

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:

____ [South Pacific Computer Society](#) _____

2. Organisation's email address: ____ info@thespacs.org _____

3. Organisation's phone number (include country/city codes):

____ [+679 3232302](#) _____

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

____ [G.P.O Box 17350](#) _____

____ [Suva](#) _____

____ [Fiji](#) _____

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

____ <http://www.thespacs.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: ____ [Sunil Lal](#) _____

b. Email address: ____ sunil.lal@thespacs.org _____

c. Telephone: ____ [+679 8686195](#) _____

7. Secondary Contact:

- a. Name: Aasis Karan
- b. Email address: aasis.karan@thespacs.org
- c. Telephone: +679 999 0453

Description

1. Structure and Governance:

- a. 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

- b. 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:

The South Pacific Computer Society (SPaCS) is a registered Society with membership open to ICT professionals, organizations, academics, students and users.

Please refer to the constitution in which the guiding principles are enshrined

http://www.thespacs.org/images/stories/Events/Docs/SPACS_Constitution_Updated_20_06_12.pdf

- c. 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

The South Pacific Computer Society was incorporated under the provisions of Charitable Trusts Act (CAP. 67) on February 8th, 1995 by the Registrar of Titles, Suva, Fiji. (Registration document is attached)

- d. Describe your Organisation's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes):

SPaCS is a non-profit organization governed by an executive committee which is elected during the annual general meeting (AGM). The executive committee consists of president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, an assistant secretary, a treasurer, an assistant treasurer, and committee members.

- e. 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)

Constitution is attached herewith

- f. 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):

Membership is open to any and all persons interested in furthering the objectives of the Society through the following grades of membership (Professional Member, Affiliate Member, Organisational Member, Associate Member, and Student Member).

Attached membership form provides details about the different grades of membership.

- g. In what language/s does your Organisation conduct its business?

English

2. About Your Members

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

Indicate Yes or No: Yes

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

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

Indicate Yes or No: Yes

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?

At present, organisational members are around 16% of the total membership. The organizational members are equally divided between academic institution and ICT private sector industry.

- c. 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.

- d. 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.):

[Academics, ICT professionals and students predominantly constitute the general membership.](#)

- e. Describe how your Organisation keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest:

[Annual general meeting and special general meetings](#)

[Public seminars](#)

[SPaCS website](#)

[Mailing list](#)

[Facebook](#)

- f. Approximately how many members, of each type of membership class if you have more than one, do you have?

[Professional members: 20](#)

[Student members: 19](#)

[Organisational members: 8](#)

[Associate members: 2](#)

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"):

[Membership subscriptions, and sponsorships](#)

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):

[We receive sponsorship from ICT companies, and academic institutions in support for the annual SPaCS secondary schools computer quiz.](#)

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](#)

<http://www.thespacs.org/>

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

Sunil Lal, President, sunil.lal@thespacs.org

Aasis Karan, Vice President, aasis.karan@thespacs.org

Ritesh Chandra, Vice President, ritesh.chandra@thespacs.org

Deepak Bhartu, Secretary, deepak.bhartu@thespacs.org

Objectives

1. 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):

Mission:

- To promote the development of ICT capacity in the South Pacific
- To promote, develop, advance and safeguard the practice of ICT in the South Pacific

Objectives:

- To create a professional association of those engaged in computing in education and research, and computing practitioners
- To extend as widely as possible the knowledge and appreciation of computing
- To further the study, application and practice of computing by providing a forum for those interested in computing so as to stimulate discussion of relevant issues
- To promote and develop the competence of persons engaged in computing matters where appropriate through seminars, workshops, conferences and publications
- To maintain Code of Ethics and minimum standards of knowledge for members of the society
- To maintain dialogue with Education Authorities in the region with regards to computing education and to provide help where appropriate
- To promote co-operation and liaison with other groups and organisations which have related and complementary purposes and activities
- To promote interchange of information on computing in the South Pacific countries

(<http://www.thespacs.org/>)

2. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your Organisation's constituents/membership:

Civil society participation in Internet Governance in general, and contributing to policy formulation in particular

3. 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 ___

4. 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:  _____

Name: SUNIL LAL

Date: 4th, July 2013

Title: President, SOUTH PACIFIC COMPUTER SOCIETY