

ICANN Board Member: Job Description

1. An active member of the Board of Directors of ICANN a not for profit California Corporation with a unique multi- stakeholder, consensus driven, bottom-up operational structure.
2. A person who has played a significant role in the creation, building, operating and/or management of a successful institution (e.g. a business, academic or research organization, nonprofits or technical organizations).
3. Commitment to ICANN and the Board mission to:
 - Provide technical and policy oversight to the DNS (internet)
 - Oversee the IANA function of number distribution
 - To foster competition and innovation in the Domain name system
 - Preserve and defend one global inter-operable domain name system
 - Ensure the stable and secure operation of the internet's unique identifier systems coordinating and facilitating the same, in accordance with ICANN's by-laws and adhering to bottom up policy development related to Internet names and numbers.
4. Work closely with ICANN organization and ICANN employees assisting the Board to perform its duties in a transparent and accountable manner.
5. Work closely with the ICANN community and its diverse range of stakeholders representing a wide range of internet users and others interested in the operation of the DNS.
6. Participate actively with other ICANN Board Members to review, discuss, handle the myriad issues that the board faces at any one time. Service on the ICANN Board requires members to review extensive written material prepared by Staff and others to explain to the Board the complex issues they face for action or decision and to keep them updated as required.
7. Travel & Meeting Requirements: Members of the Board (MOB) will be asked to attend face to face meetings 3 times a year at ICANN Board Meetings around the world for up to 10 days per meeting. There will be at least one Conference call a month in addition to these Board Meetings that will be anywhere from 1 to 4 hours in length. In addition there may be several other face to face meetings during the year for MOB only that may range from three to five days, to deal with the many pressing issues it faces away from the time pressures of the Formal structured Board Meetings which rotate in the 5 ICANN Geographical regions. All travel and other reasonable expenses required in travelling for ICANN are paid for by the Corporation.

8. Teamwork: Board members must work collaboratively to achieve consensus with other members of the Board as a whole or as members of one or more Board Committees including: Finance; Governance; etc.
<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/board-committees-2018-04-13-en>
9. Community Outreach: MOB must make a best effort to interact with the Community; to familiarize themselves with the ICANN structure, how it operates; and the many different Stakeholder Groups and issues each hopes to have addressed by the Board and the reasons for their concerns. In addition, members of the ICANN Board are expected to interact with members of the community, for example, as a Board liaison to one or more working groups.
10. International Representation: MOB may also be asked to represent ICANN at a wide variety of meetings and/or conferences around the world including liaising with other major organizations such as the ITU, IGF or WSIS/United Nations and other internet governance foras.
11. Interactions with Government Representative. MOB are expected to interact—both formally and informally – with governments and their representatives on the the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), which is a formal part of the ICANN structure. The GAC serves as a vehicle for governments who choose to participate in the ICANN process to provide advice on, and participate in, policy development that affect governmental interests or public policy. In public policy matters which arise out of the operation of the DNS. MOB may be asked to give speeches at various meetings and in some cases to be ready to make representations to Governments including members or Committees of the US Congress.
12. Oversee a budget of over US\$ 140,000,000.
13. This job requires an open mind, an ability to work hard and long, to travel widely, to learn quickly and accurately digest new information including many technical matters.
14. Communication Requirements: Ability to work and communicate in spoken and written English is essential. Good speaking and listening skills are necessary for this position in order to work successfully with others to achieve goals by consensus.
15. Leadership skills are an must; leadership experience on other Board of Directors is an advantage.
16. Management skills and the ability to work towards many deadlines and under considerable pressure from time to time.

17. All Board members are entitled, but not obligated to receive compensation for their services as Directors as well as Board Committee Chairs. The Board may also authorize the reimbursement of actual and necessary reasonable expenses incurred by Directors performing their duties as Directors. (Bylaws Article 7, Section 7.22). Presently, Board members have the option to receive fixed compensation (currently equivalent to US\$45,000 for Directors and Liaisons (except GAC Liaison), or US\$75,000 for the Board Chair) in accordance with the resolution passed by the Board on 30 July 2014 (see <https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2014-07-30-en#2.b>) and reimbursement of certain reasonable and documented expenses.

About ICANN

ICANN's mission is to help ensure a stable, secure, and unified global Internet. To reach another person on the Internet, you need to type an address – a name or a number – into your computer or other device. That address must be unique so computers know where to find each other. ICANN helps coordinate and support these unique identifiers across the world. ICANN was formed in 1998 as a not-for-profit public-benefit corporation with a community of participants from all over the world.