Annual Report 2017 - 2018

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This annual report covers the period: Primo March 2017 - Ultimo February 2018.

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. Since then the bylaws have been unchanged.

Board Members in this period

The following Board members were elected at the annual meeting, 1 March, 2017:

·   Maja Enes (re-elected, 4. term)
·   Alf Hansen (re-elected, 6. term)
·   Torgeir Waterhouse (re-elected 6. term)
·   Eirik H. Blix (re-elected 3. term)
·   Thomas Gramstad (re-elected 3. term)
·   Marius Hole (re-elected 3. term)
·   Knut Storvik (re-elected 2. term)
·   Salve J. Nilsen (new, returning)
·   Ole Trøan (new)

Alf Hansen has served as Chair of the Board, Salve J, Nilsen has served as Vice Chair of the Board.

Eirik H. Blix served as CFO/Treasurer from March - October 2017, whereby he resigned by his own wish.

Knut Storvik served as CIO/CISO (having among other things overall responsibility for IT and Social Media), and (of reasons explained in the previous paragraph) from October 2017, he also served concurrently as CFO/Treasurer.

Members of Internet Society Norway

Medio February 2018 the number of registered members are 173. Previous years: March 2017: 150. March 2016: 139. August 2015: 116. The personal membership is free, and the Board will not propose to change this in 2018.

Board meetings in this period

The Board meetings are in general held over Internet in the form of video meetings in order to facilitate digital attendance. Previous annual meeting was held March 1, 2017. Number of Board meetings in this period is 10, one each month except July and August 2017.

Chapter activities, this period

The activities are commented below related to last year's plan of action:

- **Political focus**
    - A few discussions on the Connect-platform have been initiated.
    - Public hearings have been discussed at the Board meetings, and one official contribution from ISOC Norway have been issued in February 2018.
    - ISOC Norway was represented at the ICANN58 meeting in Copenhagen in March 2017.
    - ISOC Norway was also represented at IGF in Geneva in December 2017.

- **Member focus**
    - One open Membership meeting in October 2017 (physical and streamed): "The Commons Conservancy – et juridisk hjem for åpen kildekode".
    - 7 newsletters have been published regularly to the membership.
    - Several new members were recruited at the FSCONS conference in Oslo in November 2017.

- **Networking focus**
    - ISOC Norway has been accredited as a Community At-Large Structure in the European region, coordinated by EURALO, the European Regional At-Large Organization within ICANN. EURALO consists of Internet-related civil society and consumer interests, representing their views in the bottom-up, consensus-based, multi-stakeholder ICANN policy development process.
    - There is work on a revised copyright law in Norway. ISOC Norway has published a policy brief, participated in a government hearing in February 2018 and is working with politicians to get a better understanding of the technical consequences of requiring blocking and filtering by intermediaries.
    - There has been no NORPOL-meeting.

- **Media focus**
  - Our Web-site, isoc.no, has been updated, but there is still a potential for improvement.
  - Twitter and Facebook have been regularly used to give followers an "ISOC-flavour" to relevant important topics in Norway or elsewhere.
  - Our LinkedIn company page need more attention than we have been able to munster this last year.
  - An ISOC Norway Meetup-group has been established on the Meetup-service. We currently have three Meetups organised or under planning, the Annual General Assembly of ISOC Norway on 28 February, a Pre-IETF 101 London workshop on 13 March and a more social gathering sometimes in April.

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. The Board suggest that the current number of Members of the Board, NINE (9), is continued for the period 2018 - 2019, provided enough candidates are found and they are elected by the General Assembly.

Plan of action next term (March 2018 - February 2019)

Our plan of action for 2018 - 2019 is more or less the same as the previous period, we believe these are strong and important points to work towards.

- **Political focus**
  We want 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 want to enable members to host events and to further the cause of ISOC by consulting and funding, 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 participate in cross organizational meetings, such as NORPOL and Government hearings.

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

Alf Hansen Chairman	Salve J. Nilsen Vice Chairman	Knut Storvik CIO/CISO & FCO/Treasurer
(Leave of absence) Eirik H. Blix Member of the Board	(Leave of absence) Maja Enes Member of the Board	Thomas Gramstad Member of the Board
Marius Hole Member of the Board	Ole Trøan Member of the Board	Torgeir Waterhouse Member of the Board