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PROPOSAL DATA:

Policy Proposal Title: One Public Policy Forum Chair per linguistic community

Policy Proposal Type: LACNIC

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Proposal Summary:

That the Public Policy Forum be moderated by three chairs, each belonging to one of the linguistic communities corresponding to LACNIC's three working languages: Spanish, Portuguese and English.

Rationale:

In practice, Public Policy Forum Chairs must interact with the members of the community in order to promote their participation in the Forum. To be able to do so, they need to know the community.

On the other hand, rather than being home to a single community, the LACNIC region is home to several communities that obviously share common characteristics but in which there is a clear barrier: language. In a way, this reality has already been tacitly recognized, as LACNIC uses the three languages corresponding to the region's three largest linguistic communities.

For this reason, it appears to be necessary to do something in this sense for the administration of the forum and have one chair for each of LACNIC's working languages. Thus, each chair will know and be able to easily interact with their corresponding linguistic communities.

Current Policy

2.2. Public Policy Forum Chairs

LACNIC's Public Policy Forum will have two chairs, both of which shall have the same functions.

2.2.1. Functions of the Public Policy Forum Chairs

1. To conduct and prepare Public Policy Forum discussions. Discussions shall be conducted by one of the two chairs, who may alternate in this function during the course of the event.
2. To conduct the Public Policy List and the Policy Development Process in general.

3. To evaluate and suggest minor changes to the texts proposed during the Public Policy Forum before the corresponding call for consensus.
4. To evaluate and suggest consensus in policy discussions.
5. To suggest the finalization of the discussions on a specific issue on the Public Policy List.
6. To decide to abandon a policy.
7. To summon the creation of Working Groups on the Public Policy List.
8. To receive comments from LACNIC's Staff in relation to different aspects of a policy proposal. These comments may include, among others, comments on the wording, cost of implementing a proposal, legal aspects, and the location of a proposal within LACNIC's policy document.

2.2.2. About Public Policy Forum Chairs

1. Public Policy Forum Chairs can not be members of LACNIC's staff.
2. These positions shall be honorary.
3. Call for nominations will be made through the Public Policy mailing list.
4. They will be elected during the Public Policy Forum, with each term starting at the end of the Public Policy Forum.
5. They must be members of LACNIC or be supported by a member of LACNIC.
6. These positions shall be held alternately for 2 years, with the possibility of unlimited reelection.

Proposed Text

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All LACNIC's Public Policy Forum chairs will have the same functions.

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5. These positions shall be held alternately for 3 years, with the possibility of unlimited reelection.
6. There will be three chairs, each belonging to one of the three linguistic communities corresponding to LACNIC's three working languages: Spanish, Portuguese and English.
7. In order to be elected to the position of chair, candidates shall:
 - 7.1. Be able to speak, write and understand the language of the corresponding linguistic community fluently (preferably being native in said language), in addition to having English as a second language. English would be the default language for communication among chairs.
 - 7.2. Be supported by at least three LACNIC members belonging to the corresponding linguistic community, plus another member who is not part of said community. For the purpose of this process, whether or not a member belongs to a specific linguistic community shall be determined according to the official languages of the country or territory in which the member is based.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Timetable: Immediate implementation.

Working Group:

Related Previous Proposals:

References:

Changelog: