

A. Proposed name of the Chapter

Internet Society New Mexico Chapter

B. Community of Interest

The Chapter will serve the State of New Mexico, known as “The Land of Enchantment.” New Mexico is home to 23 indigenous nations including 19 pueblos, three Apache tribes, and the Dine Nation (Navajo), and ranks second highest in percentage of Native Americans at 10.5% of the population, while ranking highest in the nation for percent of the population that is hispanic at 48%. In addition to Spanish, there are 8 native languages spoken in the region including Tiwa, Tewa, Towa, Keres, Zuni, Dine’ (Navajo), and two dialects of Apache.

As the Pew report notes, a language other than English is spoken in more than 61% of homes in New Mexico. Meanwhile, New Mexico consistently ranks highest nationally in child poverty and family poverty and ranks 48th in high school graduation rates. According to the New Mexico Technology Council, “New Mexico ranks 48th in the nation in connectivity, with a level of service equal to Iraq and Moldova. “ Limited internet access and poor connectivity, plus issues of affordability and relevancy, have been challenges in the mountainous, desert, and highly rural regions of New Mexico where income levels, economic opportunity, and population density are generally low.

C. Purpose and scope of Chapter

We will serve the region by supporting greater Internet awareness, access, education, and engagement, especially for rural, underserved and underrepresented communities and community members in our our region.

D. Outline of key priorities for the first year of Chapter

- Establish and grow a chapter.
- Increase multicultural and intergenerational membership.

- Connect and share information.
- Begin to assess Internet connectivity, access, issues, training needs, and opportunities in our region.
- Collaborate to expand infrastructure, education, and exchange.
- Host an Internet Society regional anniversary event fall 2017.
- Work with ISOC and local organizations and communities to host an “indigenous connectivity summit” in New Mexico.

E. Founding members of the Chapter (25)

Co-founders Jennifer Nevarez (Chair) and Merridith Ingram (Vice-Chair)

Jennifer Case Nevarez, Community Learning Network

Merridith Ingram, 66 and Co

Robert Ingram, Silicon 66

Mary Hekman, Mary Hekman Law

Paige Prescott, Computer Science Teachers Association of New Mexico

Charles Ashley , Cultivating Coders

Aarick Layman, Cultivating Coders

Josephine Kilde, Espanola Tech Hub

Leonard Pascual, A Sound Look

John Tapia, IQCOMM

Monique Anair, Santa Fe Community College

Julia Takahashi, Tech Bivvy

Alexandra Marshall, Free Spirit Press

Katie Teague, Storm Cloud Media

Desiree Turner, St Christus St Vincent

Sharna Langlais, The Clever Pen

Krista Van Lewden, 66andCo

Michael Van Lewden

Jose Garcia, retired NM Cabinet Secretary of Higher Education

Steven Nevarez, Retired Engineer

Shawn Blake, Make Santa Fe

Belle Allen, New Mexico Film Office, Education Department

Lynne Roanhorse, Jicarilla Apache Nation

Brady Gotcha, Academy for Technology and the Classics

Denette Martinez, Tierra Encantada Charter School

Faith Rosetta, Santa Fe Indian School
Gwen Warniment, LANL Foundation
Derrick Ballard, EmTech Global
Roger Gonzales, Siete del Norte
Scott Beckman, North Central New Mexico Development District
Kathryn Ingram, Youth Council
Jackson Ingram, Youth Council
Madeleine Ingram, Youth Council, Santa Fe School for the Arts
Kimberly Corbitt, Xpress
Keith Beardmore
Craig Zahn, retired
Sue Zahn, retired educator

F. List of supporters and partner organizations

Community Learning Network & New Mexico TechWorks, Jennifer Nevarez, Director/Educator
Silicon66 and 66andCo - Meridith Ingram and Rob Ingram, Founders
Cultivating Coders, Charles Ashley, Director
Santa Fe Community College Film Department, Monique Anair
IQCOMM, John Tapia
A Sound Look, Leonard Pascual, President
Computer Science Teachers Association of New Mexico, Paige Prescott, President
Espanola Tech Hub, Josephine Kilde, Executive Director
Northern New Mexico College and the STEM Mentorship Collaborative, Rick Cox, Director
Hekman Law, Mary Hekman
LANL Foundation, Gwen Warniment and Jenny Parks
LANL, Community Office, Kathy Keith and Amy Chacon
FreeSpirit Press, Alex Marshall, Founder
Make Santa Fe, Shawn Black
New Mexico Film Office, Belle Allen, Education and Outreach Director
EmTech Global, Derrick Ballard, President
Siete del Norte, Roger Gonzales, Director
North Central New Mexico Development District, Scott Beckman

G. Membership

We connect with members via email, We will also manage communications through Enews, Facebook, Instagram, blogging, and

eventually, potentially, a membership portal. We will also connect to youth through New Mexico TechWorks programs and Cultivating Coders high school coding bootcamps and afterschool programs and clubs.

H. List of requirements

We have checked with the Secretary of State and Attorney General to clarify requirements, and we are starting under the umbrella of the local non-profit Community Learning Network.

I. Additional information

We are highly rural and many of our communities are not connected or experiencing very poor connectivity and access.

J. Your contact information

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Article I. – Name

This organization shall be called the Internet Society New Mexico Chapter.

Article II. – Purpose

The Chapter is organized as a not-for-profit initiative under the umbrella of the educational 501(c)3 nonprofit Community Learning Network, as registered with the Secretary of State and Attorney General in the state of New Mexico and sanctioned by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)3 corporation and approved to accept tax-deductible donations under the applicable laws of the United States and the State of New Mexico.

This Chapter will serve persons who live or work in the State of New Mexico and the numerous indigenous sovereign nations within its borders. This Chapter will serve the region by supporting greater Internet awareness, access, education, and engagement, especially for rural, underserved and underrepresented communities and community members in our our region.

The Internet Society charters this Chapter, and these bylaws neither supersede nor abrogate any of the Bylaws of the Internet Society that regulate chapter affairs.

Article III. – Membership

All members of this chapter shall also be members of the Internet Society. Membership is not necessary, however, for participation in activities of the society or its chapters. All individuals and organizations falling within the defined scope of this chapter shall be eligible for membership without discrimination. Membership in the Chapter shall be open to all Internet Society members in the area locality served by the Chapter. The Chapter may eventually choose to request payment of local dues, and if so, the amount of which will be determined by the

Executive Committee of this Chapter. We welcome student members and members of all ages and cultures. By accepting Chapter membership, new members agree to the initial acceptance of the current bylaws, officers, structure, policies, and activities of the Chapter.

Article IV. – Officers

The officers of this Chapter shall be: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer. Officers are authorized to run the operations of the Chapter and may serve a term of up to three years in one position. The Executive Committee shall fill vacancies left by resignations. Officers can also be removed from a position by majority vote of the Executive Committee. The initial officers were established at the founding of the Chapter and subsequent officers shall be approved and elected at the annual Chapter meeting and/or by mail or email ballot. Officers shall take office upon election and acceptance of the office and may serve for up to three years in one position and/or until the next election process.

Article V. – Duties of Officers

The chair is the principal officer and is responsible for leading the Chapter and managing its activities in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Internet Society, these bylaws, and New Mexico non-profit policies. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of this Chapter and of its Executive Team and Executive Council. With the advice of the Chapter's Executive Council, the Chair shall appoint or approve all committees of this chapter, all members of committees, and all Committee chairpersons. The Vice Chair shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chair.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the minutes of all Chapter and Executive Council meetings. Other duties of the Secretary include: some reporting to Internet Society Headquarters as required by the Internet Society Policies including an annual activity report, officer

information, membership updates through the Chapter portal and an annual financial report. The Secretary/Treasurer shall handle:

- Preparation of the Chapter's Activity Report and submission of this report to the Internet Society Headquarters.
- Notification to the Internet Society of any changes in the elected officers of the Chapter.
- Submission of any proposed amendment of the bylaws to Internet Society for approval. (As noted, in Article XI of these sample bylaws, proposed amendments must be approved before they can be submitted to the Chapter's membership for a vote).
- Pay all bills and maintain the Chapter's financial records.
- Preparation of the Chapter's Annual Financial Report.
- Completion and submission of the Annual Financial Report to Internet Society.

Article VI. – Executive Council

The Executive Council shall consist of the present Executive Team of current Chapter officers, plus as approved, the immediate Past Chair, the chairpersons of the Chapter's standing committees, and any selected Members-at- Large appointed to serve on the Executive Committee by the Chair. The term of the members of the Council shall coincide with the terms of the officers.

Article VII. – Committees

The Standing Committees of the Chapter shall be determined and expanded as needed, and may include: Membership, PR, Education, Special Events, and Resource Development.

With the advice of the Chapter Executive Council, the Chair may appoint such Temporary Committees as appropriate, such as a Nominating, Accounting, Program, ByLaws & Policies, and a Conference or Special Events Committee.

Article VIII. – Meetings

The Chapter shall hold meetings only in places that are open and accessible to all members of the Society and may hold meetings online, by phone, or by teleconference. Notice of the place and time of a meeting shall be distributed to all members at least one week prior, by Internet mail or by oral or written notice duly served on or mailed. As required by the State of New Mexico, the Chapter shall have at least one meeting a year. At this meeting, the Officers shall present a report and officer elections, approvals, and/or announcements shall be completed.

Article IX. – Disbursements and Dues

Disbursements from the Treasury for Chapter expenditures shall be made by the Treasurer with authorization of the Chair and/or Executive Council and shall be included in the minutes of meetings.

Article X. – Amendment and Voting Procedures

All proposed changes to these Chapter Bylaws need to be approved by the Internet Society before being presented to the Chapter membership for a vote. Voting can take place in person, by mail ballot, by email, or electronically. No official business of the Chapter shall be conducted at a Chapter meeting unless a quorum of the Chapter is present or reached. A quorum of the Chapter shall be defined as 50% percent of the voting membership of the Chapter or a majority of the members of the Executive Committee. A simple majority of the members present and voting shall be required to carry a motion. To vote on changes to the Bylaws, the Chapter should have a quorum of 50% of the members participating and the action will be passed by a plurality of affirmative votes (majority of those voting yes or no). Officers will be elected by a plurality of votes. If the election is conducted by mail ballot, email, or electronically, sufficient votes/ballots must be returned to have a quorum.