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ASO Review

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What is the ASO?



- The Address Supporting Organization (ASO) is part of the structure of ICANN
- The Number Resource Organization (NRO) fills this role
- The ASO Advisory Council (AC) is made up of the NRO Number Council (NC)
 - Has a coordinating role in global policy development
 - Defines procedures for selecting individuals to serve in other ICANN bodies, including the ICANN board
 - Provides advice to the ICANN Board
 - Selects candidates for two seats on the ICANN Board
 - Elects one seat for the Nomcom

Who is the ASO?



- NRO including the NRO Executive Council (EC) (the RIRs)
- ASO AC (RIR community members)
 - From our region:



Nurani Nimpuno



Wilfried Woeber

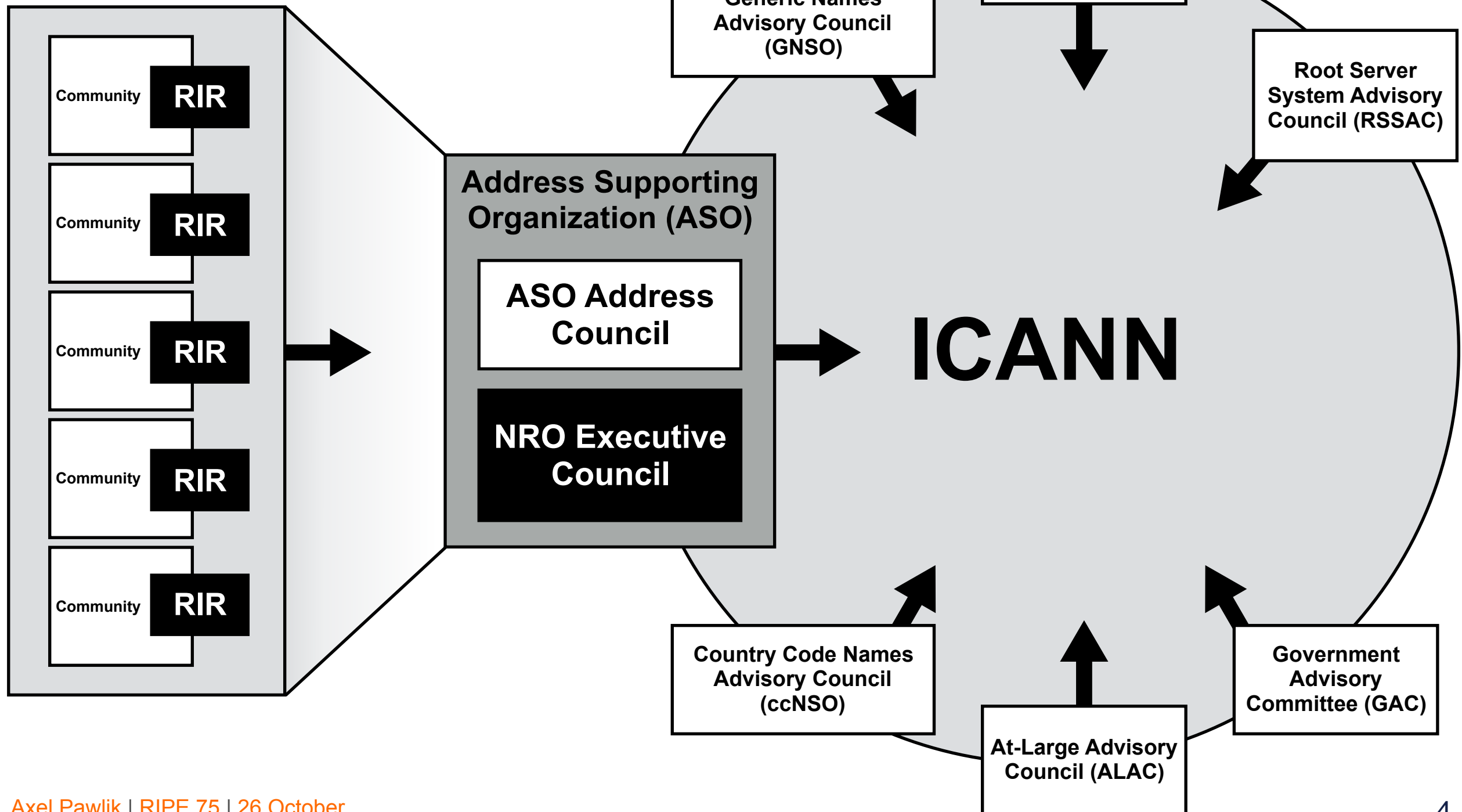


**Filiz Yilmaz
(Chair)**

ASO in the ICANN Structure



Regional Internet Registry communities



Why Does the ASO Need a Review?



- A requirement in the ICANN Bylaws
- First review was in 2011, by ITEMS (an independent consultancy)
- Second review was completed in August 2017, also by ITEMS

What Did the Review Involve?



- Documentary research
- Face-to-face interviews with community members at each RIR's meeting
 - Interviews targeted at ASO AC, NRO EC, RIR CEOs, Board Members, RIR staff, ICANN Board and ICANN staff
- Survey of 69 people
- Report is published:
 - <https://www.nro.net/wp-content/uploads/ASO-Review-Report-2017.pdf>

What Did the Review Cover?



- Purpose of the ASO
- Organisational and operational effectiveness of the ASO
- Accountability and transparency

Findings (1)



- ASO is one of the better-organised and efficient parts of the ICANN system
- ASO operates in a transparent manner
- ASO has a continuing critical function within ICANN

Findings (2)



- ASO bodies: ASO AC and NRO EC
 - ASO AC's responsibilities are described in the ASO MoU
 - NRO EC is involved in many other activities beyond the ASO's limited mission
- New ICANN bylaws
 - New body within ICANN (Empowered Community)
 - ASO is a part of this - which comes with added roles and responsibilities
- Concerns with increasing involvement in issues beyond the limited scope of the ASO

Options for the ASO



- Based on these findings, three options were proposed by ITEMS to be considered and discussed by the Internet number community

Options for the ASO



- Option 1: Status quo and “Just say no”
 - Plus: The NRO EC tightly scopes ASO activities to interests of the Internet number community
 - Minus: Misalignment of expectations between number community and ICANN

Options for the ASO



- Option 2: Status quo and increased ASO AC/
NRO EC coordination
 - Enhance existing coordination, formalise the annual joint meetings
 - Determine which body should be taking on which tasks

Options for the ASO



- Option 3: Adoption of a two-house ASO Council
 - Policy House (ASO AC) for policy and appointment of individuals to ICANN Board and other ICANN bodies
 - Registries House (NRO EC) for contractual, coordination and other operational matters with ICANN
 - No actual changes, but highlights that NRO conducts activities not originally planned when ASO MoU was signed
 - Better description of ASO AC and NRO EC roles improves operational effectiveness, transparency and accountability, and assessment of ASO performance

Implications



	<u>Option 1</u> Status quo	<u>Option 2</u> Increased coordination	<u>Option 3</u> Adoption of two-house “ASO Council”
ICANN Bylaws	No change	No change	Bylaws to state that the ASO shall have an ASO Council with two “Houses”; a Policy House (current ASO AC) and a Registries House (NRO EC)
ASO MoU	No change	No change	Update to include more details on the scope for action of the NRO EC (Registries House)
ASO AC Rules of Procedure	No change	Formalise joint annual meeting as needed	Rules of Procedure to be renamed “ASO Rules of Procedure”
ASO Website	No change	More information on role/scope for action of the NRO EC	The ASO website to include record of all activities of the NRO EC in connection with the ASO

Other Considerations



- In the meantime
 - The NRO has drafted interim procedures for the Empowered Community
 - More clarity about the decision making process
- Are there any other considerations?

Way Forward



- Internet number community public consultation
- All the RIRs are talking to our communities
- Asking RIPE community to send their comments to ripe-list@ripe.net
- Deadline for input: 30 November 2017



Questions

