

## Internet Society Elections Committee 2019/2020 Final Report to the Board of Trustees

The Elections Committee is happy to present its final report to the Board of Trustees.

For the 2020 the Internet Society Board of Trustees elections there were one trustee elected by the Internet Society Organization Members and two by the Internet Society Chapters. The Organization Members slate had three candidates for the election and the Chapters slate had seven candidates for the election.

Further, one trustee was selected by the IAB (Internet Architecture Board) for the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) by a separate process.

The 2019/2020 Elections Committee comprised of six members, namely Hiroshi Esaki (chairperson), Walid Al-Saqaf, Hans Peter Dittler and Andrew Sullivan (ex-officio) from the ISOC Board, in addition to Pierre-Jean Darres and Rob Evans who were recommended by the Chapter Advisory Council and by the Organization Member Advisory Council respectively.

Nominations opened on October 25, 2019, and closed on December 6, 2019 as planned.

Following the nominations process, the candidate slates comprising **Oliver Alais, Ted Hardie and Heather West** for the Organization Members and **Satish Babu, Ndeye Maimouna Diop, Luis Martinez, Glenn McKnight, George Sadowsky, Amir Qayyum** and Roberto Zambrana for the Chapters, were announced on February 7, 2020. The list of candidates was then confirmed on March 2, 2020.

As in past years, a short biography of each candidate was posted on the Internet Society website at: <https://www.internetsociety.org/board-of-trustees/elections/2020/nominees/> .

To encourage easier and open communications between the candidates and the constituents, two mailing lists were created, one for the Organization Members and another for Chapters. We received the assistance of ISOC Staff to populate the mailing lists with the email IDs of the respective candidates and constituents.

The initial discussions on the mailing lists were kicked off on March 5, 2020 with four questions posted by the Election Committee Chair, who invited all candidates to answer and engage with the community. The welcome message sent out included information on how to unsubscribe if the mailing list participants so desired. While the activity on the mailing lists was generally well within the norms of an informed and engaging discussions.

ISOC Staff sent out the ballots to eligible voters and we did encounter some invalid email IDs, but they were quickly fixed. Both the ISOC Staff and the Chair reached out directly to those organizations and Chapters to get the voting individuals properly identified and entered into our elections system.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the ISOC Staff, particularly the IT support team for ensuring that the voting process ran smoothly with voting closed on April 3, 2020 at 15:00 UTC.

One candidate, who would win in the election for Chapters, had served as a chair of a Chapter. Since a chair of Chapter can not take a seat of Board of Trustee, we had confirmed the candidate's intention of stepping down when the candidate will take a seat.

The President received one appeal during the challenge period. It was about the equal amount of opportunities for election campaign. We carefully discussed this challenge and reached to reject this challenge, since it was recognized there was not unequal opportunities nor unfair action by the candidate.

The final announcement of the election results on April 23, 2020.

## **Trustee election results**

### **Organization Members**

In the Organization Members election, **Ted Hardie** won and got 44.69% of the weighted vote (and 40.35% of the individual votes). Each Organization Member could cast two votes and each of the votes had a weight of between 1 and 6 based on the membership category. In this election, 57 out of 102 Organization Members voted, representing a turnout of 55.88%.

### **Chapters**

In the Chapter Members election, **Ndeye Maimouna Diop** got 35 (39.77%) out of 88 ballots cast and **George Sadowsky** got 32 (36.36%) out of 88 ballots cast. Each Chapter had one ballot to cast and there were 122 eligible voting Chapters. The voter turnout was therefore 72.13% in this year's election.

### **The Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)**

Following the process documented in RFC 3677, the IAB selected and the IESG confirmed **Laura Thomson** to serve as Internet Society trustee.

## **Term of Office**

The term of office for all four of the Trustees will be three years, commencing with the Internet Society's Annual General Meeting in August 2020.

### **Voting Statistics 2015–2020**

The results of election participation over the last five years are as follows

- 2020: 88 out of 122 Chapters (72.13%) voted. 57 out of 102 Organization Members (55.88%) voted.
- 2019: 100 out of 116 Chapters (86.21%) voted. 65 out of 105 Organization Members (61.9%) voted.
- 2018: 91 out of 122 Chapters (74.59%) voted. 68 out of 122 Organization Members (55.74%) voted.
- 2017: 89 out of 119 Chapters (74.79%) voted. 75 out of 111 Organization Members (67.57%) voted.
- 2016: 79 out of 114 Chapters (69%) voted. 75 out of 132 Organization Members (57%) voted.
- 2015: 88 out of 105 Chapters (84%) voted. 74 out of 119 Organization Members (62%) voted.

Turnout for organization members was lower this year and same level as in 2018, reaching 55.88% (57 out of 102). It was also for Chapters, reaching 72.13% (57 out of 102), which is same level in 2018.

### **Acknowledgment**

Finally, we take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude and regards to all the ISOC Staff involved in the elections process (BigPulse voting system, Internet Society website and mailing lists) for their tremendous support throughout the election period. In particular, special thanks go to Board Liaison Kevin Craemer for the splendid support he has provided to the Elections Committee and its Chair.

On behalf of the 2019/2020 Elections Committee,

Hiroshi Esaki

Chairman of the Elections Committee

## 2019-2020 Elections Timetable

As amended by the Board on 6 February 2020

Date	Activity
Friday, 25 October 2019	Call for Nominations opens.
Friday, 6 December 2019 at 15:00 UTC	Nominations period closes.
Friday, 24 January 2020	Election eligibility cut-off date.
Thursday, 6 February 2020	Nominations Committee deliberations end.
Friday, 7 February 2020	Candidate slate announced. Petitions period opens.
Friday, 21 February 2020 at 15:00 UTC	Deadline for receipt of Petitions.
Friday, 28 February 2020 at 15:00 UTC	Deadline for receipt of Petition signatures.
Monday, 2 March 2020	Final candidate slate announced.
Thursday, 5 March 2020	Candidates Forums start.
Thursday, 19 March 2020	Candidates Forums close. Ballots posted. Voting opens.
Friday, 3 April 2020 at 15:00 UTC	Voting closes. Ballots counted.
Monday, 6 April 2020	Certification & announcement of results. Challenge period opens.
Wednesday, 15 April 2020 at 15:00 UTC	Deadline for receipt of Challenges.
Wednesday, 22 April 2020	Challenge response period ends.
Thursday, 23 April 2020	Election results finalized and announced.