

Universal Acceptance Steering Group

Notes from the Call

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1. Cyrus Namazi provided a brief recent history of the instigation of this work. He had convened a small group of volunteers to the ICANN Washington, DC office in January to instigate work in the Universal Acceptance space. The group identified a number of communities and assessed their impact and their ability to be engaged. The group also created the work for the ICANN 52 meeting in Singapore that presented a proposed structure, communications strategy and identification of issues.

There was good support at the meeting in Singapore to move to form a Universal Acceptance Steering Group that resulted in the creation of a mailing list and the call just completed.

(Notes from the DC meeting will be provided)

2. An initial review of a draft Charter prepared by Christian Dawson took place. The community agreed to make contributions and comments on the draft charter over the next two weeks with a call after that to confirm a final document.
3. A call for nominations (including self-nominations) was made for the Steering Group leadership positions (currently one chair and two vice-chairs) as well as conveners of the Project Groups. Timeframe for this is three weeks, which should be after the Charter is close to being finalized. The mailing list (<https://mm.icann.org/mailman/listinfo/ua-discuss>) should be used for this.

A small 'Executive' group might consist of the Chair, Vice-Chairs and conveners of the project groups.

4. There was extensive discussion of how IDNs should be managed – whether as a separate work stream or embedded in core work.

Some issues are specific to IDNs. EAI and variants. Some issues when solved for IDNs are solutions for ASCII.

The general consensus was both, there should be a separate work stream for IDN issues, particularly in the issue of EAI, AND that IDN issues should be incorporated in any solutions produced.

5. Other items:

- a. Is UA the right term since there's a .ua ccTLD?
- b. There is some concern over language – problems, vs items, vs issues.
- c. Security issues need to be considered – re: IDNs and SPAM as well as Certificates.
- d. The mailing list archives to be made public
- e. Notes from the Washington, DC Meeting to be shared
- f. ICANN to organize voting system for leadership positions.
- g. Time of meetings should vary to allow global participation. Call started at midnight in East Asia, 3AM in Australia.
- h. We should create a Wiki.

6. Actions:

- a. Make comments on draft charter by March 3, 2015 – ALL
- b. Finalise Draft Charter by March 10, 2015 - Christian
- c. Nominations for leadership position in by March 10, 2015 - ALL
- d. People to think about which Project Group(s) or sub-group(s) they want to focus their energies. - ALL
- e. Mail Archives to be made public - ICANN
- f. Notes from DC meeting to be distributed - ICANN
- g. Establish UA Wiki - ICANN