

Q1: Internet Challenges

What specific challenges including, but not restricted to technical and political challenges, do you expect the Internet to encounter during your tenure? How would you recommend that ISOC meet those challenges?

As in the past several years, the Internet will continue to face challenges from governments, corporations and interest groups who wish to control and benefit from it. It will also be challenged by a varied set of new applications. I believe that the prime function of the Internet is as a communications medium between people, and that people should be able to use it as they wish, and should be able to easily deploy new and innovative services.

I will strive to keep the Internet Society at the centre of keeping the Internet free and open, and developing open standards. We should improve the end-to-end connectivity of the Internet by promoting IPv6, improve its accessibility and affordability throughout the world, and develop multilingual content. ISoc should also maintain its lead role in capacity and awareness building throughout the globe.

Q2: Public Policy Issues

What Internet-related public policy issues do you believe will need to be addressed during your tenure, and how would you recommend that ISOC respond to them? How do you see the involvement of ISOC and of ISOC chapters and members?

Firstly, ISoc should work to create awareness of Internet-related issues throughout the world, and promote legislative and executive actions to promote the availability, affordability and use of Internet. ISoc Chapters should work with each national government and other stakeholders to solve issues of a national nature in a non-adversarial manner. ISoc should avoid any one-size-fits-all solutions to diverse problems. At the same time, each chapter should become a strong national body which is known and recognised as the voice of the Internet community in that country.

Q3: ISOC Initiatives

ISOC has a range of strategic initiatives. What do you think of those initiatives and how would you support making those initiatives more successful? Are there additional initiatives you believe are needed?

While ISoc should continue its four global strategic initiatives, I believe it is even more important that each chapter identify, get support for and implement the strategic initiatives most relevant to each nation. These may include access, openness, language, services, etc. I will support chapters in these initiatives.

Q4: Chapters and Organizational Members

What changes would you like to see in the way ISOC interacts with chapters, organization members, and individual members?

One of my main objectives, in seeking to be an ISoc board member, is to empower chapters.

Chapters have gained more recognition in recent years, but I still see the Internet Society as being too centralised. As a trustee, I will work towards giving chapters a stronger voice in deciding on the policies and activities of the Internet Society, not just via the board, but in having more chapter representatives in all policy and decision-making bodies throughout the Society. This will also

include chapters taking up more financial power.

I also plan to work directly with the officers of each chapter to identify issues they face, and to address them in an effective manner. I also propose to set up mechanisms where chapters can work jointly with other chapters.

Q5: Global Presence and Image

The Internet Society's work is global, including a diverse network of chapters and participation of many international organizations. What actions, if any, should the Internet Society take to increase its presence and recognition as a worldwide organization supporting a global Internet?

Although ISoc is a global organisation, it is often seen as being US-centric. I will work towards enhancing the diversity of ISoc and making it more responsive to local issues, while at the same time not losing sight of global issues. I will also work on enhancing ISoc's global image, and improving its stature with national governments by working closely and non-adversarially with them on Internet-related issues.

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