

Application for "At-Large Structure" (ALS) Designation



Applications should be submitted electronically to staff@atlarge.icann.org. Please address any questions about the applications process to this address.

The form can be downloaded from <http://www.atlarge.icann.org/files/atlarge/als-application-form-en.doc>

Organisation Contact information

1. Organisation's Name: Connecting.nyc Inc.

2. Organisation's email address: info@connectingnyc.org

3. Organisation's phone number (include country/city codes): +1 718 639 4222

4. Organisation's address (location and postal address, if different):

_____35-35 75 Street, Jackson Hts., New York, 11372 USA

5. Organisation's website (URL) (if available):

___http://connectingnyc.org

Primary and Secondary Contact for Organisation:

If accredited, the primary contact will be assumed to be that person who will cast any votes required, with the secondary person being the alternate – though your Organisation may at any time change its voting and alternate representatives.

6. Primary contact:

a. Name: _____Thomas Lowenhaupt_____

b. Email address: ___toml@communisphere.com_____

c. Telephone: _____+1 718 639 4222_____

7. Secondary Contact:

a. Name: _____Robert Pollard_____

b. Email address: ____Robert.Pollard@connectingnyc.org____

c. Telephone: __212 476 2189____

Description

1. Structure and Governance:

- Is your Organisation constituted so that individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the Geographic Region in which your Organisation is based control your Organisation?

Indicate Yes or No: Yes

- Please explain the answer above in sufficient detail so that a person not familiar with your Organisation would be able to understand the reasons for your answer, and attach or reference the URLs where any statutes or operating principles or other supporting information related to this question can be found: We are a not-for-profit corporation licensed by the state of New York, In the USA. We are governed by a board of directors (<http://www.coactivate.org/projects/campaign-for.nyc/board-members>) and have a Resident Advisory Board "open to all those interested in creating a better city - current and former residents and New York City wannabes alike." (<http://www.coactivate.org/projects/campaign-for.nyc/advisory-board>). Since our formation in 2006, we have operated through a wiki to provide optimum transparency. Additionally, we have a Transparency page on our wiki emphasizing the reasons behind our operational manner (<http://www.coactivate.org/projects/campaign-for.nyc/open-and-transparent-policy-page>).

- Is your organization formally incorporated or organized under a national legal jurisdiction?

Indicate Yes or No: ____Yes_____

IF YES: Please describe what legal recognition it has and indicate the place of legal incorporation or registration

A New York State not-for-profit.

- Describe your Organisation's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes): We have a board of directors as the ultimate decision making body and a resident advisory board.
- Does your organization have written bylaws or other constitutional instruments?

Indicate Yes or No: __Yes__

IF YES: Please provide a copy along with your application (in English if available)

Certificate of Incorporation:

<http://www.coactivate.org/projects/campaign-for.nyc/board-of-directors/connecting-nyc-inc-certificate-of-incorporation.pdf>

By Laws: <http://www.coactivate.org/projects/campaign-for.nyc/by-laws>

- Explain the eligibility requirements (if any) for your Organisation's constituents/membership (if you provide a written application for admission as a member, you may attach a copy) Our wiki's Resident Advisory Network wiki page invites those interested to submit an application for membership.
- In what language/s does your Organisation conduct its business?
English.

2. About Your Members

- Do you have individual members with the ability to vote in or otherwise control the management of the organization?

Indicate Yes or No: _The Board of Directors has ultimate control. A Resident Advisory Network has an ex-officio seat on the board of directors.

IF NO: Describe what role individuals have in the management and work of the organization.

Additionally, we do our work through a wiki and blog to facilitate public engagement.

- Do you have organisations as all or part of your membership?

Indicate Yes or No: __No__

IF YES: Describe whether they are profit-making, non-profit-making, a mixture of both, and/or what proportion of the total membership each type of private sector organization is. Please also describe what the nature of the organizational members is: For example, are they all of a similar type or interested in a similar activity or policy area?

- Do you have governmental bodies, or quasi-governmental bodies, as members of your organisation?

Indicate Yes or No: __No

IF YES: Please describe their nature and role in the decision-making and work of your organization, and the proportion of the total membership made up of these types of organization.

- Describe the general membership – are they predominately of one (or more) professional background or interest group? (e.g. journalists, online rights activists, consumer organizations, individual consumers, etc.): The members of our board and Resident Advisory Network are from a diverse background. Our board has a retired lawyer, a teacher, a technology sales manager, a civic activist, and an information scientist. Our Resident Advisory Network is equally diverse, with information on its members here:
<http://www.coactivate.org/projects/campaign-for.nyc/advisory-board>.
- Describe how your Organisation keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest: We do most of our work through a wiki. Our blog informs of new developments. And we have mailing lists on various topics.
- Approximately how many members, of each type of membership class if you have more than one, do you have? 5 members of the board of directors. Currently 6 members of the Resident Advisory Board.

3. Provide support for the statement that your Organisation is self-supporting (by answering "yes" you confirm that it will not rely on ICANN for funding):

Indicate Yes or No: Yes

4. What is the primary source, or sources, of funding for your Organisation? (if unfunded/entirely voluntary simply indicate "N/A"): Donations for board members and interested internet users, and others.

5. Do you receive any funding from government agencies or for-profit entities? If so, please describe below and describe their involvement in the activities of the organization (if they so participate): No

6. Does your Organisation commit to supporting its individual constituents'/membership's informed participation in ICANN?

Indicate Yes or No: Yes

6. Does your Organisation post on the Internet publicly-accessible, current information about your Organisation's goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s) (if this information currently is available, provide URLs)?

Indicate Yes or No: Yes. See <http://connectingnyc.org> and our wiki and blog as there linked.

7. Provide information on your Organisation's leadership (leaders' names, positions, emails):

Thomas Lowenhaupt, Chair, TomL@communisphere.com

John Moran <JTMoranesq@msn.com>

Robert Pollard <ecology2001@gmail.com>

Michael Johnson <mykljonzun@ideologi.org>

Jeffrey Lowenhaupt <jeffpac09@yahoo.com>

Objectives

Please describe your Organisation's mission and purpose (please attach any mission or policy statement for your Organisation, if in writing, or provide a URL, if posted): **Our Mission:** To facilitate civic, community, cultural, and commercial advancement in New York City by advocating for the acquisition, development and operation of the .nyc TLD as a public interest resource, and to educate New York's residents and organizations about the techniques and opportunities the .nyc offers for improving our lives and our city. See more on our objectives: <http://www.coactivate.org/projects/campaign-for.nyc/objectives>.

1. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your Organisation's constituents/membership: City TLDs
2. If your Organisation is accredited, will it commit to participating actively in the Regional At-Large Organisation (RALO) for the region in which your Organisation is based?

Indicate Yes or No: Yes
3. If your Organisation is accredited, does it or will it agree to adhere to the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the other ALSes in your Geographic Region and ICANN, as if it were an original signer of that document?

Indicate Yes or No: ___ Yes

The texts of the MoUs can be found at:
<https://community.icann.org/display/atlarge/Reference+Texts>

Signature

Include the name, and title, if applicable, of the individual who is authorized by your Organisation to sign this application and commit your Organisation to comply with ALS criteria.

Signature: Thomas Lowenhaupt

Name: Thomas Lowenhaupt

Date: October 18, 2012

Title: Founding Chair and Director