

Organization Member Advisory Council Report

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OMAC Activities

2026 OMAC Officer Elections Nomination Launched

Every two years, members of the Organization Members Advisory Council (OMAC) elect their officers. In 2024, Harald Summa (DE-CIX) and Melchior Aelmans (Juniper Networks) were elected Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, respectively. Following Melchior's resignation (change of employer) in December 2024, David Belson (formerly of Cloudflare) served as Interim Co-Chair until May 2026.

The Organization Membership team opened nominations for the 2026 officer elections from 29 May to 29 June 2026. Members were encouraged to nominate themselves or their peers for up to three officer positions. Harald Summa has been nominated and has accepted the nomination to continue as Chairperson for another two-year term.

OMAC Roundtable Delivered

#32- Age Verification (Age Assurance and Online Safety)

The 32nd OMAC Roundtables (two sessions) focused on the evolving global policy and technical landscape surrounding age assurance and online safety. The discussions examined emerging policy developments across multiple regions, with particular attention to age assurance frameworks, VPN restrictions, and online safety codes.

The roundtables provided a forum for members to discuss online safety priorities, exchange perspectives, and contribute feedback on draft policy and technical recommendations related to age assurance. Participation was open to OMAC members, and other community members and subject-matter experts.



Thirty-two (32) attendees, including 13 OMAC members and three (3) Board members. The meeting was rated Excellent or Very Good by 95% of the 18 community members who provided feedback.

Key Learnings

OMAC Roundtable participation and quality can be enhanced by broadening the audience. Approaches trialed in 2026 include:

- Delivering duplicate sessions across time zones, including an APAC-friendly time slot, improved registration and participation rates
- Extending invitations to select chapter leaders, relevant SIG leaders, engaged alumni, and other external stakeholders collaborating with Internet Society to ensure discussions benefited from expertise and diverse perspectives

Organization members value opportunities to provide early input and feedback to Internet Society's policy briefs.

Advice to the Internet Society Board and Leadership

None at this time.