



Norway Chapter

# Annual Report 2015-2016

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This annual report covers the period of August 2015 to February 2016 because the bylaws state the annual meeting should be in the first quarter of the year.

## 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. The bylaws have since been unchanged.

## Board members in this period

The following board members were elected at the annual meeting August 31st 2015:

- Maja Enes (re-elected, 2. term)
- Alf Hansen (re-elected, 4. term)
- Merete Asak (re-elected 4. term)
- Torgeir Waterhouse (re-elected 4. term)
- Eirik H. Blix (new)
- Willy Dombaas (new)
- Thomas Gramstad (new)
- Marius Hole (new)
- Bjørn Vik (new)

Bylaws state that the board should maximum have 9 members. The board elected Maja Enes as Chair of the board.

# Members of Internet Society Norway

The number of registered members are 139 per March 2016. This is 23 more than August 2015. Membership in the Norway Chapter of the Internet Society is free.

## Board meetings in this period

The board meetings are in general held by use of Webex, in order to facilitate attendance for as many as possible regardless of where they are situated.

The number of board meetings in this period have been 7, one each Month.

## Chapter activities

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

- Recruit new active members.
  - The Board has grown from 6 to 9 members.
- At least one open Membership meeting
  - September 2015: We invited all members to an open membership meeting to discuss what ISOC Norge should focus on.
  - November 2015: Maja Enes from ISOC Norway presented ISOC and challenges concerning an open Internet on a joint meeting, co-organized with KANDU.
- Keep updated on relevant political discussions in the Parliament, and communicate to the members when relevant ISOC topics appear.
  - December 2015: Response to a public hearing request for comments regarding licensed gambling: <http://www.isoc.no/2015/12/horing-pengespill/>
  - We communicate relevant issues in the Newsletter
- Participate in relevant political discussions when needed (lobbying).
  - February 2016: Maja Enes from ISOC Norway held a presentation about ISOC and the importance of an open Internet at the NIX-meeting.
  - Individual members of the Board have expanded the network of ISOC.
- Inform the Membership about things that happen through bimonthly newsletters (Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, June and Aug.).
  - Bimonthly newsletters have been distributed in October 2015, December 2015 and February 2016. The newsletters have aimed at informing the members about what happens in the world, what happens in Norway, and what the Board is doing.
- Participation in NORPOL and informing the Membership.
  - There have been no meeting in NORPOL in this term.

- Keep the website, ISOC.no, well managed and updated.
  - We have changed the template and have started upgrading the site.
- Be active on Twitter and Facebook.
  - We are updating our Facebook page with information and topics which is of interest for members of the Internet Society regularly. We have 246 followers on the Facebook page (107 more than registered members). We have not been present on Twitter.
- Increase the Board's capacity to participate at events.
  - October 2015: Two of the board members attended ICANN54 in Dublin.
  - January 2016: Three board members attended Personverndagen, Oslo.

## Plan of action this term (Feb. 2016 - Feb. 2017)

- Activate members by creating at least one work group which is semi independent of the board.
- Host or co-host at least one open Membership meeting
- Continue to be updated on relevant political discussions in the Parliament, and communicate to the members when relevant ISOC topics appear.
- Be more present in relevant political and public discussions.
- Create and send bimonthly newsletters (Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec, Feb).
- Participate in NORPOL and informing the members.
- Update the website, isoc.no.
- Be active on Facebook.

This list is not in prioritized order.

## 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.

## Economy

The activities are based on voluntary work and held at a low cost level. We have changed bank in this term, and transferred the management of the bank account to Board member Merete Asak.

## Financial overview

	In	Out
From previous period (on bank account)	1796,49	
Bank Interest	1,51	
Total per. March 1st. 2016	1798	

## Budget last term

With comments on how the Board have met the goals:

### Income:

- Web hosting and email services: Sponsored by IT Sjefen AS.
  - ISOC.no is still up and running.
- Sponsorship: 5.000 kr
  - We have not received any additional sponsorship, and have thus not been able to collect NOK 5000

### Expenses:

- Miscellaneous, events: 1.800 kr.
  - We have not spent this money.

## Budget for the next period (2016-2017)

The board proposes to keep the free membership for individuals and organizations. The board will continue the work to get sponsorships.

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