

New Internal Rules of the ccNSO

The GRC is working on proposals to review and update the Internal Rules of the ccNSO, which if adopted by the membership and relooked at possible topics to include in the new Rules. As a first step of that process, the members of the GRC discussed and identified topics that:

1. Must be included,
2. Would be nice to include
3. Should not be included

Not listed in any of the Jamboard Frames

- Members Ratification vote of Council decisions. (request by 10% members up to 7 days after publication of decision). If requested, membership vote (no details)

Should this be included in the new Rules?

Must be included

- Mandatory Introduction: Principle for Rules: must explain at high level and consistency to members and others how the ccNSO works
- Relation of documents
 - o Bylaws prevail obviously. When formed, the ccNSO members via the "Fundamental Rule of the ccNSO" set up a "weak" Council structure. Over the years the Council has assumed more (implicit) power, as the ccNSO Community has stepped back and let the Council deal with the day-to-day matters. How do we codify this, yet at the same time retain with the membership the ultimate override authority of a future Council's action.
 - o Description for change of Guidelines and Rules. Document current practice of consultation regarding the Guidelines (GRC-> Council-> Members -> Council adoption, subject to ratification). Change of Rules need to be approved by Members
- Membership instructions to Council. Instructions of members to Council (currently unqualified i.e. not clear) by supermajority of the membership.
- Membership voting
 - o Electronic (Means) Votes. Included as separate item in 2004 Rules
 - o Quorum. Specific section on Quorum. Not consistent, what to do in case quorum is not met? Rewards absenteeism. The rule itself less stringent
 - o Threshold for ratification vote
- Termination ccNSO Membership. Expel a member. Substantial misbehavior as defined in Fol
- Removal of Councillors and/or Council. Currently included in the ccNSO Council election guideline and ICANN Bylaw re individual Councillors
- Recourse Council Decisions (WS 2 Accountability Recommendations). For example, if ccNSO membership will not be approved. Petition process

Would be Nice to include

- Committees. Currently all Committees (and WG) are created by the Council following the specific Guidelines, either at suggestion of Council or members.

According to Rules 2004 the members can also establish committees to deal with particular issues such as finance, staffing, or meeting agendas

- Meetings (of membership and/or Council). The Council meeting Guideline and Membership meeting Guideline is far more detailed and reflects current practices. What is included in Rules document is very basic. Overlaps with Bylaws.
- Termination ccNSO Membership

Not to include

- Council Resolutions. The ccNSO Council provides elaborate description of the Council decisions. Also references in various other documents, for example, removal of a director.
- Exceptions. ICANN Bylaws take precedence in case of conflict. Make more specific? For example, ANNEX D hardly allows for Ratification of Council Votes
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Diverging views

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- Council resolution
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Reach agreement on what to include in draft.