The Rules of the ccNSO

Initial Discussion

13 – 14 March 2018, San Juan

Some Basic Facts

Adopted:	December 2004
ccNSO members (2004)	45
ccNSO members (2018)	165 (now. End-2019 172)
Call for vote on Council Decision	10% of members (5 in 2004, 17 in 2018, 18 in 2019)
Changes to the Rules	66% in favour (30 in 2004, 109 in 2018, 114 in 2019)

Basic Principles under the Rules

1. The ccNSO is a bottom up organization where the members give guidance to the Council, as stated in the bylaws;
2. The ccNSO is open and transparent to members and nonmembers
3. The ccNSO will operate transparently and in public, wherever possible and on a non-discriminatory basis
4. There should be minimum periods of notice for meetings and votes
5. There should be a minimum turnout or quorum for a vote to be valid, with a regional representation.
6. The ccNSO operates on the principle of one member, one vote.
7. The ccNSO should be able to make decisions both at face to face (including teleconference) meetings and, also, by electronic ballot.
8. The ccNSO wishes to allow non-members to participate in discussions on issues before the ccNSO.

Basic Issues identified in 2004

Quorum

Resolutions

Notice Periods

Moving and Seconding

E-mail Lists

E-mail votes

Membership Veto of Council Decisions

Council Officers

Committee Chairs

Issues adressed in 2004 Rules

Quorum **V (meeting and for electronic voting)**

Resolutions V (but only limited, section 4)

Notice Periods V (but not all, only limited to meetings of the members)

Moving and Seconding

E-mail Lists

E-mail votes V

Membership Veto of Council Decisions V

Council Officers

Committee Chairs (basic, section 8)

Life Has Moved On...

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WHAT WE SAY

«The date, time and agenda of [ccNSO] meetings can be determined by resolution of the ccNSO Council or by vote of the ccNSO members.»

WHAT WE DO

1. Meet at ICANN meetings
2. Trust our Meeting Programme WG with setting up agenda

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**WHAT
WE SAY**

«A quorum requirement only applies to physical (face to face or tele/videoconference meetings of the ccNSO).»

**WHAT
WE DO**

Irrelevant, as we do not vote at meetings.

Life Has Moved On...

WHAT WE SAY

«The quorum shall be 50% of the total membership of the ccNSO, and further at least two members per ICANN Region.»

WHAT WE DO

There is significant disbalance between the number of members in different regions. We strive to be more inclusive.

Life Has Moved On...

- ICANN Bylaws have changed
- The ccNSO is a Decisional Participant
- The ccNSO cooperates closely with other SO/ACs

Life Has Moved On...

- ccNSO 2007 – 2008 Guidelines (https://ccnso.icann.org/en/workinggroups/processeswg.htm)

- ccNSO Guideline Review Committee 2014 - ....
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Where are 2004 issues addressed in 2019?

Quorum

- Council Quorum in Guideline Council practices

Resolutions

- **M**embers meeting in Rules and Guideline
- Council resolutions in Guideline, subject to ratification (Rules)

Notice Periods

- Guidelines

Moving and Seconding

- Guideline Council Practices

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E-mail Lists
- Charter (ccTLD managers list & world list & Guidelines)

E-mail votes
- Rules, Guideline members, Council Practices)

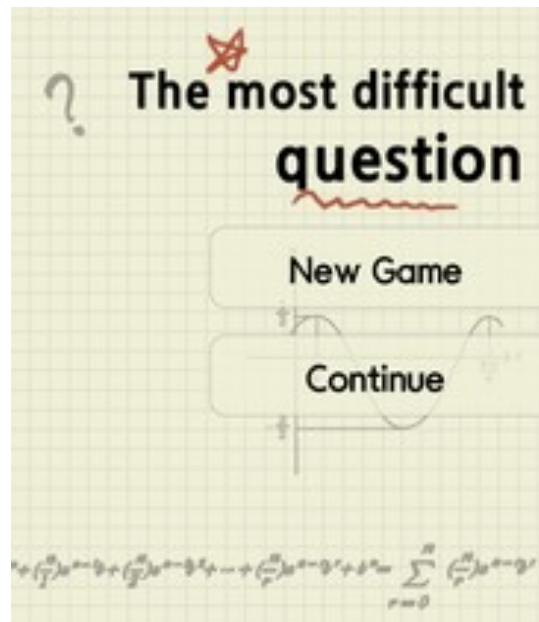**Membership Veto of Council Decisions**
- Rules 2004

Council Officers
- Guidelines Roles & Responsibilities, ccNSO Council practices

Committee Chairs
- Guideline WG, Guideline other groups

Do the Rules of the ccNSO still serve us well?

Thank you!