ISOC Norway Annual Report 2023

This annual report covers the period from March 22 2023 to March 13 2024.

Introduction

The Norway Chapter of the Internet Society (“ISOC Norge”) was formally reinstated in 2013.

The bylaws were approved by the Internet Society on May 8, 2013. The bylaws was modified and approved at the GA on March 26, 2020

NORWAY CHAPTER OF THE INTERNET SOCIETY (ISOC NORGE) is registered in The Brønnøysund Register Centre with registration number 912 347 664

Board Members in this period

The following Board members were elected at the Annual Meeting, March 2 2022 (in alphabetic order):

- Tom Fredrik Blenning (2023-2025)
- Steinar Grøtterød (2022-2024)
- Thilina Pathirana (2022-2024)
- Joar R. Rasmussen (2022-2024)
- Espen Ramton (2023-2025)

Steinar Grøtterød has served as Chair and Treasurer for the Chapter.

Chapter Advisory Council Representative: Thilina Pathirana
NORPOL representative: Espen Ramton
EURALO representative: Steinar Grøtterød
Chapter Voting Delegate: Thilina Pathirana
Sosial Media ansvarlig: Thilina Pathirana
Media kontakt: Tom Fredrik Blenning

Members of Internet Society Norway

Number of members of ISOC Norway
Mar 2024: 164
Feb 2023: 158
Feb 2022: 147
Feb 2021: 142
Dec 2019: 133
Dec 2018: 177
Mar 2017: 150
Mar 2016: 139
Aug 2015: 116

There is no personal membership fee.

Board Meetings in this Period

The Board meetings are scheduled for once a month, with the exceptions of July and August.

The Board meetings are organized by remote participation (Zoom). Minutes from the board meetings can be found on ISOC.no.

ISOC Norway finally managed to have a physical board meeting on Dec 13, 2023.

Total number of board meetings for this period: 10.

Chapter Activities, this period

Member meetings

ISOC Norway has organized 3 meetings during this period. The meetings were open for all.

02.03.2023: Evening workshop: ICANN and current challenges on the internet.

In cooperation with The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), ISOC Norway, Norsk Forening for Jus og EDB (nfje.no) and iQ Global (iq.global).

22.04.2023: Can Open Source communities survive the coming EU laws?

Fireside chat with Simon Phipps (Director of EU Policy at OSI) where we explore the upcoming cyber security regulations from EU, and discuss possible consequences and remedies for businesses and the Open Source communities they depend on.

26.09.2023: A session discussing Cryptography.

Cooperation between ICANN and ISOC Norway.

Political work

- Continuous lobbying against DNS-blocking
- Working to block the CSAR[1] proposal, partially in conjunction with ISOC Europe.

ISOC works on this due to these both threatening the Internet infrastructure.

Public consultations and public letters submitted by ISOC Norway:

- ISOC Norway attended a Public hearing on DNS Blocking and submitted their input to the hearing.[2]
- ISOC Norway responded to a hearing given by NORID - the top level administrator for .NO, on removing restrictions for registering category sub domains[3].

EURALO

Steinar Grøtterød is selected as board member for EURALO from 2023 AGM to 2025 AGM[4].

At-Large Policy Development[5]

- ISOC Norway member Steinar Grøtterød represents At-Large in the GNSO Transfer Policy Review PDP Working Group
- ISOC Norway Board member Steinar Grøtterød is participating in EURALO and At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG).
- Steinar Grøtterød attended the ICANN77, ICANN78 and ICANN79, representing At-Large.
- There have been no scheduled NORPOL meetings in this period.

Networking focus

- ISOC Norway has started exploring what it takes to create an accredited Norwegian Internet Governance forum.

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[1] Child Sexual Abuse Regulalation, EU proposal
[2] https://isoc.no/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/ISOC-Norge-horingsinnspill-2024-01-15.pdf
[3] https://isoc.no/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/HORINGSSVAR_NORID_kategoridomener.pdf
[4] https://community.icann.org/display/EURALO/EURALO+ALAC+Representatives%2C+Board+Members+and+Officers
[5] At-Large is a stakeholder in policy development worldwide. This includes, but is not limit to ICANN policy development and EURALO.

Media focus

ISOC Norway maintains a homepage for the chapter; https://isoc.no. Twitter, Facebook and a Meetup.com group are used to communicate with the public. We have also established a presence on Mastodon.

In addition, ISOC Norway operates a Telegram “Policy channel”.