

Internet Society Nevada Chapter

Any Global Member in good standing may complete an application. When it is completed the application should be submitted by email to chapter-application@isoc.org.

Please note that Chapter applications are valid for 6 months. The Chapter formation process, including receipt of all documents mentioned above, needs to be completed within this timeframe, after which the application will expire. [[START CHAPTER PROCESS](#)]

Chapter application requirements

A. Proposed name of the Chapter

The Chapter name must include both “Internet Society” and “Chapter”. These may be translated into your local language.

For the purposes of this formal application, "Internet Society US-Nevada Chapter" is the proposed.

We will also refer to the organization locally as the Internet Society Nevada Chapter or ISOC NV for brevity.

B. Community of Interest the Chapter will serve

Geography is a common choice for a community of interest, for example, within a country or city. However, any well-defined group of individuals is acceptable.

A regional community primarily based in the state of Nevada, USA, will be formed with governance, practitioners, designers, builders, and users advancing the next evolution of Internet trust, identity, context, and meaning. This includes technologists, policy thinkers, and civil-society actors developing mechanisms for integrity, consent, and decentralized collaboration across the open Internet. The ISOC Nevada Chapter will serve all digital users dependent on the Internet for school, business, and social connection, 3.3M people, and will specifically serve the needs of underrepresented youth, students, and rural communities including the Indigenous peoples represented by 26 native American Indian tribes.

C. Purpose and scope of Chapter

It is important to indicate how you intend to serve your community of interest and why a Chapter of the Internet Society is a good way to do it.

Statement of Purpose: ISOC Nevada Chapter

Vision: The Internet is safe for Everyone.

Mission: We aim to promote an open, globally connected, secure, and trustworthy internet for all

Purpose: The Internet Society Nevada Chapter is dedicated to ensuring that the Internet remains an open, globally-connected, secure, and trustworthy resource for all residents of the Silver State. We serve as a multistakeholder platform to bridge the gap between urban innovation and rural necessity, advocating for policies and technical standards that promote digital equity, protect user privacy, and foster a sustainable technological ecosystem from the Sierras to the Mojave.

Core Principle: We align with the Global ISOC Charter to defend the Internet's decentralized architecture and to empower every Nevadan - regardless of geography, age, or background—with the tools to connect, innovate, and thrive in a digital world.

The chapter will participate in the design or prototyping with technologies such as trust signals, federated authentication, zero-knowledge proofs, community trust frameworks, AI containment, and interface-level governance. The chapter will

translate these into practical tools, educational resources, and policy contributions supporting digital sovereignty and safety for all Internet users.

The NV ISOC will carry out activities designed to engage the local community in sharing information about how the Internet is developing and to support the work of the Internet Society. The NV ISOC's goals include: (1) protecting the open, innovative development and use of the Internet and (2) engaging and educating the next generation of Internet users and helping them shape the evolution of the Internet.

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

It is important that besides drive and vision, there are also some concrete plans for what the Chapter will achieve in its first year of operation. If you are unsure as to how to develop a plan please visit our resource page.

Community Formation & Outreach

- Host [State of the Internet Nevada hybrid conference](#) in partnership with existing ISOC chapters and SIGs (AI, Cybersecurity, Online Safety).
- Recruit 50+ members, representing regions and diverse disciplines, all civic stakeholders in the future of the Internet.

Education & Knowledge Sharing

- Create Internet Safety for Youth assets in partnership with organizations such as Computer Corps, non-profit organizations addressing tech education, school network districts, and law enforcement
- Build a hub for Internet Assets relevant to Nevada stakeholders, providing the trust layer Nevadans can rely on for education and knowledge sharing.

Collaborative Projects

- Partner with builders and civic-tech organizations to prototype community-governed interactions between and among humans and agents

- Support youth engagement and mentorship programs around ISOC values and building applications for social good.

Policy and Standards Engagement

- Develop recommendations for ethical, consent-based AI and interface-level safety as extensions of Internet trust principles.
- Contribute to the development of interface-level governance through working group engagement, and inclusive community discussions.

Organizational Foundations

- Formalize governance, membership onboarding, and fiscal sponsorship with Nevada partners and service providers
- Secure funding partnerships to sustain educational and pilot activities.

E. Founding members of the Chapter

Please list complete contact information and affiliations for all persons who will be working together to create the Chapter. A minimum of 25 Internet Society members is required for a Charter. Please supply their names.

ISOC NV Charter Member #	Full Name
1	Dee Frewert
2	Dave Riske
3	Amariah Hash
4	Snehal Bhakta
5	Richard Frewert
6	Carlos Perez Campbell
7	David Block
8	Valerie Leuchtmann

9	Michael Chavez
10	Kris Swanson
11	Joshua Leavitt
12	Barbara Wickman
13	Maksim Soltan
14	Jesse Taylor
15	Reed Barrus
16	Mishelle Weaver
17	Ron Norton
18	Dan O'Day
19	Lachlan Druitt
20	Kristen Burbano
21	Beau Hamilton
22	Genevieve Burbano
23	Sridhar Chitturi
24	Vishal Sharma
25	Anil Rayidi
26	Karen Michael
27	Daveed Benjamin
28	David Reiner
29	Jessica Velez
30	Srinivas Atluri

Others from self-sign up [link here](#)

F. List of supporters and partner organizations

Please list complete contact information for any organizations or groups who will be supporting or partnering with the potential Chapter. Be sure to indicate an individual or an individual's role for each supporter and their contact details. We strongly encourage Chapters to take a "multi-stakeholder" approach to forming a Chapter.

Confirmed Partners

- Partners for Community confirmed by **Carlos Perez Campbell, Board**
- FIRST Nevada confirmed by **Dee Frewert, Board**
- Tech Alley, confirmed by **Joshua Leavitt, Founder and President**
- Computer Corps confirmed by **Barbara Wickman, Board Member**
- IEEE Northern Nevada, confirmed by **Michael Chavez, Nevada Chair**
- Optimist International Reno confirmed by **David Block, President**
- NCWIT Nevada, confirmed by **Snehal Bhakta**
- QConsul LLC, confirmed by Founder, CEO **Karen Michael**
- IDIQ Inc., confirmed by **Suzanne Sincavage PhD., Founder, CEO**
- Internet Society SF Bay Chapter, **Ron Petty, President**
- Bridgit DAO - **Daveed Benjamin, Founder**

Prospective Supporters / Partners

They can submit the form at the bottom of the page to apply to become a partner.

- Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology
- Human Energy, advised by Dee Frewert, Executive Advisory Board Member
- Kaycra Family Foundation as advised by Nancy Topp, Board Member
- Society of Women Engineers, Sierra Nevada Chapter & Las Vegas Valley Sections
- Society of Information Management, Jesse Taylor, President
- The Foundation for Biodefense Research, Dr. Suzanne Sincavage

G. Membership

Please outline how you propose to communicate, engage, and interact with the members of the proposed Chapter. A steady stream of new members and volunteers serves a Chapter with a regular pool of energy and talent as well as new leadership.

The Chapter will foster active dialogue and contribution through:

- **ISOC Portal** for official membership management
- **ISOC-NV.org Website** for announcements, events, and resources
- **Monthly Bulletin - digital** highlighting global meta-layer initiatives
- **WhatsApp** community group for open member discussions
- **LinkedIn** and **X** for outreach and advocacy
- **Discord** for collaboration
- **Zoom** platform for collaborative meetings
- **Learning Planet** for global collaboration and education
- **Luma** for scheduling events and meetings

These channels ensure inclusive, ongoing engagement across regions and disciplines, enabling new leadership and sustainable growth.

H. List of requirements

Some countries, governments, or regulatory bodies have rules or regulations that must be followed by Chapters of organizations like the Internet Society. Examples include documentation or fees. It is important for you to check and to indicate here any requirements you find. If there are none please indicate with whom you checked.

Grants and sponsorship support will utilize the established fiscal agency relationship through Partners for Community, a Nevada non-profit and 501c3 organization. An ISOC NV Chapter Corporation is now established as a Nevada non-profit, an application for its own 501c3 will be submitted within 3-6 months. These are costs related to the initial chapter formation.

- \$500 NV State Filings and Chartering the ISOC NV organization, resident agency, officers, articles of Incorporation and preparation
- \$1000 IRS 501c3, Form 1023 processing and consultation
- \$250 Domain, website, and DBAs
- \$450 subscription services for communications, development, mail etc.
- \$450 additional expenses related to chartering ceremony and multiple work group formation.

I. Additional information

Nevada's unique challenges.

Nevada Internet Challenges

In 2026, the intersection of internet access, artificial intelligence, and social structure in Nevada has created a unique set of challenges. As the state undergoes a massive \$900M+ broadband build-out, social research is focusing on how this "new connectivity" interacts with existing vulnerabilities.

1. The Digital Skill Divide & Economic Polarization

Research from the **National Skills Coalition (2025/2026)** indicates that **90% of jobs in Nevada** now require digital skills. This has created a "barbell" economy:

- **The Squeeze:** AI is increasingly automating entry-level and middle-management roles in Nevada's dominant sectors (Hospitality and Gaming).
- **The Correlation:** Recent data shows a **23% wage increase** for Nevada workers who move from a "no-skill" to a "one-skill" digital role. However, without state-led intervention, the IMF (2026) warns that AI adoption is currently "deepening polarization," primarily benefiting high-skilled tech workers while shrinking the middle class in service-heavy states like Nevada.

2. The "Companion Crisis": AI & Youth Development

Nevada ranks **last nationally in youth mental health access**, making the state a primary testing ground for "digital support" systems.

- **AI as a Substitute for Care:** National studies (Aura 2025/2026) show that **12% of youth** struggling with mental health now use Generative AI as a primary support tool.

- **The Risk:** In Nevada, where human counselor shortages are extreme, there is an ongoing correlation between "AI companionship" and social isolation. Research indicates that 11-to-13-year-olds are the most likely to engage in "emotionally entangled" AI interactions, often because it feels "easier than talking to adults."

3. Digital Inclusion as an Equity Issue

Ongoing 2026 research by the **American Immigration Council** specifically highlights the "Nativity Gap" in Nevada:

- **The Statistics:** While ~21% of the general population lacks broadband, **26.5% of Nevada's immigrant population** is offline.
- **The "LEP" Influence:** For those with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), the barrier isn't just the "pipe" (infrastructure) but the interface.
- **The AI Fix:** Clark County recently launched a 2026 pilot for **AI-enabled real-time translation** in government offices to bridge this gap, using technology to fix the social exclusion that technology itself helped create.

4. Cybersecurity & The "One State" Vulnerability

Following a major cyber incident in 2025, Nevada shifted to a "**Zero-Trust**" methodology.

- **The Social Link:** For rural Nevadans, an internet outage isn't just a lack of entertainment; it is a total loss of access to **Telehealth** and **Government Services**.
- **Ongoing Strategy:** The state's new **Security Operations Center (SOC)**, launching in 2026, treats cybersecurity as a "social safety net" rather than just a technical requirement, aiming to protect vulnerable rural communities that lack their own IT defenses.

Summary of Research Correlations

Social Issue	Influencing Technology	2026 Correlation found in Research
Workforce Stability	Generative AI / Automation	AI skill demand is increasing wages but shrinking middle-class roles.
Youth Mental Health	AI Chatbots / Companions	Youth use AI to avoid "burdening" adults; 37% of interactions involve mature/violent themes.

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Social Mobility	Fiber/Broadband Access	Lack of home broadband correlates directly with lower literacy and higher poverty (150% below FPL).
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Sovereignty	Tribal Fiber Networks	Data sovereignty is correlated with increased community resilience and local job retention.
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J. Your contact information

Please provide complete contact information for yourself, including affiliation, postal address, phone numbers, and email address.

Dr. Dee Frewert