

MINUTES OF EWG PROCESS WG (EP-WG) MEETING HELD AT ICANN 51
Wednesday, 15 October 2014

EP-WG Attendees: GNSO: James Bladel, Don Blumenthal, Ching Chiao, Avri Doria,
Susan Kawaguchi, Jonathan Robinson
Board: Cherine Chalaby, Steve Crocker, Chris Disspain, Ram
Mohan, Ray Plzak, Bruce Tonkin
ICANN Staff: Charla Shambley, Lisa Phifer, Marika Konings, Denise Michel,
and Margie Milam

Steve Crocker chaired the meeting and opened the meeting with a roll call of all attendees.

Mandate of the EP-WG

The participants discussed the limited mandate of their work, namely to identify the most productive process for conducting one or more GNSO policy development processes (PDPs) to examine and develop policy recommendations arising out of the EWG's Final Report on Next Generation Registration Directory Services.

The participants then discussed administrative elements of their work. Although the membership of the EP-WG is limited to the individuals identified, it was agreed that to ensure transparency, all future meetings will be open to the public in a listen-only mode. EP-WG documents and emails will be publicly archived and recordings of the EP-WG will be posted on a public wiki page.

Background.

The participants were briefed on the Board resolution leading up to the EWG Work and the current state of the PDP on next-generation registration directory services initiated by the Board in its November, 2012 resolution. A diagram depicting the process flow for the PDP (attached) was shared with the EP-WG, along with a few background slides on the EWG's Final Report.

Issues to Explore in the PDP.

The participants identified several issues to be explored in the PDP(s) or in the subsequent implementation phase, including:

- Implementation Model for the RDS
- Costs of running the RDS
- Performance issues
- Gated (i.e., differentiated) access
- Impacts on end-users & evidence of impact
- Credentials administration

- Access policy Enforcement & data breach risk
- Transition process
- ccTLDs—what can be learned from ccTLDs' WHOIS policies

It was noted that some of these issues are policy issues for consideration during the PDP(s), while others would be addressed during the implementation phase.

Participants agreed to extract policy issues from the EWG report, feeding those into a new Preliminary Issues Report. Following consideration of public comments on the new Preliminary Issues Report, a Final Issues Report (including charter) would be issued,. That Final Issues Report would identify both issues and existing policies, spawning one or more PDP(s). Participants expressed a preference for a single PDP with working groups, although highly separable or highly contentious issues could become new PDP(s).

Action Items and Next Steps

- Staff was asked to prepare a document to help classify issues as either policy or implementation, to serve as a discussion topic for their next meeting.
- Staff to set up a doodle poll to identify the best time for their next call.

The meeting was then adjourned.