoT members as observers, *Flávio Wagner*

ISOC Foundation Impact Report 2024, *Jenn Beard*
followed by a discussion on improving access of chapters to funding opportunities

New community fellowship program aimed at enhancing advocacy skills through in-person workshops, *Tatiana Tropina and Julz Majale*

WSIS+20 review process and WSIS Community Group, *Israel Rosas*

Introduction of Yogesh Khanna, new EVP
followed by a discussion on diversity as a core value of ISOC



Report from Q2 Full ChAC Call

Chapters represented in the call: 23 (out of 87 with a ChAC rep appointed) plus 2 observers from SIGs

- 16 chapters reps had attended the previous February call
- 40 chapters reps had attended the previous November call

ISOC and ISOC Foundation staff attending the call:

- Christine Saegesser Baethge, Hana Sabbagh, Israel Rosas, Jenn Beard, Julie Auma, Julz Majale, Sebastián Bellagamba, Tatiana Tropina, Yogesh Khanna



Chapter Health Update

Number of current (full) chapters: 119

Number of chapters in rejuvenation: 11

Changes since last ChAC call:

- Namibia and Georgia [from pre-rejuvenation to rejuvenation]



Thank you!



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