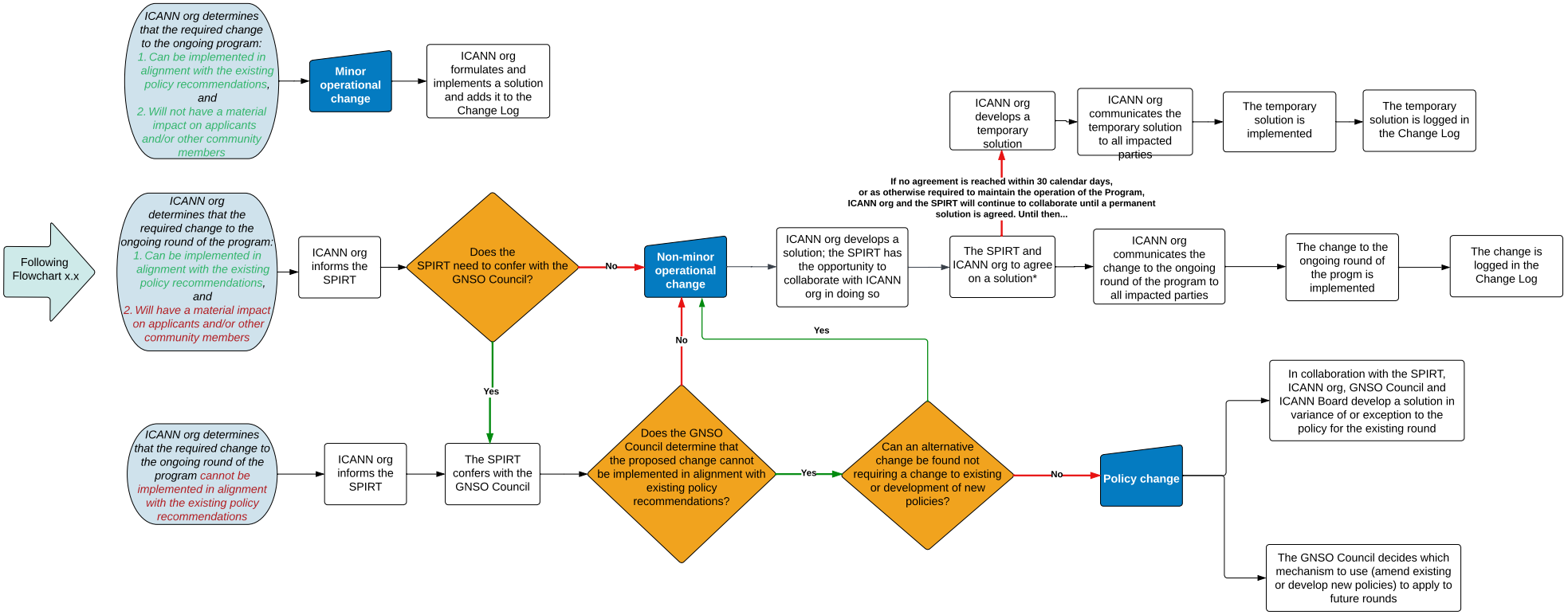
Following Flowchart x.x
ICANN org determines that the required change to the ongoing program:
1. Can be implemented in alignment with the existing policy recommendations, and
2. Will not have a material impact on applicants and/or other community members
Minor operational change
ICANN org formulates and implements a solution and adds it to the Change Log
ICANN org determines that the required change to the ongoing round of the program:
1. Can be implemented in alignment with the existing policy recommendations, and
2. Will have a material impact on applicants and/or other community members
ICANN org informs the SPIRT
Does the SPIRT need to confer with the GNSO Council?
No
Yes
Non-minor operational change
ICANN org develops a solution; the SPIRT has the opportunity to collaborate with ICANN org in doing so
The SPIRT and ICANN org to agree on a solution*
If no agreement is reached within 30 calendar days, or as otherwise required to maintain the operation of the Program, ICANN org and the SPIRT will continue to collaborate until a permanent solution is agreed. Until then...
ICANN org develops a temporary solution
ICANN org communicates the temporary solution to all impacted parties
The temporary solution is implemented
The temporary solution is logged in the Change Log
ICANN org communicates the change to the ongoing round of the program to all impacted parties
The change to the ongoing round of the progm is implemented
The change is logged in the Change Log
ICANN org determines that the required change to the ongoing round of the program cannot be implemented in alignment with the existing policy recommendations
ICANN org informs the SPIRT
The SPIRT confers with the GNSO Council
Does the GNSO Council determine that the proposed change cannot be implemented in alignment with existing policy recommendations?
No
Yes
Can an alternative change be found not requiring a change to existing or development of new policies?
Yes
No
Policy change
In collaboration with the SPIRT, ICANN org, GNSO Council and ICANN Board develop a solution in variance of or exception to the policy for the existing round
The GNSO Council decides which mechanism to use (amend existing or develop new policies) to apply to future rounds