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ALAC Statement on the Fundamental Bylaws Amendments on IANA-Related and CSC Charter Update.

Preamble

On 11 February 2026, the Public Comment proceeding opened for the [Fundamental Bylaws Amendments on IANA-Related and CSC Charter Update](#). An At-Large workspace was created in preparation for this Public Comment submission. The Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group (OFB-WG) reviewed the Proposed public comment and decided it would be in the interest of end users to develop and submit an ALAC Public Comment Statement.

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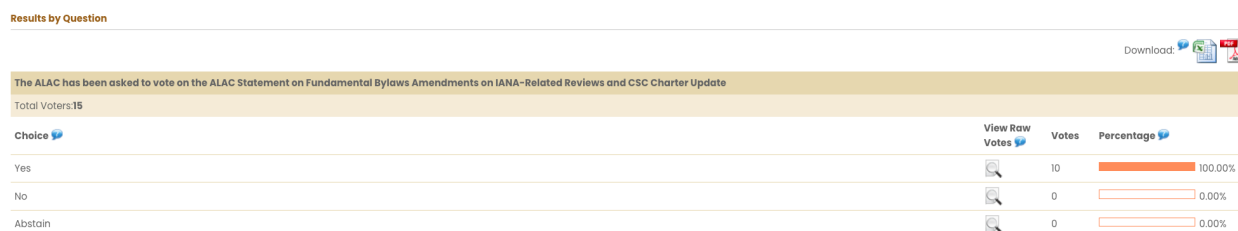
Ratification Record

On 11 February 2026, the Public Comment proceeding opened for the [Fundamental Bylaws Amendments on IANA-Related and CSC Charter Update](#). On 24 February 2026, Adebunmi Akinbo, Bukola Oronti, Claire Craig, Houda Chihi, Maureen Hilyard, Murray McKercher, N.E. Nkoro discussed the comments for the ALAC statement during the At-Large OFB-WG (OFB-WG) meeting. The OFB-WG decided it would be in the interest of end users to develop and submit an ALAC statement for this Public Comment proceeding. Adebunmi Akinbo, Bukola Oronti, Claire Craig, Houda Chihi, Maureen Hilyard, Murray McKercher, N.E. Nkoro volunteered to begin drafting the initial ALAC statement for OFB-WG consideration and ALAC endorsement.

On 26 February 2026, the initial draft statement was shared with the OFB WG for review and input. On 26 March 2026, the At-Large Public Comment Statement was finalized. The ALAC

Chair, Jonathan Zuck, requested that the Public Comment Statement be ratified by the ALAC before submission to the ICANN Public Comment feature.

On 30 March 2026, staff confirmed the online vote resulted in the ALAC endorsing the statement with 10 out of 15 votes in favor. 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions. Please note 67% of ALAC members participated in the poll. The ALAC members who participated in the poll are (alphabetical order by first name): Adebunmi Akinbo, Aziz Hilali, Claire Craig, Hannah Frank, Jonathan Zuck, Judith Hellerstein, Justine Chew, Natalie Tercova, Pari Esfandiari, and Satish Babu. You may view the results here:



ALAC and At-Large Community Comments

In response to the proposed Bylaws amendments addressing the below mentioned points as the inputs being sought in the proposed update to the CSC's charter.

1. Updating the cadence of the IFRs to every five years from the delivery of the final report, as opposed to timing the five-year cycle from the initiation of the IFR (Article 18, Section 18.2).
2. Updating the cadence of the CSC Effectiveness Review to every five years, as opposed to the current two-year review cycle (Article 17, Section 17.3).
3. Updating the CSC membership to allow for the appointment of alternate members and liaisons (Article 17, Section 17.2).

The ALAC/At-Large submits the following statement in response to the public comment process on the proposed amendments to the CSC's charter, specifically addressing the review cadence of the IANA Naming Function Reviews (IFRs), the CSC Effectiveness Review cycle, and CSC membership provisions.:

With respect to the proposed update to the cadence of the IFRs (Article 18, Section 18.2), the ALAC/At-Large supports timing the five-year cycle from the submission of the final report to the ICANN Board, rather than from the initiation of the IFR. We believe this approach affords the ICANN Board and ICANN org sufficient time to consider and implement review recommendations before the next IFR cycle is initiated, thereby ensuring that each review yields meaningful and actionable outcomes.

Regarding the proposed update to the CSC Effectiveness Review cycle (Article 17, Section 17.3), the ALAC/At-Large supports transitioning from the current two-year review cycle to a

five-year cycle calculated from the date of delivery of the final report of the prior CSC Effectiveness Review. This adjustment better aligns the review burden with actual oversight needs and appropriately reflects the operational stability that the CSC has demonstrated over time.

On the point of CSC membership (Article 17, Section 17.2), the ALAC/At-Large recognises the formalisation in the charter, of current practice of appointing alternate members and liaisons, and supports the proposed update to allow for the appointment of alternate members and liaisons, as this particular practice strengthens continuity, resilience, and broader participation in the CSC's work without materially altering its mandate or governance structure. Moreover, there are a number of other tangible benefits which can be achieved from this amendment. Namely:

- Sharing of duties which can help to prevent or reduce burnout
- Improve consistency in participation
- Reduction in risk of missed deadlines
- Improvement in the accuracy and timeliness of reporting back to the stakeholder community; and
- Assist in capacity building and stakeholder development.

The ALAC/At-Large also acknowledges that formalising the current practice on the CSC Charter serves to appropriately clarify the role of alternates and reduce duplication with the ICANN Bylaws, thereby improving both readability and overall governance coherence.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the ALAC/At-Large agrees with the approach of presenting the IFR and CSC amendments together. Given that both sets of amendments relate to oversight of the IANA Naming Function, consolidating them streamlines the Fundamental Bylaws amendment process and reflects a coherent and efficient approach to governance reform.