

Report of the ISOC 2009 Election Committee

The Internet Society

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The election cycle and Committee activities

Formation of the committee

At the ISOC Board of Trustees meeting in Minneapolis on November 22nd, 2008, the membership of the committee was approved by the Board and consists of (in random order):

Patrick Vande Walle, chair
Latif Ladid
Glenn Ricart

Three Trustees were to be elected for the period 2009-2012, two by ISOC Organizational Members, and one by ISOC Chapters.

Setting the election calendar

The ISOC by-laws set out a set of criteria for the timing of the Board of Trustees Nomination and Election processes. Based upon the possibility of the Board meeting in Stockholm in conjunction with the IETF meeting scheduled in July 2009, the Elections Committee and the Nominations Committee agreed on the following calendar:

- Call for Nominations: 6 Nov 2008
- Nomination Period Closure: 10 Jan, 23:59 UTC
- Candidates Announced, Petition Period opens: 9 Feb 2009
- Petition Period Closure: 11 Mar 2009, 23:59 UTC
- Final Candidate Slate Announced: 12 Mar 2009
- Ballot completed: 19 Mar 2009
- Ballots Posted (e-mail): 26 Mar 2009
- Election: 25 Apr 2009
- Certification of Election, Challenge Period opens: 5 May 2009
- Challenge Period Closure: 25 May 2009, 23:59 UTC
- Response to Challenges: 14 Jun 2009
- New Trustees Seated: 24 July 2009

Ballot structure, processing, counting and results

Based on a report from the Elections committee chair and further review by the staff, the board authorized this year the use of an electronic, web-based voting system this year. The system was provided by BigPulse.com.

One test election was set-up to allow staff to acquire the necessary experience to run the system. Overall, the electronic voting system went well, with no objections raised at any time during or after the process.

In the Chapter election, we had three candidates:

- Franck Martin,

- Khaled Koubaa and
- Narelle Clark

63 out of the 82 chapters voted, which is 77%.

Khaled Koubaa, who received the highest number of the votes, has been elected for a three year term.

In the Organizational Member election, we initially had five candidates:

- David Appasamy
- Allen Miller
- Philip Smith
- Jonathan Zittrain and
- Guanghao Li

Allen Miller withdrew during the election. Thus, the votes in favour of Allen Miller were not counted. 54 of the 92 Organizational Members, or 59%, voted. The ballot cast was weighted by the class of membership.

Philip Smith and Jonathan Zittrain, receiving the largest weighted ballot counts, have been elected for three year terms.

Using the process documented in RFC 3677, the IAB has selected Eric Burger as the IETF appointee to the ISOC board.

There was a challenge period in which issues may be raised concerning the election. This closed 25 May at midnight UTC, with no challenges. The resulting board will be seated in the ISOC Board Meeting in Stockholm on 24 July.

The turnout in this case has been higher in the chapter election than in recent years, and stable for the organizational membership. The election itself conducted with the highest of standards and the elections committee is satisfied with the electronic voting system that was used this year.

Expressions of thanks

The Committee wishes to thank all of the candidates for their willingness to be considered, and hopes that those who were not elected will find ways to contribute meaningfully to the work of the Internet Society.

The Committee wishes to thank the ISOC staff, particularly Greg Kapfer, Elisabeth Oluoch and Peter Godwin, for their technical and administrative support in carrying out the voting process.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Vande Walle, chair
Latif Ladid
Glenn Ricart