Board Report

July 2017 - June 2018

Introduction

On July 17, 2017, the PICISOC board for the 2017-2018 term took office. Soon after which, office bearers were appointed and activities commenced. After an initially challenging period settling in, the new board set out to rejuvinate the chapter and enhance effectiveness in carrying out its functions. The Internet landscape in the region is ever changing and 2017-2018 was no exception. This made it both an interesting, challenging as well as a rewarding time to be serving on the PICISOC board.

This report outlines a timeline of activities carried out by the board during this term. The main objectives of the board for this term was to re-establish PICISOC's standing within the Internet community in the Pacific Islands. To realign itself as a vibrant ISOC chapter and continue to serve the community effectively. This is only carried out with the continued support from the community of members which the board is always privileged to have.

The board members for the 2017-2018 term were as follows:

Dr. Etuate Cocker (TO)	-	Co-Chair, Technical
Mr. Kasek Galgal (PG)	-	Co-Chair, Policy
Mr. John Chand (FJ)	-	Vice-Chair
Mr. Tr Mori (FM)	-	Secretary
Mrs. Cherie Lagakali (FJ)	-	Treasurer
Mr. James Kay (NZ)	-	Research
Mr. Elvin Prasad (FJ)	-	Communications

Monthly Activity Report

Year 2017

July
- New Board takes office
- Appointment of board officers made and roles & responsibilities allocated
- Board recognised that Bank account has been a continuing issue in the past and started reviewing options to revive account

August
- Redesign PICISOC website with updated bio for board members
- Populate PICISOC calendar with regional and international events
- Appointment of Cherie Lagakali as ICANN At-Large Representative for PICISOC as an At-Large Structure
- PICISOC TIN letter retrieved and bank account signatories formalised

September
- Kasek Galgal participated as a speaker at ISOC Intercommunity 2017 Brisbane node. Speaking on contemporary Internet Issues in the Pacific
- Submission of ISOC Chapter evaluation report by PICISOC
- Bank Account authorisation letter provided by Board for account activation

October
- Review of the Chapter Bylaws and board members voted in favour on changes to the by-laws
- Vote on PICISOC representative to attend ISOC meetings
- Review of ISOC Chapter meeting outcome with representative
- Nomination of Tr Mori as PICISOC representative to ISOC APAC Chapters Meeting
- Bank account changes in requirements for activation by Westpac: get old signatories to visit the bank and signoff on handover and activation documents

November
- Review membership for all members and to gather interests on board activities
- Vote on PICISOC chapter leads for PacIGF sessions to be held in Vanuatu
- Proposal for mailing list guidelines to ensure comments are non-abusive
- Cherie Lagakali Represented PICISOC as an ICANN At-Large Structure to the ICANN 60 Annual General Meeting in Abu Dhabi
- Tr Mori Represents PICISOC at ISOC annual APAC Chapters Meeting
- Bank account changes in requirements for activation by Westpac: Need for a title search

December
- Update of calendar with additional regional and international events
- Close of activity for the year 2017

Year 2018

January
- Return to activity for the year 2018
- APrIGF MSG representation decided upon
- Bank account changes in requirements: visit bank and sign off for search and activation by Westpac

February
- Board members provided feedback on ICANN FY19 budget request for comments, supporting fellowship and outreach funding.
- APrIGF Programme Committee and Fellowship committee representation
- Activities initiated for Pacific IGF @ APrIGF 2018
- Bank account changes in requirements by Westpac: Get certificate of incorporation

March
- PICISOC receives "A" rating from ISOC chapter evaluation, meaning chapter is active due to activity in the past year.
- PICISOC assists Internet PNG Clique in overseeing their board elections

April
- Submission of workshop proposal for PacIGF sessions in the upcoming APRIGF event in Vanuatu
- Awarding of PICISOC Fellowship to ISOC APAC-MENA regional chapters meeting to Ms. Sereana Narayan

May
- Signing of ISOC's revised charter
- Sereana Narayan attends ISOC APAC-MENA regional chapters meeting as the PICISOC Fellow
- Days for PacIGF sessions to be held within the upcoming APRIGF event in Vanuatu finalised

June
- 2018 election activities initiated
- PacIGF sessions in the upcoming APRIGF program finalised

Summary

The 2017-2018 term was as challenging as it was productive. Many activities were undertaken. New, existing as well as ones that needed to be revived. One of the key highlights was being awarded an "A rating" from ISOC chapter evaluation in March 2018. This is up from a "B rating" in the previous year's evaluations. This meant that the chapter was active and effective which was a testament to the collective effort both board and members throughout the term. It qualified the chapter as eligible for fellowship funding for the APAC-MENA chapters meeting, chapter grants as well as other privileges as determined by ISOC.

There are interesting times ahead for the Internet space in the Pacific, and going forward PICISOC will always have an important role to play in the community. There is still a lot to be done and the 2017-2018 board wishes the new board will carry on doing good work for the community. The continued support of members as well as the wider community is always the main driving factor for our activities.

Mr. Kasek Galgal, Co- Chair
On behalf of the board of the Pacific Island Chapter of the Internet Society