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Mr. Peter Harrison, Chair, Nomination Committee
American Registry for Internet Numbers
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Re: ARIN Advisory Council to the 2022 Nomination Committee

Dear Mr. Harrison,

On behalf of the ARIN Advisory Council, we thank you and your committee for undertaking this important work on behalf of the community. ARIN's policy management thrives with a strong and cohesive AC, and thus the work your committee performs is essential to this process.

Background

ARIN's Advisory Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees on Internet number resource policy and related matters, by shepherding and ultimately forwarding community-approved consensus-based policy proposals to the Board for ratification. In addition, AC working groups focus on single-issue topics, such as improving the Policy Development Process, Number Resource Policy Manual clean-up, and responding to staff policy experience reports.

As set out in the 2022 Nomination Committee (NomCom) Charter, the committee will review and classify all nominees for the Advisory Council. While the NomCom may satisfy its charter requirement to exceed the five available Advisory Council seats by providing an initial slate with only seven candidates, it is noted that such a slate might include one or more candidates with "Qualifications Not Demonstrated". In addition, at least one AC member is still undecided whether to pursue reelection. Therefore the ARIN Advisory Council strongly encourages the Nomination Committee to return a slate of at least eight "Qualified" or "Well-Qualified" candidates so as to provide the electorate with enough viable options on the ballot.

In keeping with best practices in corporate governance, the ARIN AC is strengthened with a diverse set of perspectives around the table. The NomCom is expected to produce a slate of candidates that offers diversity of thought and experience.

Relevant Experience and Priorities

ARIN seeks individuals who bring to the Advisory Council an educational background or relevant work experience in governance and internet number resources. The ARIN Advisory Council is a fifteen-member group with constant churn of policy work, with limited opportunities to train new members outside of ARIN's policy development process. As such, the ARIN AC is not entry level, but rather represents an intermediate level technical committee.

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To inform the classification of nominees, the NomCom shall consider the attributes listed below. “Well Qualified” candidates will demonstrate all the Highly Recommended attributes and offer experience in one or more of the Recommended areas. “Qualified” candidates will demonstrate some of the Highly Recommended attributes and offer experience in one or more of the Recommended areas. All candidates must meet the “Mandatory” qualifications.

Background – Mandatory

- Internet number resource management, IP networking, or related experience
- Written communication skills, such as policy or technical writing
- Experience in collaborative or consensus-driven areas

Background – Highly Recommended

- Public speaking and presenting
- Governance or legal experience; Internet focus being preferred
- Experience in related industry sectors, e.g., Internet or telecommunications

Background – Recommended

- Understanding of the Regional Internet Registry system
- Other relevant committee experience
- Experience with and understanding of parliamentary procedures
- Diversity of experience that reflects key sectoral, demographic and geographic perspectives of the community

Priorities

In recruiting candidates, please bear in mind the following areas which the Advisory Council has identified as priorities for the current recruitment exercise:

- Legal Experience in related industry sectors, e.g., Internet or telecommunications
- Experience in Internet governance
- Public speaking and presenting

The Advisory Council is expected to face challenging questions related to ARIN’s scope, service offerings, policy development, policy language, and policy interaction with other RIRs as well as other ARIN members on the various mailing lists. Individuals with an understanding of the Regional Internet Registry system would benefit the AC greatly.

The identification of priority areas is not intended to suggest that the AC is wishing to augment strengths in these areas in isolation from other considerations.

Advisory Council Role and Responsibility

We stress that the AC relies heavily on a good understanding among its members of the duties and responsibilities of ARIN, its Advisory Council, and its Board. It is essential that AC candidates have previously or currently participate in the policy discussions both online and in

person, with a mind toward both the community and the resources ARIN provides and services.

This document is also meant to serve as one of many inputs to your deliberation process and we hope the suggestions within it are useful to your process. Ultimately, we entrust the committee to seek enough inputs to ultimately act on behalf of ARIN's members in classifying the slate of candidates for the Advisory Council.

Should you have any questions please let us know.

On behalf of the ARIN AC,

Kat Hunter
Vice Chair, ARIN Advisory Council