Summary of Agreed Board Action Items

At the January 28-30, 2014 Board retreat in Santa Monica, the ISOC Board decided that:

1.) ISOC exists to advance the deployment and evolution of a global, open and trusted Internet available to everyone on the earth;

2.) ISOC is a global, trusted, authoritative leader that gets things done; and

3.) ISOC should focus on three strategic priorities:

I.   Maintain and strengthen multi-stakeholder processes for advancing global and local Internet Governance
II.   Advance core infrastructure and evolution of Internet technology
III.   Promote the robustness and resiliency of Internet security through technical standards and deployment

The Board also decided that in order to accomplish the 3 strategic priorities there needed to be a restructuring of the organization and an examination of revenues and expenses to ensure the organization is living within its means.

At the April 7-8 Board meeting in Hong Kong, in executive session, staff made a formal presentation of the revised 2014 plan with detailed work plans. The Board expressed support and enthusiasm for both the approach and focus of the prioritization of the work plans. Staff committed to discuss further the financial implications of the re-focus with the Board at the London meeting. The Board agreed to participate in an all staff/Board retreat in September.

Additionally, the ISOC Board has agreed to or expressed support for the following items:

I.   Funding for IGF
II.   Continuous staff vigilance over surveillance issues (noting that the Chair remains supportive, having made two statements on the issue);
III.   The Board will revisit progress and plans for the Open Internet Endowment in Q4 2014;
IV.   The CEO to develop a well-formulated plan in the 2nd half of 2014 for expenditure of the 10 million USD in non-recurring funds received from PIR;
V.   Staff continue work on IANA transition while maintaining flexibility and keeping the Board apprised of the progress.

Finally, the Board had discussions with the CEO to re-evaluate the Internet Hall of Fame. It also reaffirmed that staff/ISOC commitment to the Chapters should remain and be strengthened.