Enhancing ICANN Accountability – Work Stream 2 (WS2) Recommendation 8.3.2 - Implementation Documentation

Enhancing ICANN Accountability – Work Stream 2 Final Report
https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/ccwg-acct-ws2-final-24jun18-en.pdf

See https://www.icann.org/resources/work-stream-2-implementation-en for more information on Work Stream 2 implementation.

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Recommendation 8.3.2: The Bylaws should be revised so that material may only be removed from the minutes of Board meetings where it would be subject to a DIDP exception. Decisions to remove material from the minutes of Board meetings should be subject to IRP appeal.

This recommendation was overtaken by the implementation guidance provided by the CCWG-Accountability in Annex 9 of its Final Report.

Implementation guidance 8.3.2: The basis for redaction of Board minutes and withholding information from a DIDP request should be substantially consistent. For the most part this would seem to be the case including if the CCWG-Accountability recommendations which apply to the DIDP are implemented. As such ICANN should publish a register of all redaction of Board minutes explaining the basis for the redaction. Additionally, the register should explain how the basis for this redaction aligns with the DIDP exceptions and if it does not align with such an exception explain why.

Note: Re IRP appeal – this is currently in the Bylaws.

Final Implementation Report

In December 2019, ICANN organization began the publication of a redaction register to accompany the publication of Board Briefing materials. ICANN org published a description of its redaction process and the redaction register is maintained on that same page. ICANN org regularly updates the register.
As part of ICANN org's redaction process, in place since 2010 when ICANN org first started publication of the Board Briefing Materials, ICANN org has identified the basis for each redaction. With the 2019 update, ICANN org provides a chart explaining how the basis of the redactions aligns with the DIDP exceptions.

Rationale

The addition of a regularly-updated register along with a clearer description of ICANN's redaction practices appeared a straightforward and easily implementable response to the recommendation.

Timeline

<u>Final implementation date</u>: December 2019.

Milestones

December 2019 - Release of updated redaction process description page and register.