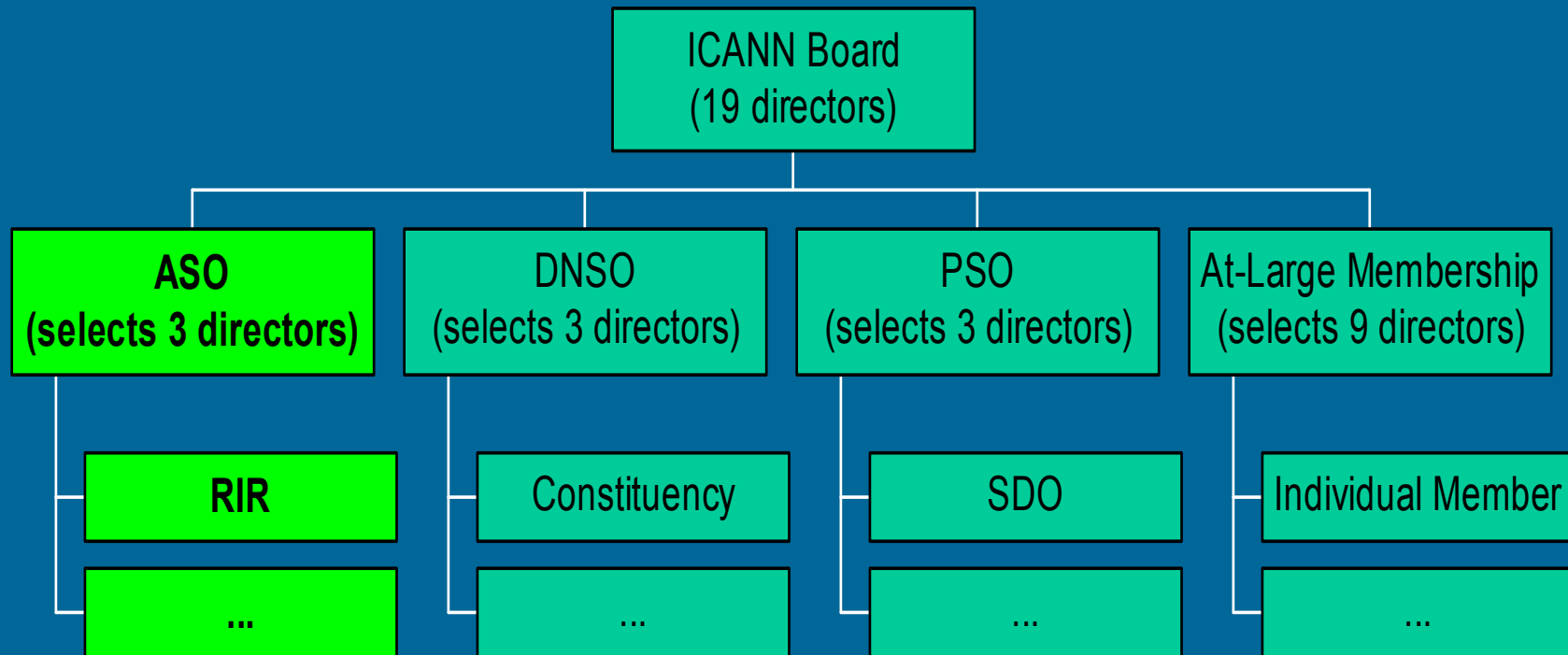# ICANN ASO - Introduction

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ICANN ASO

- Background
- ASO MoU
- Address Council
- ICANN Board
- General Assembly
- Policy Process
- ICANN Support

ASO Background

- **ASO proposed originally within proposed ICANN Bylaws**
  - One of 3 "Supporting Organisations" of ICANN, representing one major administrative function (IP address/resource management)
- **Established by MoU in 1999 (modeled on successful PSO proposal)**
  - RIRs as members/signatories

ASO Background

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                    │  (19 directors) │
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ASO MoU

- Signatories
- Address Council
- ICANN Board appointments
- General Assembly
- Policy Process
- New signatories
  - Must be approved by ICANN

MoU Signatories

- RIRs become "Members" of the ASO by signing the MoU (with ICANN)
    - MoU defines form and operation of the ASO
    - Also details specific expectations of members
        - Similar to "Emerging Registry" criteria
- Geographical diversity
    - Implicitly, RIRs serve different geographical regions
    - Regions as defined by ICANN (5 regions)

ASO Address Council

- **3 AC members appointed from each region**
  - 9 members currently, up to 15 in future
- **ASO members responsible for coordinating appointment process within their region, by means of their own choosing**
- **Appointments must be made in an open and transparent manner**
  - Voting constituency to be determined regionally

ICANN Board Appointments

- ASO fills 3 seats on ICANN Board
  - Number fixed by ICANN Bylaws
- AC makes appointment of all seats
  - By means of its own choosing
  - By open and transparent process
- Geographical diversity
  - No two board members from one region

General Assembly

- Major ASO global policy forum
- Hosted by RIR signatory to the MoU
  - In conjunction with existing policy meetings
  - At least one per year
  - No two held consecutively in one region
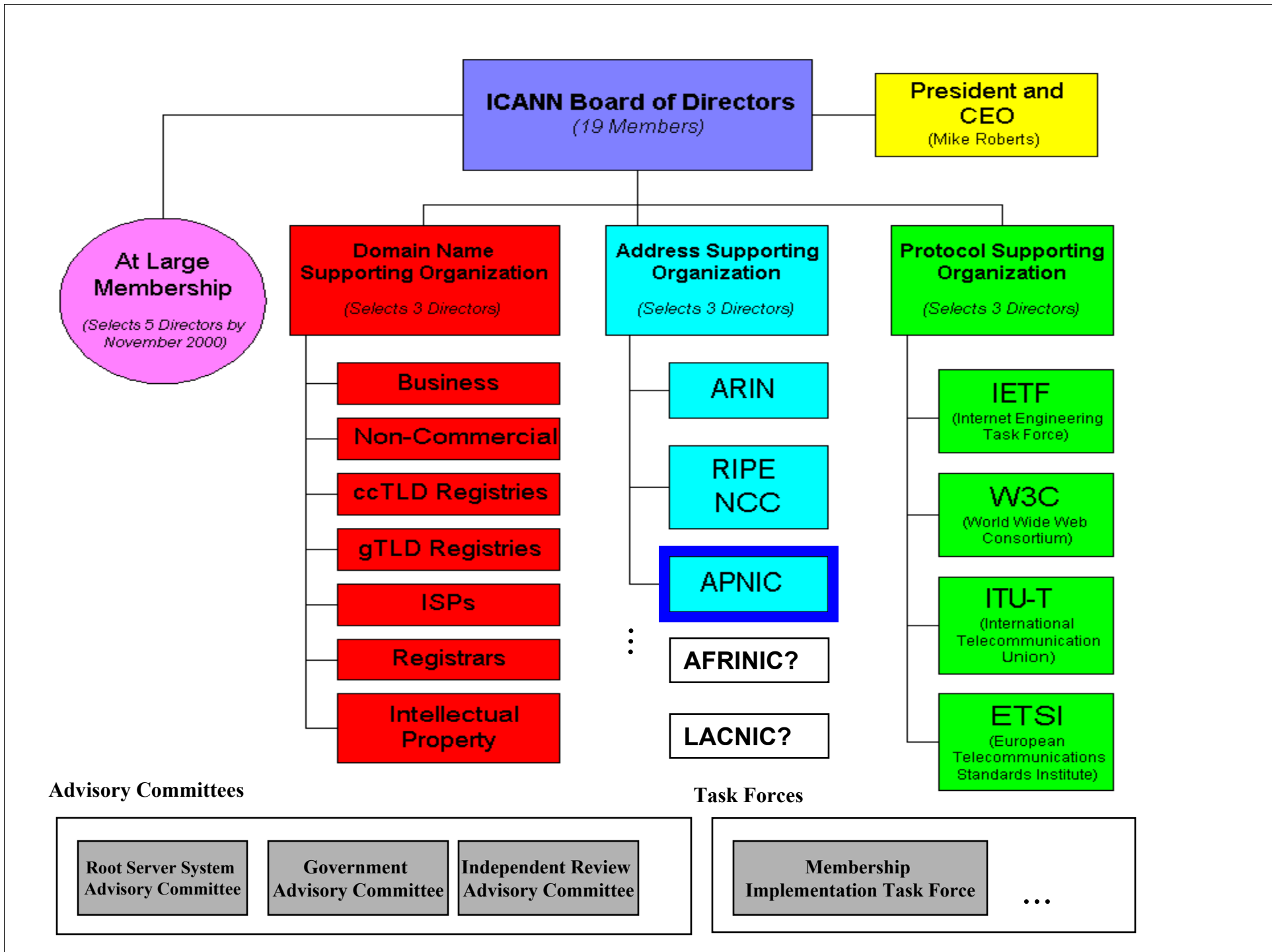- Complements existing open policy meetings within each RIR

Policy Process

- AC to advise on policy matters referred to it by ICANN Board
    - Policy coordination/development in specific areas, defined within ICANN Bylaws
- Global policy proposals
    - Normally, provided to the AC by an RIR
    - Also may be provided by any interested party
    - Considered as AC in consultation of RIRs and the public

ICANN Support/Funding

- ## ICANN Taskforce on Funding (TFF) 1999
  - ### Decided that address community responsible for 10% of ICANN funding obligation
    - Not a "scientific" process, but considered relative sizes on constituent organisations
    - Shared commitment of $420,000 in 1999/2000
- ## RIR agreement
  - ### RIRs must agree internally on funding split
    - Also may not be "scientific", but will consider relative sizes of budgets and memberships

ICANN Board of Directors
(19 Members)

President and CEO
(Mike Roberts)

At Large Membership
(Selects 5 Directors by November 2000)

Domain Name Supporting Organization
(Selects 3 Directors)

- Business
- Non-Commercial
- ccTLD Registries
- gTLD Registries
- ISPs
- Registrars
- Intellectual Property

Address Supporting Organization
(Selects 3 Directors)

- ARIN
- RIPE NCC
- APNIC
- AFRINIC?
- LACNIC?

Protocol Supporting Organization
(Selects 3 Directors)

- IETF *(Internet Engineering Task Force)*
- W3C *(World Wide Web Consortium)*
- ITU-T *(International Telecommunication Union)*
- ETSI *(European Telecommunications Standards Institute)*

Advisory Committees

- Root Server System Advisory Committee
- Government Advisory Committee
- Independent Review Advisory Committee

Task Forces

- Membership Implementation Task Force
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Questions?