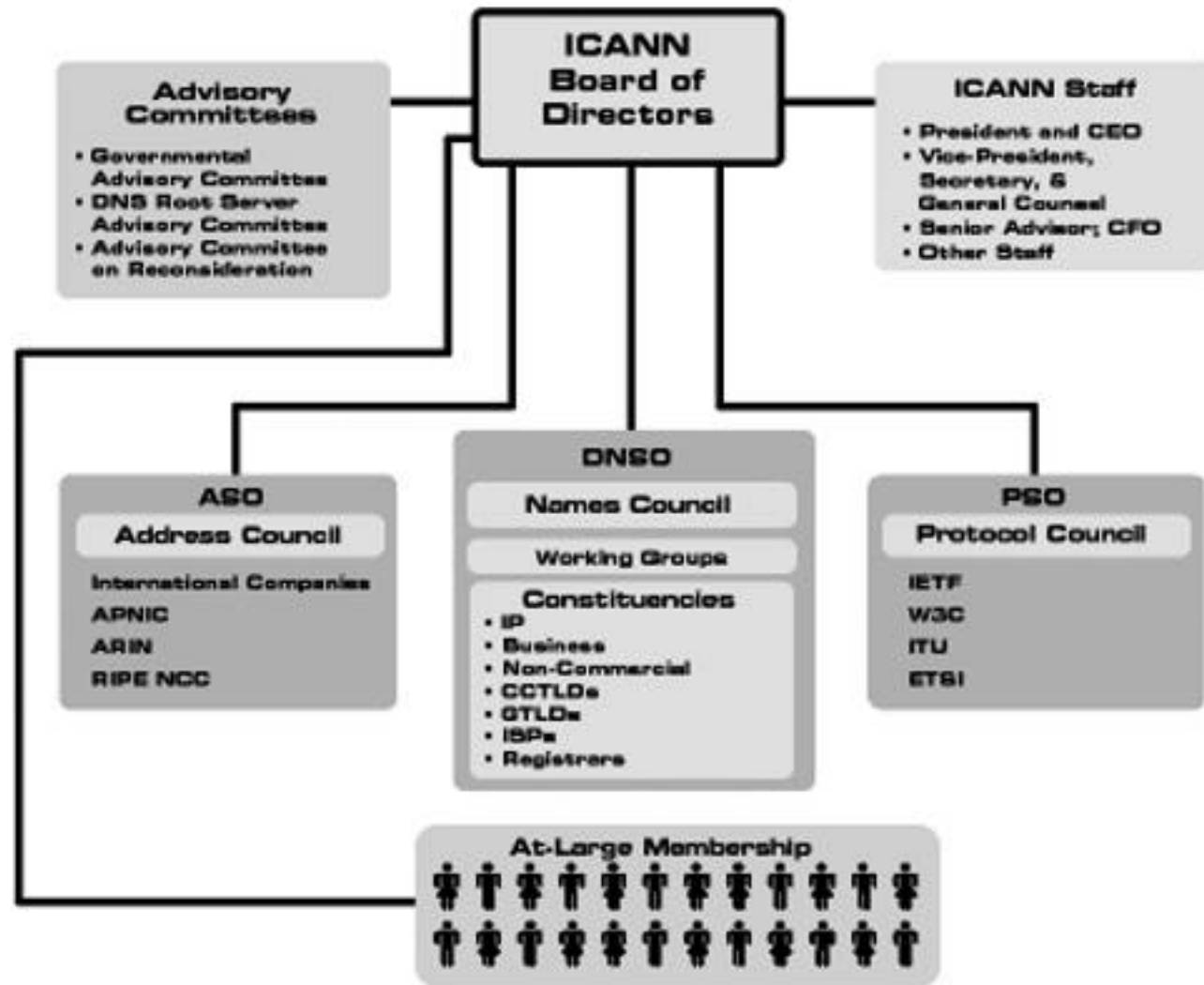

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ICANN Board Structure



Timeline of Events: Part 1

	<u>Date</u>	
RFC 882 creates DNS	November 1983	
Efforts toward “bottom-up” methods for DNS management begin.	November 1996	
	July 1997	CDT sponsors Forum on Internet Domain Names
Department of Commerce issues Green Paper	January 1998	CDT comments support global, non-governmental DNS administration, broad representation
Commerce issues White Paper	June 1998	
Incorporation of ICANN	November 1998	

Timeline of Events: Part 2

	<u>Date</u>	
ICANN Meeting in Santiago, Chile	August 1999	CDT, Markle Foundation staff attend and participate
Los Angeles. Board unveils plan for indirect election of “At-Large” Board members	November 1999	Markle Foundation provides funding to CDT, ICANN, and other participants.
	February 2000	CDT, Common Cause, Carter Center release report on indirect elections, lobby Board for major changes to elections
Cairo. Board reverses indirect election scheme, commits to direct elections.	March 2000	
ICANN Board announces Election and Nominating Committees with little or no public input	May/June 2000	CDT and Common Cause write to Board condemning lack of public input, calling for changes to election rules
Yokohama. Board proposes, then rejects changes to bylaws that threaten “At-Large” Directorships. Also adopts final election and nomination rules	July 2000	CDT, Common Cause lobby strongly against proposed bylaws changes. With American Library Association, begin voter education effort.

Timeline of Events: Part 3

	<u>Date</u>	
	September 2000	CDT, Common Cause, Bertelsmann poll At-Large candidates on key issues.
Global election of five At-Large Directors. 34,000 vote amid technical problems.	October 2000	CDT, Common Cause publish objective “Metrics for Election Success.”
Marina del Rey. Board selects seven new global Top-Level Domains for negotiation. Proposes At-Large Study Committee.	November – December 2000	CDT, Common Cause, Oxford PCMLP comment on ICANN’s At-Large Study. NGO and Academic ICANN Study begins to self-organize.
ICANN publishes charter and initial members of At-Large Study Committee	January 2001	NAIS writes to At-Large Study Committee chair Carl Bildt advising broad scope of work, requesting election data.
Melbourne. At-Large Study Committee adds members and holds initial outreach. Board authorizes final negotiations on four of seven new gTLD applications.	March 2001	NAIS holds workshop on the public voice in ICANN, continues organizing for final recommendations