

Options to schedule Board Seat 11 elections 2020.

1. Assumptions

Basic assumptions for Board Nomination – to be confirmed by Council - are:

- Drop dead date for Board Seat 11 Nomination process 2020 is 22 April 2020. Under the ICANN Bylaws (section 7.8) the ECA shall be informed by the ccNSO 6 months prior to conclusion of the relevant AGM i.e 6 months before the end of the ICANN AGM in Hamburg (ICANN69, 17-22 October 2020)
- Q&A session by members (in Montreal or Cancun)
- At a minimum Due diligence/background check of nominated candidate.

2. Options

- ***Option 1 Montreal Q & A session, all candidates undergo Background check prior to selection by members***

The Q& A session in Montreal is still feasible if due diligence/background check is undertaken **In Parallel with or AFTER** the Q & A session in Montreal, however **BEFORE** the selection by the Members

To allow this to happen either:

- the Guideline needs to be amended.

or

- with a reference to section 5.2 of the guideline the timeline is accepted (impact of the Guideline is unreasonable) the Council adopts the timeline.

If Guideline is changed this will have impact on future Board Nominations as well.

- ***Option 2: Montreal Q & A, Selection of candidate After Q&A and before background check***

The Q& A session in Montreal is still feasible if due diligence/background check is undertaken **AFTER** the Q & A session in Montreal, and the selection by the Members

To allow this to happen the Guideline needs to be amended.

Under the current version it is envisioned that the background check takes place of all candidates, prior to the selection process by the members. Under

this option in addition to change of timing, the background check is limited to the selected candidate.

- ***Option 3 Timeline Cancun Q & A session, background check BEFORE Q&A and BEFORE selection by Members***

Under this option no need to amend the Guideline or refer to section 5.2. Assumes that election takes place directly following the Q & A at ICANN67 (Cancun).

No option to limit the background check to the selected candidate (results are only available after 22 April 2020)

Risk if only one candidate who does not pass the background check

3. Proposed approach

Option 3: Timeline Cancun Q & A session, background check BEFORE Q&A and BEFORE selection by Members

Rationale

The other options either require change of guideline or the chair needs to revert to section 5.2, either is not necessary under option 3.

Under option 3 no risk that the selected candidate is unqualified due to results from background check.

Additional advantage: the members have opportunity to select a candidate directly following the Q& A session, which may increase involvement in process and value of Q&A session.