

# Telecommunities Canada (TC) AGM

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## President's Report

### Current projects:

- Participation in policy making at the international level through the Internet Corporation of Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

ICANN is essential to the operation of the Internet as it coordinates the domain name system (DNS) which matches domain names with IP addresses. This is a decision making body where policies can have wide ranging impacts on the operation of the Internet. Examples of such policies would include questions such as who gets to own geographic names at the top level (e.g. .amazon) or what information can be collected and/or revealed about you if you own a domain name.

I am in my second year of a 2-year term as the North American AtLarge Organization's (NARALO) representative to the ICANN AtLarge Committee (ALAC). TC is one of 22 North American AtLarge Structures (ALSs).

Why is this important?

AtLarge is the community that presents the perspectives of **INTERNET END USERS** in policy discussions in the ICANN multistakeholder model. The participation of organizations like TC are vital to the integrity of this model.

- Participation in the Canadian Internet Governance Forum (CIGF).

The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) provides a multistakeholder platform to facilitate the discussion of public policy issues pertaining to the Internet. This is not a decision making body but it is still politically influential.

I am on the steering and program committees for the Canadian Internet Governance Forum which will be held in Montreal in March 2020. This is being co-ordinated by CIRA.

Why is this important?

Regional fora are held around the world with some of their conclusions then being fed into the content of the main IGF (this year being held in Berlin). The CIGF acts as a multistakeholder forum to gather, discuss and disseminate Internet governance issues of importance to Canadians. For a report from the 2019 CIGF held in Toronto see: <https://canadianigf.ca/reports/>

### **Events organized:**

- In May 2019, with the help of funding from ICANN, TC sponsored a 3rd ICANN livestream outreach event. The TC website has been updated to include slides, photos and videos from that event.

### **Events attended as TC representative**

- As an ALAC member, I attended two ICANN public meetings this year -- in Kobe, Japan (Mar. 9-14) and in Montreal in Nov. 2-7 2019.
- In the 2 days prior to the ICANN meeting in Montreal, I participated as a facilitator in a very successful North American School of Internet Governance (NASIG) -- 60 students from all parts of the world were brought together with about 20 facilitators in an intensive study of technical and social internet governance issues.
- I am regularly invited to briefings organized by the ISED team which represents Canada in ICANN's influential Government Advisory Committee. Canada is currently vice-chairing this Committee. In these briefings, various policy issues are addressed and input is sought from stakeholder representatives.
- In May 2019, I attended the 2nd annual Digital Access Day, organized the Internet Society Canada Chapter (ISCC) in Ottawa

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