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Report on the current status of ISOC chapters

1. Recent activities

Many people have shown interest in forming chapters and we have received a number of requests for information such as the ISOC guidelines and model charters. But actual chapter establishments are slow and few. The barriers seem to be the preparation of charters, lack of volunteers and lack of local funding or inability to meet our requirements (25 dues-paying ISOC members, etc.). The ISOC headquarters are not of much help to chapters other than providing information.

Since INET'95 held in June, we received inquiries from Hawaii, Argentina, Ireland, France, Israel, Slovenia, Columbia, Basque(Spain), Germany, Senegal and Quebec(Canada), but chapters have been established only in Hawaii and Argentina.

2. Actions to be taken

To encourage actual chapter formation, we need to give more explicit responsibilities to the person in charge of chapter matters at ISOC. His/her job function should include the following.

(1) Send out information on request.
(2) Maintain chapter information on the ISOC WWW Server.
(3) Distribute list of ISOC members residing in a chapter region to the chapter administrator upon request.
(4) Keep contacting chapters.
(5) Hold an annual chapters meeting at the time of an INET conference.

Funding and local corporate membership are still remaining problems. Currently, no funding is provided by ISOC and local corporate membership is not allowed.

3. Chapters formally recognized by ISOC (9 chapters)

(listed in www.isoc.org)

Japan (233 ISOC members) (http://spider.cc.u-tokyo.ac.jp/isoc)	H.Ishida (has www server)
USA-Washington-DC	Bruce Thompson (has WWW server)
USA-San Francisco	Lisa Morgan (no WWW server yet)
Israel	Georges Mayer (has WWW server)
Swiss-Geneva	Brian Carpenter (has WWW server)
Norway	Nordhagen (has www server)
Spain/Catalonia	(has www server)
Argentina	Jorge Amodio (has www server)

(not listed yet)

Hawaii	David Lassner

4. Chapters being formed (6 chapters)

New Zealand (has bylaws)
Australia (60 ISOC members)
Thailand (87 ISOC members)
Germany (87 ISOC members)
USA-Dallas (has bylaws)
Spain (45 members, has bylaws)

5. Chapters being planned (21 chapters)

Austria/Vienna	Morocco	Turkey
Czech (42)	Netherlands (82)	Sweden
France (56)	Poland	UK (120)
Mexico	Russia	Virgin Island
India	Singapore	Colombia
Ireland	South Africa	Spain/Basque
Italy (47)	USA/Dallas	Slovenia

6. Remaining problems

(1) Should all chapter members be due-paying members of ISOC?
Current guideline requires the minimum of 25 dues-paying ISOC members. USA-SF wants to collect $85/year from each member, of which $35 will be passed to ISOC.

(2) Could a chapter have organizational members?
Currently NO, but USA-SF, New Zealand, Germany and Spain want to have such members.

(3) Should ISOC provide financial support to chapters?
Currently NO. But usually it is difficult for a chapter to collect local dues from its members on top of $35 ISOC annual dues.