ICANN Community Leadership Digest

The ICANN org Policy Development Support function publishes this twice-weekly digest
to help ICANN community leaders track requests and follow updates.

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CLOSES TOMORROW: Call for Expressions of Interest: Community Representatives Group to Select Independent Review Process (IRP) Standing Panel
From: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

In accordance with the ICANN Bylaws and Terms of Reference agreed to by ICANN's Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees (SO and ACs), a Community Representatives Group is being formed that will work with ICANN org to select a slate of nominees for a Standing Panel to hear disputes filed under ICANN's Independent Review Process (IRP). All applications to join the Community Representatives Group will be reviewed by the specific SO or AC whose endorsement is being sought. The closing date is **Friday, 4 December 2020**.

Please review the announcement and Terms of Reference for further details about the role of the Community Representatives Group and the skills sought for membership.

The Bylaws require ICANN org to work with all SO and ACs to ensure that a Standing Panel is constituted for the IRP, an important accountability mechanism under the Bylaws. The requirements and process is documented via the wiki space: **https://community.icann.org/display/ESPFIRP**.

CLOSES MONDAY: Call for Volunteers: Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Work Track
From: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

The GNSO Council is requesting that interested Supporting Organizations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs), and GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies consider appointing members to the Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Work Track, a group to be formed within an ongoing Policy Development Process (PDP) reviewing all rights protection mechanisms in all gTLDs at the second level of the domain name system.

The composition of the IGO Work Track is as follows:
- The Registries Stakeholder Group: up to 2 members
- The Registrars Stakeholder Group: up to 2 members
- The Commercial Stakeholder Group: up to 3 members
- The Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group: up to 3 members
- Each AC, other SOs and IGOs: up to 2 members per group

Please confirm your appointed members and alternates at the latest by **Monday, 7 December 2020** by notifying the GNSO Secretariat at **gnso-secs@icann.org**.

NEW: Request For Community Selection Panel Participants – 2021 Community Excellence Award Program
From: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

ICANN's Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees will be requested to provide up to two members from their respective group to help choose the recipient of the 2021 ICANN Community Excellence Award.

The 2021 ICANN Community Excellence Award will be presented during ICANN71. A community selection panel will be formed to review the nominations and select the award recipient. Ideally, panelists will serve a maximum of two consecutive terms on the selection panel to ensure diversity and equal opportunity among community members. The time commitment for the selection panel includes weekly one-hour calls between the end of March through June.

Further information will be available in the upcoming weeks.

REMINDER: Call for SOs/ACs to Nominate Fellowship Program Mentors and Selection Committee Members
From: Sally Costerton, Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement

ICANN has announced a call for nominees to volunteer to serve as mentors to the Fellowship Program and as members to its Selection Committee. There will be a total of seven mentors and seven Selection Committee members, and each group is welcome to nominate one individual for each role.

Interested Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees should select their respective Fellowship Program mentor and Selection Committee representative by **Sunday, 31 January 2021** and notify **fellowshipconsultation@icann.org**. Individual self-nominations will not be considered.

Criteria for mentors and Selection Committee members can be found **here**.

REMINDER: FY22 Additional Budget Requests Due 29 January 2021

ICANN org has launched the FY22 Additional Budget Request process. This process pertains to a dedicated part of the overall ICANN annual budget that is set aside to fund specific requests from the community for activities that are not already included in the recurring ICANN budget.

Submissions are due on **Friday, 29 January 2021 at 23:59 UTC** to **planning@icann.org**.

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CLOSES TUESDAY: Recommendations for ICANN's Root Name Service Strategy and Implementation
Close Date: Tuesday, 8 December 2020