

maryam bakoshi:Dear all, welcome to the NCSG Elections: Meet the Candidate call on Thursday 18 August 2016
Ayden Férdeline:hi all
Klaus:Morning all!
Edward Morris:Hi Ayden. Hi Klaus. Hi everyone!
maryam bakoshi:Welcome everyone
Bill Drake:hi Maryam
maryam bakoshi:Hi Bill!
maryam bakoshi:All please mute your lines when you are not speaking
maryam bakoshi:we are having interference on the lines. Thank you!
Ayden Férdeline:I can hear you Bill
Marilia Maciel:Yes
Matthew S:hi
Edward Morris:I was v just disconnected. MaryAm could you please call out. +44 7472 687 857
Kathy:Hi All!
Marilia Maciel:Great to have new people moderating. Welcome to the moderation, Joan
Matthew S:I would like to know how the candidates would improve transparency, accountability and openness in the EC and between the EC and the community?
Bill Drake:'War and Peace' was a shorter read ;-)
Robin Gross:question for all: how can councilors improve communication and coordination both i) among councilors and ii) with the constituency members?
Tapani Tarvainen:Welcome, Stephanie!
Matthew S:agree Robin
maryam bakoshi:Welcome Stephanie
Joan Kerr:Hi Stephanie
Stephanie Perrin:Apologies for missing the beginning of the call.
maryam bakoshi:Welcome Stephanie!
Stephanie Perrin:Hi Joan!
Bill Drake:Hi, could we add the two questions I posed on the list to the above?
Bill Drake:1) reporting after meetings on issues and votes, 2) improving coordination
Bill Drake:actually sorry I didn't read carefully Robin's covers my second
Bill Drake:is 3 really about being impertinent?
Matthew S:others may see our engagement as impertinent
Rafik:impertinent = irrelevant?
Bill Drake:Steph do you have your speakers on with no earplug? I'm hearing Skype pings
Stephanie Perrin:Yes I think impertinent is the wrong word here
Tapani Tarvainen:already edited I see
Rachel Pollack:audio is coming in and out
maryam bakoshi:Rachel is that better?
Rachel Pollack:yes, it's okay. Thanks, Maryam
Bill Drake:Directing votes is not necessary if the group communicates and coordinates with each other and the members
Matthew S:and everyone is crystal clear with each other and the constituency on how they will be "voting"
Bill Drake:that would be good
Rachel Pollack:agreed
Amr Elsadr:Our charter requires that NCSG comments include minority positions if the NCSG is not of one mind on any given issue. Having directed voting eliminates that important representation, when it comes to our votes on policy recommendations. Extremely undesirable in my opinion.
Kathy:@Amr, I agree that the minority position is important. It may be the only way to show the diversity of the NCSG positions.
Kathy:But I also agree that there are times when a voting block of the NCSG Councilors would be a powerful hammer in the ICANN process - and we have very few hammers.
Matthew S:+ 1 Kathy
Bill Drake:Feeling like Pete Seeger
Amr Elsadr:Technically, if Councilors are actually doing their jobs to represent the views of their members, directed voting (for whatever reasons we use it) will be a tool to silence some of the voices within our SG.
Kathy:-- No singing, Bill, unless you can phrase a question with your banjo in the background.
Amr Elsadr:This may be considered to be for the greater good, but it is what it is.
Matthew S:last I checked we still have to pay bills
Tapani Tarvainen:NCSG members should not need to pay any bills
Matthew S:Question for candidates - what do they think we need to do as a constituency to increase our overall accountability and good governance?
Bill Drake:just a time check --- Maryam tells me this is a 90 min call. We should be sure to save enough time for

communityquestions..

Bill Drake:live TV is fun

Rachel Pollack:yes

Poncelet Ileleji:Yes concurred

Rachel Pollack:yes, better

Bill Drake:BTW what happened to candidates sending their CV's?

Rachel Pollack:stephanie did!

Rafik:I prepared mine to be sent

Robin Gross:yes, CVs would be helpful

Matthew S:+ 1 Stephanie

Stephanie Perrin:Exactly Joan, very steep learning curve!

Edward Morris:Completely agree Joan

Robin Gross:you can merge my question with Matt's - cause we are asking the same thing, I think

Joan Kerr:@Robin Thanks

Stephanie Perrin:we are running out of time please put the clock on us. The audience needs time to speak

Bill Drake:Ed's connection breaking up

Kathy:That's an interesting idea for the PC Chair to be independent (with huge accolades to Marilia)

Kathy:It would allow for more time to gather input, write and edit comments, and offer support to our Councilors on what the views of our Community are.

Edward Morris:+1 Stephanie

Amr Elsadr:I've always thought it'd be a better idea for the PC to be chaired by an elected councillor, not a constituency appointee to the PC by one of the constituencies. Not sure what rationale is being offered to suggest otherwise.

farzaneh badii:we should have the pictures of councillors on our brochures . preferably in a celebratory fashion

Robin Gross:Agree, Amr. That's important to be democratically chosen.

Joan Kerr:Communications and reporting is essential to engagement.

Joan Kerr:I like the idea of a separate reporter

Joan Kerr:For people to become involved

Amr Elsadr:Also not sure why increasing constituency representation on the PC is desirable.

Stephanie Perrin:Doing both bill, report and reportage. Think of it like a stage....\

Tapani Tarvainen:A non-councillor as rapporteur of sorts would be great.

farzaneh badii:people need more personal communication from the councillors . otherwise they never know what councillors are and do!

Edward Morris:@ Amr. So we could have an individual focused on making the PC work: public comments, judging consensus etc. , someone not otherwise overwhelmed with Council and other responsibilities.

Bill Drake:Could Councilors respond to the suggestions?

Amr Elsadr:@Ed: Councillors should be the first to jump all over public comments being submitted, whether they are the drafters of the comments or not. If we take a look at the statistics on responses to the PC list, I suspect we'll discover that councillors on the PC are generally more responsive.

farzaneh badii:wiped out ?? :)

Rachel Pollack:Would there be a way to better facilitate communications for non-native speakers? I imagine that could be a large barrier

farzaneh badii:you (councillors) should also go to newcomers and fellows meeting around 6 am every morning during ICANN meetings

Ayden Férdeline:re: the PC list. It took me 7 months to discover this separate list served; is it suitable publicised on our wikis?

Rachel Pollack:non-native English*

Stephanie Perrin:yes we should go to fellows meetings

Amr Elsadr:@Farzi: Or at least meet the fellows when the NCSG is presenting to them.

Rachel Pollack:And NextGen! At 8 a.m. :)

Marilia Maciel:Renata, about Latin America, this is indeed a challenge. Are you in Latinamericann mailing? That's the main channel, but members from several SGs are there, not only non-com.

farzaneh badii:seriously, new members and new comers don't know they have reps at GNSO

Tapani Tarvainen:Ayden: my to-do list includes consolidating info about our mailing lists and other stuff in the ncs g website-to-be ...

Kathy:I don't know how much more we can add to the Councilors' plates. It is already a huge job, and we need more engagement on Council itself.

Marilia Maciel:Also worth to attend the LAC session in ICANN, that's a good way to connect with others.

Kathy:Who else can we send to other meetings? Who else can help summarize the votes?

Kathy:Who else can help?

Kathy:Because our Councilors are also some of our most senior policy people too...and we can't pull them out of the WGs.

Amr Elsadr:@Kathy: Fully agree. Thank you. A lot of inreach and capacity building (IMO) is the purview of the ECs of the NCSG, NCUC and NPOC. Folks involved in policy, including our councillors, should be involved, but don't have the bandwidth to organize it.

Amr Elsadr:For example, check the job description of the regional EC members of the NCUC in the NCUC bylaws.

Sam L:Sorry for late arrival. Dealing with local crisis here

Kathy:@Amr: precious resources should be used sparingly:-)

Tapani Tarvainen:Translation is expensive, we'd need to push ICANN to pay for it. I'll put it on my task list.

Edward Morris:Fantastic Rafik! Thank you

farzaneh badii:yeah we asked for translation at NCUC level somehow we didn't get it

Marilia Maciel:Good point on translation. very good levels of English are necessary to operate in the GNSO world.

Ayden Férdeline:What happened to that pilot policy support programme (I forget the name)? Could this person assist with the tasks Kathy discussed?

Marilia Maciel:that's a huge barrier

Rafik:@Ayden it is starting, all groups will get primer for each public comment

Bill Drake:I don't think we are going to solve the challenges of outreach here. We should be focusing on the workings of our Council participation

farzaneh badii:I am sceptical about translation. to be honest. communication in their own language yes probably. translating a bunch of meetings ??

Amr Elsadr:@Bill: +1

farzaneh badii:yes Bill

Matthew S:+ 1 Stephanie on openness and transparency

Edward Morris:I split my time between NPOC and NCUC meetings. I invite other Councillors to join me in doing so.

Ayden Férdeline:+1 Farzi - I tend to agree. Translation resources are precious and limited ... I'm not sure translating our meetings is what we need; but, our submitted public comments, for instance, they should be translated.

farzaneh badii:yes Ayden

farzaneh badii:selected materials . informational

farzaneh badii:and should be as short as possible

Matthew S:thanks Stephanie for raising these concerns

Robin Gross:yes, thanks, Stephanie.

Poncelet Ileleji:yes certain materials should be selected for translation

Tapani Tarvainen:+1 Poncelet & Farzaneh

Rachel Pollack:One newcomer's perspective: aggressiveness is much more intimidating than acronyms or +1's!

Amr Elsadr:@Kathy: +1

Matthew S:expressing and debating our views should be done with far greater collegiality

Stephanie Perrin:I agree Rachel. I don't think people want to endure that kind of personal attack

Stephanie Perrin:old hand sorry

Amr Elsadr:@Matt: Absolutely agree. It's been downright hostile on more than one occasion.

Tapani Tarvainen:Cultural differences at play there make it ever more difficult. We should allow for that when speaking: what's normal, even collegial in some places is aggressive in others.

Robin Gross:it would be great for a report to go the membership after each gnsocouncil meeting that informs our members how our councillors voted, what positions they took, etc.

Amr Elsadr:@Robin: +1. Discussing motions prior to Council meetings isn't enough. We need to follow up after-the-fact.

Ayden Férdeline:+1 Robin

Bill Drake:Yes Robin that would be good. It would be nice to have agreement on this

Robin Gross:then we get to the hard part, where we always get stuck: who's gonna prepare the report?

Marilia Maciel:We could rotate

Bill Drake:per previous

Amr Elsadr:@Robin: Sounds like a job for the PC Chair to make sure it's done.

Amr Elsadr:So the PC Chair doesn't need to do it, but make sure somebody will.

Robin Gross:sounds great to me

Stephanie Perrin:We have 6 councillors, two one pages a year. WE ask for a volunteer reporter at each policy meeting to cover next meeting and ask questions'

Kathy:But on the contraside, if we want to know exactly how our Councilors are going to vote, we should direct them.

Marilia Maciel:I will propose a scale of rotation for the next GNSO meetings.

Amr Elsadr:The GNSO secretariat also prep a report on this. We should coordinate with them.

Stephanie Perrin:More important is to know what our councillors are doing, who they are talking to, what politicking is going on.

Bill Drake:thanks Marilia
Rafik:there are already some existing material that can be used
Robin Gross:I'd like to know both, Steph :-)
Amr Elsadr:@Stephanie: Equally as important, but significantly more difficult.
Robin Gross:but we need to say things like "x fought hard for NCSG in today's meeting on this privacy vote" type of info
Amr Elsadr:@Joan: You clocking yourself? ;-)
Kathy:+1 Joan
Robin Gross:what positions were argued on our behalf, we should know
Matthew S:I wuld like to see our councillors act as a unit, open and transparent in all they do (with each other and with us), in how they interact and work with other stakeholders and on council
Milton:Yeah, this is supposed to be about candidates
Robin Gross:+1, Matt
Renata:Hi finally could get in here
Amr Elsadr:@Milton: It is? ;-)
Stephanie Perrin:Hi Renata!
Milton:That's what I thought ;-)
maryam bakoshi:Welcome Renata
Milton:Maybe I am on the wrong call
Amr Elsadr:@Milton: We're all on the wrong call!! :D
Robin Gross:MM, do you have a question for the candidates?
Renata:Sorry my internet is, as usual, difficult. So I dropped the phone and am here now.
Renata:I did not hear well if Tapani answered my question
Tapani Tarvainen:Renata: what question was that?
Renata:And LAC?
Renata:No one mentioned right?
Renata:Tapani: bringing developing countries to NCs
Bill Drake:I am not sure I heard an answer to my question either
Milton:@Robin: I do but am unaware of what has already been asked
Tapani Tarvainen:I'm being acronym-blind, what
Tapani Tarvainen:s's NC?
Amr Elsadr:@Renata: Nota Councillor's job in my opinion.
Rafik:@Bill I said I agree with your proposal and happy to start implementing them
Renata:@Amr I thought about engaging developing countries participants voices in GNSO Policymaking.
Kathy:Tx to you Amr!
Renata:Non commercials
Marilia Maciel:I absolutely agree with the utility of the report. However, as an info to newcomers that may be here, all calls of the GNSO council are recorded and transcribed, so if people have doubts about how our councillors voted, what they defended, etc, you can go back to the transcripts. So there is institutional memory, it is just not a mechanism to get back to our group specifically. We need that.
Renata:Amr However if the question is not pertinent, it is ol
Amr Elsadr:@Renata: Personally, I also believe this to be a job for the executive committee's of the SG and Cs. Policy wonks can contribute, but no way we can organize this.
Renata:*ok
Kathy:Tx Ed, for your answer, and also for the extra work, including organizing the Council dinner.
Amr Elsadr:The only candidate from LAC dropped out of the election. :(
Renata:y
Renata:Tks. Yes, agree w/ wg
Bill Drake:Big echo Milton
Bill Drake:speaker phone?
Renata:and that is something I could have a chance in helping out properly :)
Tapani Tarvainen:Besides LAC we have even less activity in Africa, and Asia could do better as well...
Kathy:@Milton, we had a long discussion about minority opinions before you came on
Renata:Tapani so developing countries
Kathy:And the value of having a minority opinion.
Milton:tes
Amr Elsadr:@Kathy: I don't think that's what Milton is referring to.
Milton:yes
Tapani Tarvainen:Renata: yes. We need to encourage more participation from all developing countries.
Milton:thanks, Stephanie
Amr Elsadr:I agree with Milton and Stephanie, and believe that our members are voting for their representatives while being oblivious to what acutally happens on Council.

Renata:Tapana I'm sorry to keep talking about this. I just thought it was important to put on the radar here.

Bill Drake:Yes Amr

Tapani Tarvainen:Renata it is important and it's good you keep bringing it up.

Milton:Very revealing to hear this from Stephanie, hope the others can weigh in

Robin Gross:Agree, Amr.

Marilia Maciel:Stephanie, was the issue formally presented to NCSG or NCSG PC or EC for an action to act upon? I dont remember in PC, but I dont know about other instances.

Amr Elsadr:@Marilia: Not helpful to use procedures as an excuse to say that this is why we never fixed this problem. We're colleagues, but do not conduct ourselves in a collegial manner..., personally or professionally.

Stephanie Perrin:NO, I spoke to Tapani about it. I will be happy to raise such issues formally in the future if that would help.

Renata:Conflicts need to be solved. Small meetings w/ councillors to mediate sound like a good idea. In LAC regional CS meetings, you see many conflicts too but somehow everything gets sorted out. I have no answer for this. Other than Stephanie is right, conflict levels tend to discourage interacting.

Milton:Thanks, Rafik - I would really like to hear from Marilia too

Stephanie Perrin:I maybe the oldest here, but it is not my job to remind people of manners. WE all need to be aware of the need to be polite and collegial. Passion for the work is no excuse for lack of respect.

Bill Drake:When I was on Council we did know what each other was doing. This is not hard, and it should not be divisive, and there should not be a need for apologies. Just speak openly about views, tell each other what agendas being pursued, what conversations being had with other stakeholder groups, etc. Just be open about everything.

Matthew S:+ 1 Bill

Marilia Maciel:Amr, my question is simply related to the fact that we have no way of knowing if someone apologized to someone else after the meeting. We can personally try to mend the situation. But here what I heard from Stephanie s was that something should have been formally done by the chair (PC? NCSG?) But in my opinion someone needs to take the issue for us to think if we should act formally on something.

Milton:Bill said we DID know what the Council was doing

Milton:Right now, we jhave no idea

Amr Elsadr:This is about more than manners. This is also about times when some of our councillors were deliberately mislead, and backroom negotiations taking place with other groups in the GNSO. The complete opposite of coordinating among ourselves.

Bill Drake:Tapani I think you misread me

Bill Drake:We DID know what each other was doing

Marilia Maciel:No offense is a good thing, with whoever, of course. But for starting a formal process, we need to trigger it.

Amr Elsadr:Willingness to bring these sort of issues into the open also include a time and effort commitment.

Matthew S:+ 1 Amr we cannot afford backroom negotiations and other opaque practices

Renata:Thanks

Tapani Tarvainen:Thank you Joan!

Kathy:Tx you, Joan!

Matthew S:thanks useful session

Ayden Férdeline:thanks all

Milton:I don't feel that my question was fully addressed

Klaus:Thanks! Well done Joan!

Rafik:bye everyone!

Kathy:Tx you, Candidates!

Patrick Lenihan:Thanks to Each and All!

Milton:Only Rafik responded. where were the other Councilors?

Amr Elsadr:Thanks all. Bye.

Marilia Maciel:Thank you Joan and everyone

Stephanie Perrin>Hello, I responded.\

Milton:Roght

Joan Kerr:Thanks Everyone

Milton:Stephanie, but no one except Rafik responded to you
maryam bakoshi: Bye all, Thank you for attending the meeting