

2014 ISOC Elections committee final report to the Board of Trustees

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Further to the Interim elections committee report submitted on April 7, 2014, the Elections committee is delighted to present its final report to the Board of Trustees.

In the 2014 election of the Board of Trustees, the following individuals have been elected:

Chapters

In the Chapter membership election, Chapter delegates elected Hans Peter Dittler and Gihan Dias.

Organisations

In the Organisation membership election, Organization members have elected Hiroshi Esaki.

The Internet Architecture Board (IAB)

Separately, following the process documented in RFC 3677, the IAB selected Sean Turner to serve as an ISOC Trustee to serve a 3-year term.

Term of office

The term of office for all four of the new Trustees will be three years, commencing with the ISOC's Annual General Meeting in June 2014.

Voting Participation in 2014, 2013 and 2012

The Elections Committee found of interest to compare the results of election participation over the last three years.

2014 Election Participation:

74 out of the 100 Chapters voted, which is 74%.

87 of the 150 Organisation Members voted, or 58%.

2013 Election Participation:

72 out of the (then) 91 Chapters voted, which is 79.12%.

95 of the (then) 142 Organisation Members, which is 66.90%.

2012 Election Participation:

55 out of the (then) 86 Chapters voted, which is 63.95%.

52 of the (then) 109 Organisation Members, or 47.71%.

According to the above statistics, there is higher election participation among Chapter Members than among Organisation Members in all three elections. It is also worth observing that the overall percentage of election participation in both 2013 and 2014 is higher than in 2012.

Voting process

The interim elections report from April 7, 2014 described the goal of the committee and reported on the adoption of the elections calendar, the Candidate Forum with Q&A and the voting process.

Due to the change of bylaws the e-ballots initially failed to take into account the change which provided for election of one (1) trustee by Organization representatives and two (2) trustees by Chapter delegates. As soon as our attention was drawn to this error we took the following corrective action as per email sent out on March 31, 2014:

Notified members about the error via Advisory Council and Chapter Delegates e-lists;
Sent corrected e-ballots to all voting representatives and voting delegates;
Sent personalized emails to all voting representatives and voting delegates who had already voted and requested that they re-vote using corrected e-ballots;
Disposed of all e-votes cast using the incorrect e-ballots, to ensure that no votes from the same voter will be counted twice.

As required by ISOC's Procedures for selecting Trustees, a Challenge Period was open 2-7 May. No challenges were received. Three scheduled regular reminders were sent out to Chapter delegates and Organisation Members, announcing the deadline for voting as of Friday 25 April at 23:59 2014.

The Elections Committee received the results of the IAB selection process and announced its final results on May 12 2014. The committee congratulated all the new Trustees. It also extended its thanks, to all the candidates and to everyone who participated in the elections process.

Positive feedback

The 2014 Elections Committee received a lot of positive feedback about the election process from the chapter delegates, expressed in numerous emails sent to the Elections Committee on the chapter delegates' list.

Equally, the Elections Committee received many emails from the Organisation Members as well as candidates that participated in the election, thanking both the Elections and the Nominations Committee on the successful election process. This communication demonstrated the success of the 2014 ISOC Board election process and existence of a good collaboration between the committees, ISOC staff and ISOC membership.

Recommendation for consideration

Based on the feedback received, the Elections Committee is committed to continue reviewing the relevant Elections Committee and staff processes and in particular the linkage of the two to and make further recommendations for further improvements.

In order to further improve the Trustees election process we recommend that the 2015 Elections Committee takes and implements the following additional steps and incorporates them into the elections process:

1. Verify the voting delegate contacts within entire ISOC membership in a timely manner.
2. Appoint a designated staff member to liaise and request the Elections Committee Chair to approve the e-ballots before they are sent out.
3. Build an option to include an abstention vote in the “Bigpulse” voting system in the next elections cycle.

This concludes our report.

Respectfully submitted

2014 Elections Committee