

Answers to Follow-up Questions from Alan Greenberg  
on Board Action on WHOIS RT Recommendations  
(1 May 2013)

<p>1. Regarding the Board resolution, can you please tell us when it was released to the public, and if different, to the review team?</p> <p>2. When was the rationale for the resolution made available (again if the RT got it on a different date, what was that?</p>	<p>ICANN Board resolution 2012.11.08.01 and the accompanying rationale was posted on 19 November 2012 &lt;<a href="http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/resolutions-08nov12-en.htm">http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/resolutions-08nov12-en.htm</a>&gt;. (Note: as can be seen at that page ICANN is now noting the date of publication on each set of Board resolutions in order to improve transparency.) After the Board took action the former WHOIS Team members were quickly notified and a call was scheduled with them and the CEO and Board Chair to discuss the action. The call occurred prior to the posting of the resolution and rationale. Former Team members were emailed links to these postings on 19 November 2012.</p>
<p>3. What was the rationale for 2012.11.08.03 delaying publication of the Board action. The published rationale does not address this aspect of the Board motion.</p>	<p>The Minutes of the 8 November 2012 meeting capture the Board's discussion regarding the timing of the posting of the resolution: "care should be given in crafting the final rationale and explaining the Board's decision to the WHOIS Review Team as soon as possible. The Board agreed with the proposal to reach out to the WHOIS Review Team, and further agreed to refine the rationale offline within the coming days. At Bruce Tonkin's suggestion, the Board agreed to take a decision on the resolution, while also passing a resolution approving the holding of the resolution for a period of days to allow the rationale to be crafted to the Board's satisfaction." The full minutes of the meeting are posted at &lt;<a href="http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/minutes-08nov12-en.htm">http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/minutes-08nov12-en.htm</a>&gt;.</p>
<p>4. Column B of the spreadsheet seems to have been derived from the <i>proposed</i> Board actions in the Appendix to the Board briefing materials, but I can find no record of the Board actually following through on these proposed actions. Is there some aspect of the Board resolution that addresses this,</p>	<p>Resolution 2012.11.08.02 directs the CEO "to continue to fully enforce existing consensus policy and contractual conditions relating to the collection, access and accuracy of gTLD registration data (referred to as gTLD WHOIS data), and increase efforts to communicate, conduct outreach on, and ensure compliance with existing policy and conditions relating to WHOIS (as detailed in the 1 November 2012 Summary of the Board Action entitled, "WHOIS Policy Review Team Report Recommendations"). That paper incorporates the referenced appendix. The</p>

or is there some other Board resolution that did so?

rationale makes even more explicit that the Board is adopting the actions set forth in that Appendix.