

Maria Shkarlat - Candidate Statement Of Interest

SECTION A. Identification and Contact Information

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Poll Heading: 4a. Country/countries of citizenship

USA

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Poll Heading: 4b. Country/countries of residence

USA

Ukraine

SECTION B. Professional and Educational Background

Poll Heading: 1. Provide details of your current job, role, title, employer and affiliations

Head of the International Relationships Committee at Ukrainian Internet Association. The Association unites over 100 Ukrainian and international members and during 10 years the Association has provided legal and policy protection for its members and lobbied open policy for Ukrainian Internet market. My role is research of the best international practices for Internet and representation of the Ukrainian Internet community interests in international organizations.

Poll Heading: 2. Describe your educational and professional history. Provide all information that you believe may be relevant to being an effective member of the ICANN Board

1997, Master of Law, the master thesis on Media and Digital Media Regulations: the EU and the US

Experience Implementation in Countries with Economy and Policy in Transition. It was the first master thesis on such subject for whole 200 years history of the National University.

2007, Master of Business Administration, Steinbeis University Berlin (Germany). The master thesis on Management of Multicultural Teams in Telecommunication Corporations.

2005, Awarded by Ukrainian parliament for successful development of ICT and telecommunications legislation.

During 2004-2005 I have led the group of experts who developed and implemented a new market oriented telecommunication policy in Ukraine.

2004, I made several presentations on Legal and Policy changes influenced by Internet for Euro Commission and the Department of States.

2000, Ukraine, Training for Trainers on Public Relations for Local and International organizations under USAID programs for leaders.

1998, USA, Washington D.C., Training for Leaders on Sustainable Social Networks Development.

Poll Heading: 3. Describe any current and past volunteer community positions, roles and accomplishments. We are particularly interested in similar Board directorship and committee experience

During 3 years (1998 - 2001) I have developed a chain of legal clinics (7 offices) based on regional non-profit organizations in Ukraine. It was the first experience in Ukraine when lawyers worked pro-bono for low-income people.

In 2004 I've been a Board member of Ukrainian Internet Association and conducted several personal consultations and trainings for a new class of Internet businessmen how to promote their interests on policy and legal level using open, transparent, and legal processes.

From 2001 till 2005 I have been a consultant for UN Development Program and Open Society Institute in Ukraine and helped several professional and business associations to establish sustainable non-corrupted relationships with Ukrainian parliament and government. During 9 months in 2005-2006 I have been involved by the then prime minister to help with establishing of transparent and open relationships with business and professional communities for development market-oriented policies.

Poll Heading: 4. List any relevant personal or professional web pages

I don't have a personal web-page because I am sure that real leader promotes not own but community or institutional achievements and his/her voice is only a part of common efforts for valuable changes.

SECTION C. Internet Involvement and Interest in ICANN

Poll Heading: 1. Describe how you meet the criteria for the At-Large selected ICANN Board Director position

I am 35 years old professional woman with masters in law and business administration, who reside in the US and Ukraine and understand the diversity of the modern world and society. As a lawyer with strong academical education and comprehensive experience in practical law, policy, and governance I understand task and decision making complexity and I am ready to put all my knowledge and capacity for development of symmetrical and sustainable decisions that meet Internet community expectations. I am willing to serve as volunteer and be involved in everyday ICANN and At-Large activities, because I get encouragement not only from the Ukrainian Internet community but my family also supports my efforts for development open and accessible Internet.

Finally, as professional lawyer and individual with strong moral characteristics I am ready to separate local interest of Ukrainian Internet Association and global role of ICANN Board Director and acknowledge the priorities of both statuses.

Poll Heading: 2. Describe current and past involvement in, contributions to, and leadership roles in activities and organizations involved in the development and operation of the Internet, its naming and addressing infrastructure and/or its security and stability

I am sure that my biggest contribution in the Internet development is my leading role in the development of Ukrainian legislation that stopped the monopoly of national telecom and initiated the era of the Internet for everyone. That legislation supported development of local independent Internet providers that provide low-price service for customers and governmental support for the Internet usage by educational and social institutions. After more than 3 years involvement in policy and legislation development the Ukrainian parliament passed the Law that established open and transparent rules for the Internet.

However just policy and legislation changes cannot impact society and government, therefore I contributed a big effort to education and training for professional and civil society organizations that represent wide range of interests of the Internet community: business, users, policymakers, and content providers. In cooperation with such global institutions as the UN, the Open Society Institute and others I developed a system of public activities with participation of civil society, government, and business that established efficient and result-oriented dialog between all parties. It was the first experience for Ukrainian government, especially intelligence agency that has a special interest in th Internet regulation, in such dialog and I am happy that the practice of such events is happening even I've stopped my active involving in this process. I think that is a sign that proposed by me approach is sustainable for such country as Ukraine that has very unstable governance.

Poll Heading: 3. Provide a statement about what you would contribute in the At-Large selected ICANN Board Director position to ICANN and its mission

62 years ago when the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights the definition of "human" was unspecified and had many interpretations, therefore during next decades the UN adopted other declarations and documents that specified rights for different groups as women, children, immigrants, etcetera. Like human, an individual Internet user needs core rights and interests description, but at the same time the definition of an individual Internet user has to be specified and developed within the scope of ICANN mission. As Board Director I will promote an idea that an individual Internet user is not an individual in the abstract, but real persona or group whose needs and problems can be resolved with ICANN participation and ICANN has to be concerned about an individual Internet user needs. .

I never been involved in ICANN activities directly, so I think that I can present the fresh and detached point of view that needs for holistic and sustainable decisions.

Poll Heading: 4. Provide a statement about what you would contribute in the At-Large selected ICANN Board Director position to the At-Large Community

I see my main contribution as a professional, strong, and reasonable voice of ALAC and individual Internet users in ICANN Board. The message from At-large has to be not only conveyed, but implemented in decisions. Thus, At-Large will have a representative who understand importance of individual Internet users interests protection and experienced to negotiate complicated issues.

At the same time, the At-Large will receive full and detailed information about the Board discussions and issues, that would help to develop new and more effective approaches how to make At-Large impact more significant. I see my main contribution as a professional, strong, and reasonable voice of ALAC and individual Internet users in ICANN Board. The message from At-large has to be not only conveyed, but implemented in decisions. Thus, At-Large will have a representative who understand importance of individual Internet users interests protection and experienced to negotiate complicated issues.

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Poll Heading: 5. Please describe specifically how and why you will be able to advance, at the ICANN Board, the interests of the At-Large Community and the broader global community of Internet end-users

It's very important to represent Internet end-users not as a mass, but through their diversity and specific, therefore I would develop a system of approaches that help to specify Internet users needs and how that can be reflected in ICANN documents and activities. Such system also has to provide At-Large with milestones that are needed for evaluation of efforts effectiveness. Specification and evaluation of Internet end-users needs and interests are important for ICANN proceeding with deep and clear understanding of individual Internet users interests.

Poll Heading: 6. Is there any additional information you would like to submit that would be helpful to the BCEC in making its decision? If so, please summarize it here

My life experience was developed under Ukrainian economical and policy changes when each day I had to meet new professional and personal challenges. I am experienced in conducting of long and tough negotiations and developing effective decisions that meet the wide range of interests. Currently I live in two countries: the US and Ukraine and it gives me understanding of humans diversity and unanimity that is very important when you have to represent such global community as Internet end-users.