

The NCPH Nomination Process for the GNSO Chair Elections:

1. Each year ICANN staff provides a timeline for GNSO Chair elections which is announced at: <https://gns0.icann.org/en/council/elections>.
2. Typically, NCPH has around three months after the issuance of the timeline to select a nominee for GNSO Chair position.
3. The GNSO Secretariat shares the timeline with the Council, CSG and NCSG and their respective constituencies. The timeline should be communicated to the Chairs.
4. The NCPH appointed GNSO Vice Chair should make sure that the leaders of the NCPH understand the timeline for GNSO Chair nominations. If the Vice Chair is a candidate for nomination, the NCSG chair and a designated member of the CSG Executive Committee will liaise with each other via email to ensure there is a common understanding of the nomination timeline and to confirm that each Stakeholder Group has initiated their respective nomination processes.
5. Each Stakeholder Group, based on its internal procedures, will agree on one nominee to be recommended to the other stakeholder group. This process should take place within 60 days from the issuance of the GNSO Chair election timeline.
6. If one SG decides on a nominee sooner than the 60-day deadline and proposes that nominee to the other Stakeholder Group, the other SG will discuss that proposed nomination internally and either agree to support that person or suggest an alternative within the 60-day period.
7. As soon as the stakeholder groups decide on their mutually agreed or respective nominee(s), they should inform the outgoing GNSO Council Chair and GNSO Secretariat staff, who, in turn, will share that information with the GNSO Council.
8. The nominee(s) should reach out to each Stakeholder Group to arrange a meeting with CSG and NCSG members. The meetings should take place no later than 10 days after the nominee of each Stakeholder group has been announced.
9. Each Stakeholder Group, in turn, will deliberate separately following the nominee meetings and decide which nominee to support or confirm support for a joint CSG/NCSG-backed nominee. The GNSO Secretariat will provide general oversight to ensure that all parties are adhering to the agreed timeline..
10. During the second week of "House Nominee Selection", Stakeholder Group leaders will inform each other of their respective SG's decision. If there are two nominees, the SG leaders will endeavor to reach consensus, conferring with their respective SGs as needed.
11. If both stakeholder groups agree on the same nominee, the name of that person will be sent to the GNSO Secretariat by the NCSG chair and the designated member of the CSG Executive Committee.
12. If the SGs do not agree on a nominee by the deadline, they will not put forward anyone and inform the GNSO Secretariat that they could not agree on a nomination. The individual SGs then would have the option of supporting the Contracted Party House nominee. No Stakeholder Group is permitted to put forward its own candidate for GNSO Chair position. Only the Noncontracted Party House collectively can do so.