

Chapter Advisory Council (ChAC)

Report to the Board of Trustees

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Chair of the ChAC Steering Committee

2025 ChAC Steering Committee Members

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Report from Q3 Full ChAC Call

Revision of the ChAC governance documents (charter and rules & procedures)

- small group formed – Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Eduardo Diaz, Mike Nelson, Esther Mbong, Pedro Lana

Discussion on chapters' engagement in the ChAC

Chapter Content Archive Project

- presentation by the New York and Mexico Chapters



Report from Q3 Full ChAC Call

Chapters represented in the call: 32 (out of 90 with a ChAC rep appointed), plus 1 observer from a SIG

- 23 chapters reps had attended the previous June call, plus 2 observers from SIGs
- 16 chapters reps had attended the previous February call

ISOC and ISOC Foundation staff attending the call:

- Christine Saegesser Baethge, Sebastián Bellagamba, Rama Rejman, Chris Locke, Ali Ghaffari



Chapter Content Archive Project

Distributed repository to preserve chapter-generated content under library standards

- Chapter-led project
- Redundant storage in multiple locations (regional distribution) with backup power, curation with proper metadata, and tools for chapters to create their own webcasts and livestreams
- Representatives from the Mexico and the US New York Chapters are working with the ISOC Foundation staff to develop a complete specification of the project to then submit a grant application
- Estimated 6-12-month rollout timeline
- Initial budget including costs for design, infrastructure, deployment, and operations over 3 years
- Governance structure under the ChAC
 - Operational committee, led by the US NY and Mexico chapters
 - Steering committee for overall advice and supervision



2026 ChAC Steering Committee Elections

9 SC members to be elected for a one-year term, at least one of each of the six regions

Nominations closed on October 5th

26 candidates – 14 from Africa, 4 from LAC, 3 from Europe, 2 from Middle East, 2 from Asia-Pacific, 1 from North America

Campaign run from October 14th to 22nd

Voting opened on October 23rd and closed on November 6th

Results will be announced on November 11th



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



Chapter Health Update

Number of current (full) chapters: 122 (119 in July 2025)

Number of chapters in rejuvenation: 9 (11 in July 2025)

Recent Chapter Status Changes:

- US Hawaii Chapter [New Chapter]
- Canada Ontario Chapter [New Chapter – to be announced soon]
- Mongolia Chapter [New Chapter – to be announced soon]
- Spain Canary Islands Chapter [From pre-rejuvenation to rejuvenation]
- Namibia Chapter [From in rejuvenation to good standing]
- Somalia Chapter [From in rejuvenation to good standing]
- Qatar Chapter [From in rejuvenation to closed]



October 2025

2026 Vision: Chapters Advisory Council (ChAC)



Whishes for the ChAC as expressed by the 2026 ChAC
Steering Committee candidates during the elections process

Background

As part of the 2026 Chapters Advisory Council Steering Committee Elections, all candidates were asked to share their campaign statements.

These were shared on:

- the Candidates Page
- as well as on the chapter-delegates list





Here is what we heard:

Summary of the ChAC SC Candidates vision for 2026



The 2026 ChAC Steering Committee candidates collectively envision a:

stronger, more connected, and inclusive global chapter ecosystem

— one that amplifies local voices, influences ISOC's global agenda, and operates with transparency, accountability, and measurable impact.



2026 ChAC Steering Committee Candidates Want To:

1. Strengthen Chapter Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing
2. Empower Chapters through Capacity Building, Mentorship & Leadership Development
3. Improve Communication, Transparency & Accountability between ChAC, Chapters & ISOC Global
4. Amplify Regional & Grassroots Voices in Global Internet Policy and Governance
5. Build Sustainable, Impact-Driven and Inclusive Chapter Operations



Strengthening Chapter Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing



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Create structured mechanisms for cross-chapter cooperation

According to the ChAC SC Candidates, this can happen through:

- co-hosted events with shared agendas
- Regional and cross-regional working groups / collaboration networks
- a digital hub for exchange of knowledge, opportunities, innovation and leadership best practice



Empowering Chapters

through Capacity Building, Mentorship and Leadership Development



Empowering Chapters

Invest in leadership training, youth engagement, and mentorship pipelines to strengthen chapters' operational maturity and sustainability.

According to the ChAC SC Candidates, this can happen through:

- mentorship
- leadership training (focus on youth, emerging and underrepresented leaders and youth)
- a resource library of “ready-to-use” toolkits and templates
- Targeted capacity building and skill transfer at both technical and advocacy levels



Improving Communication, Transparency & Accountability

between ChAC, Chapters & ISOC Global



Improving Communication, Transparency & Accountability

Establish clear, transparent, and two-way communication and reporting systems so chapters can track ChAC, Chapter & overall ISOC progress, understand decisions, and contribute to priorities.

According to the ChAC SC Candidates, this can happen through:

- accessible and simplified communication (language, translation, technical accessibility)
- regular progress reports/dashboards based on transparent and data-driven metrics (co-created with chapters)
- structured dialogue between chapters and ISOC leadership



Amplifying Regional & Grassroots Voices

in Global Internet Policy and Governance



Amplifying Regional & Grassroots Voices

Ensure that ISOC's global strategy reflects local priorities by channelling regional and grassroots perspectives into policymaking and advocacy.

According to the ChAC SC Candidates, this can happen through:

- policy consultation frameworks (formal mechanisms for bottom-up policy input)
- regular regional policy dialogues (with a focus on digital inclusion and safe Internet access in underserved areas)
- inclusion of global south and youth voices in ISOC strategy / ISOC's global agenda



Building Chapter Sustainability and Operational Maturity



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Focus on making chapters more sustainable, data-driven, and impactful, with measurable results and inclusive participation.

According to the ChAC SC Candidates, this can happen through:

- Simplified and more predictable grant and funding models (annual calendar, criteria)
- Impact metrics for chapter performance (sustainability frameworks and capacity audits)
- Tailored support, mentorship and training of chapters to ensure they become/are/remain active and sustainable



Thank you!



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