

Chapter Advisory Council (ChAC)

Report to the Board of Trustees

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ChAC Action Plan for 2026

Strengthening What's Already in Motion

- The Chapter Content Archive – A Global Knowledge Hub
- Updating ChAC's Governance for the Future
- Better Onboarding for Chapters and Leaders

New Activities for 2026: Building Capacity, Striving for Impact

- Rethinking Chapter Evaluation for Fairness & Inclusion
- Improving ChAC Communications
- Expanding Collaboration & Peer Mentorship
- Supporting the revision of the Internet Society Code of Conduct

Chapter Content Archive Project

Repository to preserve chapter-generated content under library standards

- Chapter-led project with governance under the ChAC
- Global chapter community's permanent knowledge library and resources for creating, storing, and sharing audio & video
- Implementation in charge of a project team – US New York and Mexico Chapters
- Grant from the ISOC Foundation already approved
- Pilot phase – proof of concept – until December 2026
 - Call for 10 volunteering chapters is out



Updating ChAC Governance for the Future

Updating both ChAC Charter and Rules & Procedures

- Team of 6 chapter representatives from various regions
- Examples of aspects under revision
 - Majority criteria for approving formal advice to the BoT
 - Extending ChAC SC terms and partial annual renewal
 - More detailed procedures for electing ChAC SC members
- First draft of new ChAC charter already presented to the ChAC
- Team is now developing first draft of new Rules & Procedures



Rethinking Chapter Evaluation for Fairness & Inclusion

Rethink current set of annual performance evaluation criteria

- Focus on qualitative measures and recognition of different chapter profiles and realities
 - Assessment system must recognize impact, effort, innovation, and context—not just volume
 - “Chapter DNA” document already prepared
 - Concept of a “healthy, active, and resilient chapter
 - Shifts away from an assessment model that is only compliance-focused
 - Members are active, its governance is transparent, and the chapter builds a network of local peers
 - First draft of Chapter Charter Agreement already prepared
-  New chapter annual performance evaluation criteria will be proposed next

Improving ChAC Communications

- Effective information sharing and engagement requires clear and timely communication
- Design new methods and channels to:
 - Strengthen the connection between the ChAC SC and chapter representatives
 - Bring real community input into ChAC decisions in a more effective and engaging way
- First action: new ChAC periodic (monthly) newsletter, under design
 - Key updates, decisions and progress, upcoming activities, requests to chapters, useful links



NEW: Annual ChAC in-person event

- Pilot event to be held at IGF Day Zero, December 14, Nairobi
- Objectives
 - Increase chapter communication and engagement with the ChAC
 - Increase overall engagement and collaboration among chapters
 - Increase chapter engagement with ISOC strategies, priorities, programmes
- Organization by the ChAC and ISOC Kenya
- Programme will include thematic sessions and sessions for discussing chapter engagement
- Low cost
 - Directed at ISOC leaders already attending the IGF
 - Hybrid event, using IGF resources



Report from Q2 Full ChAC Call – May 19, 2026

Agenda:

- Presentation and discussion of the Chapter DNA document
- ChAC governance review – presentation of the first draft of new ChAC Charter
- Brief updates on other activities of the ChAC Action Plan

Chapters represented in the call: 17 (out of 102 with a ChAC rep appointed)

- 25 chapters reps had attended the previous February call

ISOC staff attending the call:

 Christine Saegesser Baethge, Sebastián Bellagamba, Rama Rejman

Chapter Health Update

Number of current (full) chapters: 117 (118 in May 2026)

Number of chapters in rejuvenation: 12 (13 in May 2026)

Recent Chapter Status Changes:

In formation:

- US-Nevada Chapter
- Laos Chapter

Closed chapters:

- Malaysia Chapter
- Sri Lanka Chapter

From pre-rejuvenation to good standing:

- India Delhi Chapter
- India Trivandrum Chapter
- Pacific Islands Chapter

In rejuvenation:

- Cameroon Chapter
- Nicaragua Chapter



Thank you!



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