

Garth Bruen – STATEMENT OF INTEREST

It has come to my attention that there is an immediate need for an At-Large WHOIS Review Team representative. I am putting myself forward for candidacy. I run my own small company, KnujOn.com, which helps ordinary Internet users and small businesses combat fraud and abuse while assisting them in navigating the digital bureaucracy. KnujOn.com accepts raw abuse data on behalf of the public for automated processing and issues industry reports and policy enforcement initiatives. KnujOn.com also assists law enforcement and security professionals in understanding Internet policy on a voluntary basis.

Neither KnujOn.com nor myself have ever been employed by, a manager of, or a shareholder of any Registrar or ICANN itself. I do not, nor does KnujOn.com, have any contracts or financial agreements with Registrars or ICANN.

I have served as KnujOn.com's North American Regional At-Large (NARALO) representative and personally attended three ICANN meetings and several other ICANN events. This membership in NARALO has served as a critical method for representing KnujOn.com's thousands of registered members and over one million non-registered users of the service.

The focus of much of my work has been directly within WHOIS policy realm as a way of mitigating Internet abuse. It is my sincere belief that the proper maintenance of an accurate and robust WHOIS system is critical to creating an accountable and transparent Internet while respecting the privacy expectations of individuals.

As requested a motivation letter and C.V. are attached. I look forward to contributing to this group.

Sincerely, Garth Bruen