



Norway Chapter

Annual Report 2016-2017

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This annual report covers the period from March 2016 and out February 2017.

Introduction

The Norway Chapter of the Internet Society ("ISOC Norge") was formally reinstated in 2013. The bylaws was approved by the Internet Society on May 8, 2013. Since then the bylaws been unchanged.

Board members in this period

The following board members were elected at the annual meeting March 10, 2016:

- Maja Enes (re-elected, 3. term)
- Alf Hansen (re-elected, 5. term)
- Merete Asak (re-elected 5. term)
- Torgeir Waterhouse (re-elected 5. term)
- Eirik H. Blix (re-elected 2. term)
- Thomas Gramstad (re-elected 2. term)
- Marius Hole (re-elected 2. term)
- Ronja Gustavson (new)
- Knut Storvik (new)

Bylaws state that the board should have 5-9 members. Maja Enes served as Chair of the board.

Members of Internet Society Norway

The number of registered members are 150 per March 2017.

In March 2016 there were 139 registered members, and in August 2015 there were 116 registered members. Membership in the Norway Chapter of the Internet Society is free.

Board meetings in this period

The board meetings are in general held over Webex in order to facilitate digital attendance.

Previous annual meeting was held March 10, 2016.

Number of board meetings in this period: 8, one each month except March 2016, September 2016, October 2016, November 2016.

Chapter activities, this period

Last year's plan of action with comments concerning how the Board evaluate how we have met this plan:

- Activate members by creating at least one work group which is semi independent of the board.
 - Postponed until 2017.
- Host or co-host at least one open Membership meeting
 - Postponed until 2017.
- Continue to be updated on relevant political discussions in the Parliament, and communicate to the members when relevant ISOC topics appear.
 - ISOC NO has activated a Connect platform, an internal discussion platform for members of Internet Society.
 - ISOC NO has submitted input to hearing of report from "Lysne-utvalget" about Digital Border Defence.
- Be more present in relevant political and public discussions.
 - See above about hearings.
 - Participated in European Chapter Leaders Workshop in Madrid, Spain, where we discussed various challenges in various countries where Chapters are present.
 - ISOC Norway was mentioned specifically in a presentation at Dataforeningens event "*Digitalt grenseforsvar, et "Snooper's Charter"?*" concerning our reply for the digital border defence.
- Produce and send bi-monthly newsletters (Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec, Feb).
 - Newsletters have been distributed in April 2016, June 2016, September 2016 and December 2016. They have aimed at informing about what happens concerning Internet in the world, what happens in Norway, and what the board is doing.
- Participate in NORPOL and informing the members.
 - There has been no NORPOL meeting in this period.
- Update the website, isoc.no.
 - A major update has been done to make relevant information complete and easier to find for members and others.
- Be active on Facebook.
 - Contributions only by individual board members.

Election of board members

In accordance with the bylaws, all board members are elected for one year. Any member of ISOC Norway may be elected as a new board member to replace a sitting board member. Candidates with the majority of the votes will be elected. The board may consist of 5-9 members.

Plan of action next term (March 2017 - Feb. 2018)

- Political focus
 - We will try to be more present in relevant political and public discussions, continue to be updated on relevant political discussions in the Parliament, and communicate to the members when relevant ISOC topics appear.

- Member focus
 - We wish to activate members by creating work groups which can be semi independent of the board. We want to host or co-host at least one open membership meeting and send newsletters regularly with relevant information.

- Networking focus
 - We wish to form cooperation with organizations with related interests and we will participate in cross organizational meetings, such as NORPOL and informing the members.

- Media focus
 - We will update the website, isoc.no, with relevant information and upcoming events. We will be active on social media and connect (ISOC Forum).