

CSC Chair and vice -chair appointment procedure

Introduction & Background

According to its charter, the CSC will elect its chair annually. Ideally the chair will be a direct customer of the IANA Functions Operator (i.e. appointed by the ccNSO or RySG) of the CSC and cannot be the IANA Functions Operator liaison.

To ensure regular and predictable timing of review of and reporting on the performance of the IANA Functions Operator against the agreed service levels, the CSC will also elect a vice-chair. The vice-chair could be either a member or liaison, with exception of the IANA Functions Operator liaison, who is not eligible.

Term of CSC Chair and Vice Chair

The Chair and Vice Chair will be elected preferable at the first in person meeting of a calendar year during an ICANN meeting (February/March timeframe) and take their seat up and until the first in person meeting of the next calendar year. This would allow (newly) appointed members to participate in the election.

The number of terms for a chair or vice-chair are not limited, other than by the general term limits of members and liaisons. When the membership of the CSC of the member or liaisons appointed as chair ends, the chairmanship or vice-chairmanship ends at the same time.

Election of the Chair

The Chair election precedes the Vice-chairs election. The part of the in-person meeting during which the Chair of the CSC will be elected shall be chaired by a person (member or liaison) who will not be a candidate as chair.

- A candidate should be nominated or self-nominate and seconded. If nominated by someone else the candidate has to accept her/his nomination.
- If only one candidate stands, the members of the CSC will take a public vote to appoint the candidate.
- If two or more candidates have accepted nomination, the members of the CSC will elect the Chair by a secret ballot. The candidate receiving most votes will be elected. In the event candidates receive equal number of votes, there will be a run-off election between these candidates.

Election of the Vice-chair

After the chair has been elected, the Vice-Chair will be elected using a similar procedure as chair election, and ensuring that a potential candidate does not chair this part of the meeting.

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- If only one candidate stands, the members of the CSC will take a public vote to appoint the candidate.
- If two or more candidates have accepted nomination, the members of the CSC will elect the Vice -Chair by a secret ballot. The candidate receiving most votes will be elected. In the event candidates receive equal number of votes, there will be a run-off election between these candidates.