

This is the third section of the Documentation, and an Annex related to “Local Contributions.”

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Subject: Re: [Chapter-delegates] Fwd: Follow-up: Serious considerations to dissolve the Cambodia ISOC Chapter

Date: Sun, 29 Sep 2013 22:50:57 -0500

From: info@isoc.org.ec <info@isoc.org.ec>

CC: chapter-delegates@elists.isoc.org <chapter-delegates@elists.isoc.org>

We have some things for this discussion:

1. ISOC global is not ISOC HQ as a small group of staff and board members. It's global because chapters are all around the world. WE ALL ARE ISOC GLOBAL.
2. Several now chapters, exist as organizations before being an ISOC chapter. Later we become a chapter and continue the growing of Internet society .
3. We are a whole, and this digital system works because we have independence: think global for principles, and for the work of ISOC HQ, and think and act local as ISOC Global.
4. **I totally disagree with such statement: who puts the money put the way to use it.** It seems as ISOC HQ is a company that makes money by themselves. Isoc HQ makes no money without being global. Main source of incomes comes from .org operation so there is enough money to put in a more dynamic chapter's action all around the world, again with main principles in mind but without restrictions or impositions to chapters. WE, CHAPTERS ARE NOT, a subsidiary or similar. Chapters that feel that way are lost in space.

We are a modular organization, every part works with their own dynamic but we work also as a whole.

Principles are our guide: Internet is for everybody for example is a principle.

No matter what, some bureaucracy still can think they "own" ISOC and that they work for a large corporation where every chapter is only a small part of the whole named ISOC HQ.

We all are ISOC Global and we represent internet users. I'm pretty sure that when ISOC HQ introduce itself it makes use of their global presence as a main strength and to have global presence we need chapters. Some staff people sometimes try to Influence the way ISOC chapters works and try to put on it some people that think the way large corporation does, with subsidiaries: do not think, just do the way we tell you.

The smart way is to understand that we are a global organization because we have chapters globally.

I feel several times this kind of pressure from certain staff people but after more than 15 years of work in this scenarios we see some staff pass and we still continue walking.

At ISOC Ecuador chapter, we feel very comfortable with supportive staff and by now, we know very well who is who at this great team.

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Subject: Re: [Chapter-delegates] Recent Correspondence from the Cambodian Chapter

Date: Mon, 30 Sep 2013 06:55:00 +0200 (CEST)

From: borka@e5.ijs.si

To: Elver Loho <elver.loho@gmail.com>

CC: ISOC Chapter Delegates <chapter-delegates@elists.isoc.org>

+1 Elver, you are 90% right!

You are right. ISOC SI was asked recently to set up as a founder together with the Ministry the Slovenian IGF and to help shaping the stand point regarding the next ITU meeting. Our views regarding net neutrality were accepted and the Head of the Directorate answered positively to all our requests.

The action is launched by EU Commission and they are looking for national stand points and support and not from ISOC HQ.

If ISOC wants to be influential on that matters it must support and listen to the local organizations. Leading and administration of more than 100 chapters centrally in the ISOC secretariat is not going to be very successful, as this is too far away from the real life.

Hierarchically governed organizations usually are not long lived.

With regards,

Borka [Slovenia]

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: [Chapter-delegates] Money, money, money (was: Recent Correspondence from the Cambodian Chapter)

Date: Mon, 30 Sep 2013 14:02:27 +0200 (CEST)

From: Bernie Hoeneisen <bernie@ietf.hoeneisen.ch>

To: Victor Ndonnang <ndonnang@nvconsulting.biz>

CC: 'ISOC Chapter Delegates' <chapter-delegates@elists.isoc.org>

Hi Victor et al.

I agree with you (Victor). We must avoid money being the motivation for "running" an ISOC Chapter; money quite often attracts the "wrong folks".

However, related to the support ISOC currently provides, we face a major challenge with the Event funding model. Event funding is capped at 2000 USD per year and Chapter. Whereas in many countries 2000 USD is more than enough to fully cover one or even two events per year, in "high-cost" countries this can only cover a small proportion of an event's budget.

For example, the Switzerland Chapter is organizing a national event on Privacy on Nov 18th (by volunteers only):

<http://www.isoc.ch/events/saying-good-bye-to-privacy>

The event budget sums up to ~18'000 USD (high price level in Switzerland and exchange rate of our [too strong] currency), i.e. the ISOC Event Funding can cover roughly 10% of the whole budget.

So far we could raise only around 200 CHF (~220 USD). (Towards the end of the year sponsoring gets tough, as most companies have spent their annual sponsoring budget for 2013 already.)

We may need to cancel the whole event for financial reasons; ISOC cannot help us so much either (due to the cap of USD 2000 for Event funding).

I therefore suggest a change / refinement of the Event Funding model, i.e. a cap that better reflects the average cost level in different parts of the world as opposed to the current "one-size-fits-all" policy.

cheers,

Bernie, Chairman of ISOC Switzerland Chapter (as an individual)

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Subject: Re: [Chapter-delegates] Note to Chapters - DRAFT

Date: Tue, 1 Oct 2013 19:21:36 +0000

From: Walda Roseman <roseman@isoc.org>

To: chapter-delegates@elists.isoc.org <chapter-delegates@elists.isoc.org>

To Chapter Delegates,

Recently there has been a strong and useful discussion regarding the nature of chapters, funding of chapters and administrative support for chapters, among other broader themes. I would like to help bring some clarity to these issues for everyone.

1. The ISOC Board of Trustees recently adopted an updated set of by-laws that **specifically affirmed**

**the role of chapters in the governance and mission of the Internet Society, explicitly acknowledged the right of Chapters to form an advisory group**, and increased the number of Trustees to be elected by Chapters. This was a meaningful and far-reaching show of resolve for the key role of Chapters within the Internet Society.

2. Chapters, as stated in the by-laws, are autonomous groups of ISOC members formed explicitly for the collaboration, promotion and execution of the mission of the Internet Society. This autonomy comes with both rights and responsibilities, including a high degree of self-determination and cause-based organization management.

3. The funding of the Internet Society staff, projects and tools with proceeds from the Public Interest Registry was determined by the Trustees in 2007 and has been reconfirmed through a disciplined and transparent annual budget development and review process by the Board. A growing portion of these funds has been apportioned for the exclusive support of ISOC Chapters. This includes support staff, travel and event funding, tools development and deployment, and capacity development.

4. There continue to be unmet needs of chapters with respect to day-to-day management, among which tasks include member and financial administration, member communications, press relations and outreach, though few chapters experience these gaps in equal measure.

5. Chapter input into strategy, policy and project development is valuable and valued at all levels – global, regional and local. IPv6, DNSSec, ITE/IXP, and policy related to governance, technology and international regulation, as well as greater visibility and understanding for the IETF and the open standards process, are on-going examples of very successful chapter collaboration with ISOC staff. We recognize that additional ways to take advantage of this collaboration are needed. A number are under development and are being rolled out for Chapter use.

To comply with the intent of the updated by-laws as well as with the Board of Trustees' support for strong and engaged chapters, Chapter Development Staff have embarked upon three key projects with direct Chapter involvement and leadership:

Administrative support – Through a recently convened working group of chapters, suggestions for how best to address issues by the chapters are being discussed. Guidelines and proposals leading to deployable solutions will be developed and shared with the full Chapter community. While we all know that no one solution will fit all chapter needs, we hope that we will be able to further help chapters address a number of key challenges.

Collaboration with Chapter leaders in formation of a Chapter Advisory Group. Note that monthly regional chapter webinars are now the norm.

The sourcing and deployment of a web-based platform for deep and flexible engagement involving a variety of levels, topics and methods.

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Best regards,

Walda

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Subject: Re: [Chapter-delegates] Note to Chapters - DRAFT

Date: Tue, 1 Oct 2013 19:48:20 +0000

From: Dr. Alejandro Pisanty Baruch <apisan@unam.mx>

To: Walda Roseman <roseman@isoc.org>, "chapter-delegates@elists.isoc.org" <chapter-delegates@elists.isoc.org>

Walda,

thanks for this message.

I think that most of the issues we have been discussing have been dealt with in one or another way, with varying degrees of success (from the stellar to the dismal, and also dependent on who is doing the grading.) **As Veni said, there's little that we haven't gone over several times, though happily now with new participants.**

**The \*one\* true innovation in the landscape is the possibility in the Bylaws to create a Chapter Advisory Council.**

**Previous attempts have failed...**

Alejandro Pisanty [Mexico]

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Subject: Re: [Chapter-delegates] Role of chapters

Date: Tue, 1 Oct 2013 23:49:49 +0200 (CEST)

From: borka@e5.ijs.si

To: Veni Markovski <veni@veni.com>

CC: chapter-delegates@elists.isoc.org <chapter-delegates@elists.isoc.org>

+1. Veni is right.

Without chapters ISOC will consist of "organizational members" only, majority of them are the most powerful U.S based corporations of the

Internet economy. This can be also a possibility for an association to exist with the current administration and staff, but in that case ISOC will have no footing to claim that is representing civil society and the Internet users from the globe.

Best,

Borka

On Tue, 1 Oct 2013, Veni Markovski wrote:

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> **The discussion about the role of chapters is starting from zero every few years, when new members join this list, and that shows that not only there's nothing new, but the Board of Trustees has not addressed the previous concerns, since they keep on showing up.** Perhaps some day there will be a positive change, and we won't have to discuss the role of chapters again.

> My two cents: ISOC cannot exist without the chapters.

> The chapters, as independent non-profits, can exist without ISOC. In fact, many of them have existed before they were officially announced as chapters, and will continue to exist, once they stop being chapters.

> But ISOC needs the chapters to keep them legitimate, and to show to the world that it is a global international organization, with chapters and members around the globe. And last, but not least, the chapters are the vital connection between ISOC HQ and the national governments, business, non profits and civil society - all of which help ISOC keep the .org through the PIR.

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> best,

> veni

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Subject: Re: [Chapter-delegates] Role of chapters

Date: Wed, 2 Oct 2013 09:34:30 +0400

From: Igor Mkrtumyan <imkrtumyan@isoc.am>

Reply-To: imkrtumyan@isoc.am

To: <veni@veni.com>, <President@isoc-au.org.au>

CC: chapter-delegates@elists.isoc.org

+1 to Veni's two cents.

Igor Mkrtumyan  
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Subject: Re: [Chapter-delegates] Role of chapters

Date: Wed, 02 Oct 2013 08:22:24 +0100

From: Ousmane MOUSSA TESSA <ousmane@musatesa.net>

Organization: Université A. Moumouni

To: chapter-delegates@elists.isoc.org

Hi all,  
+1 Veni!

In my previous mail I tried to share a quiet simple idea of the "ecosystem" of ISOC. Veni summarized what this ecosystem must be. I'm just thinking it just a global decentralized process, as Chapters don't be considered as "subsidiaries" of company with an HQ and BoT!

BTW, I agree 200% with Veni about the fact, and keeping in mind that "the strength of a chain is based on the quality of its weakest link".

Hence, let's support each other to move steadily and forward a visible thread, so even the newcomers can jump easy in one the various wagons of ISOC.

Keep on talking, talking again, in the only aim to ... to sharpen our current and future actions and overcome inherent difficulties of our Global "institution".

All the best

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Niger Chapter  
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### **Annex**

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**Annex – for information about activities where there is “local contribution” in life and action,  
and solidarity provided also from outside.**

**All this is local input – but hardly any local finance.**

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### **Journalists attacked by masked assailants in Cambodia**

Bangkok, September 24, 2013--At least seven journalists were assaulted by a mob of masked men on Sunday while covering a land rights protest in the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh,  
<http://cpj.org/2013/09/journalists-attacked-by-masked-assailants-in-cambo.php>

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## **No motion in shooting probe**

Wed, 2 October 2013

More than two weeks after the slaying of 29-year-old Mao Sok Chan in clashes at Phnom Penh's Kbal Thnal overpass, police have yet to launch an internal investigation into the use of force, officials said yesterday.

<http://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/no-motion-shooting-probe>

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## **Cambodia: Chut Wutty's legacy creates an opportunity for land justice**

Activist's murder in 2012 ... could trigger political change, say campaigners

<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2013/oct/02/cambodia-chut-wutty-land>

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## **LICADHO, A Cambodian Human Rights NGO**

[www.licadho-cambodia.org/](http://www.licadho-cambodia.org/)

The Cambodian human rights NGO *LICADHO* is at the forefront of efforts to protect and promote civil, political, economic and social rights.

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## **Housing Activist in Washington To Push for Cambodian Policy Reforms**

...in an interview last week that a crackdown on a group of hunger strikers by young men in plainclothes was done under "collaboration among authorities, top to bottom."

The hunger strike was being undertaken by 14 residents from two Phnom Penh neighborhoods that have seen widespread forced evictions and resettlement far from the capital.

<http://www.voacambodia.com/content/housing-activist-in-washington-to-push-for-cambodian-policy-reforms/1760036.html>

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## **Adhoc Cambodia**

[www.adhoc-cambodia.org/](http://www.adhoc-cambodia.org/)

The Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association (ADHOC) is Cambodia's oldest human rights organization. It was founded by a group of former political prisoners

ADHOC STATEMENT: Three Protesters injured by the Daun Penh Security Guards at Wat Phnom

Phnom Penh, 18 October 2013 – The Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association

(ADHOC) condemns the violence and intimidation that was used today against people exercising their legitimate rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly at Wat Phnom this morning.

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## **Using Technology to Combat Human Trafficking**

TechCamp Southeast Asia brought together technology experts and civil society partners for a synergy

of ideas on combating human trafficking.

<http://blogs.usembassy.gov/todd/2013/09/27/using-technology-to-combat-human-trafficking/>

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End of the third section of the Documentation.