

Maryam Bakoshi:Dear All, welcome to the NCSG Elections "Meet the Candidate" conference call on Friday 28th Aug 2015

Rafik:Hi Maryam , can you dial-out me?

Maryam Bakoshi:Sure :)

Maryam Bakoshi>Welcome, Marilia, Pascal and Rafik

Marilia Maciel:Thank you Maryam!

Maryam Bakoshi::)

Maryam Bakoshi>Welcome James

Maryam Bakoshi>Welcome Farzaneh

Farzaneh Badii:Thank you Maryam.

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:Hey all

Maryam Bakoshi:Hi James :)

Farzaneh Badii:Hi James

Maryam Bakoshi>Welcome Klaus & Tapani

Klaus Stoll:Hi

Tapani Tarvainen:Hi Maryam!

Maryam Bakoshi:hi :)

Tapani Tarvainen:And all others. :-)

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:Hey Tapani

Tapani Tarvainen:Hi James

Rafik:could you hear me?

Maryam Bakoshi>Welcome Stephanie, Peter and Bill!

Maryam Bakoshi:@Rafik, yes

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:Perfectly Rafik

Stephanie Perrin:good after noon Bill!

Bill Drake:hear myself coming out of someone's speakers when I talk

Maryam Bakoshi>Welcome Amr and Anthony

Rafik:ok good, please mute yourself if you are not speaking :)

Amr Elsadr:Thanks Maryam. Hi all.

Bill Drake:that's an ominously blank agenda

Tapani Tarvainen::-)

Rafik:the most scariest agenda

Stephanie Perrin:Ed sends regrets, he is in the hospital with pneumonia

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:Oh no! Pass along our best Stephanie

Amr Elsadr:@Stephanie: Sorry to hear that. Hope he gets well quickly.

Stephanie Perrin:When he shows up in Dublin AMr, please corner him and give him a lecture about looking after himself!

Bill Drake:we've read the statements, they could sing them this time

Maryam Bakoshi::)

Amr Elsadr:I'll pass on the singing, but don't mind dancing since nobody can see me do it!! :)

Bill Drake:shouldn't James have the green?

Rafik:please put your questions here and it will be copied in the white board

Amr Elsadr:@Bill: He can file a DRP to take it away from me. :)

Pascal Bekono:Hello Maryam, thanks

Bill Drake:I've trademarked the commie red

Maryam Bakoshi:Welcome, Zakir

Zakir:thank you Maryam.

Zakir:hi everyone.

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:I'll take the often unused Pink then if green is taken =)

Peter Green:Hi Zakir

Amr Elsadr:One question to the two chair candidates: One of the roles of the NCSG chair is to also serve on the NCSG policy committee. Was wondering if any of you have thoughts on this role of the chair. Thnx.

Bill Drake:I would rather speak my questions Rafik

Amr Elsadr:Is this call meant to be scheduled for one hour, or longer?

Maryam Bakoshi:@Amr: Longer

Rafik:@Amr the length is proportional to questions

Amr Elsadr:OK. Thnx.

Stephanie Perrin:I would like to ask what the candidates would propose regarding administrative improvements

Zakir:yes.

Farzaneh Badii:Question: Can the chair candidates briefly inform us about their outreach plan. thank you.

Stephanie Perrin:Next question what would the candidates propose re travel funding, a thorn in our sides constantly.

Amr Elsadr:I'd be happy to answer questions RE: GNSO Council work. So far, they seem to be directed at the chair candidates.

Pascal Bekono:To candidates: Which strategies for newcomers and new members ?

Amr Elsadr:Thanks Pascal. That's a question any of the candidates should be able to pick up.

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:I think Im allowed ask questions of our GNSO candidates right? As the GNSO will be moving into new territory as we come out of the IANA transition during your terms, what do you feel are the areas you would wish to focus on within the GNSO to further the causes of NCSG (eg Privacy, Human Rights etc)

Bill Drake:ok if I must type here to get in the queue then
Question: I would like to ask the chair candidates about relations between SG and constituencies

Bill Drake:I agree with that understanding of the chair role

Amr Elsadr:Thnx Tapani.

Bill Drake:everyone wants to do policy, nobody likes to do administration, but if no body does administration there is no SG or constituency

Tapani Tarvainen:To get the question to the queue:councillors, what's your area of expertise?

Maryam Bakoshi:Welcome, Robin

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:Hey robin

Zakir:@James, the palnes are great. Project management would be very usefull.

Robin Gross:Hi folks!

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:Thanks Zakir!

Rafik:the mailing lists are listed in the NCSG confluence

Tapani Tarvainen:Yers, but guess how many newcomers have had trouble finding them there!

Stephanie Perrin:I know I have!!! Call me a klutz, but I think we need to make it easier...

Rafik:<https://community.icann.org/display/gnsononcomstake/How+T+o+Get+Involved>

Stephanie Perrin:There is a fundamental point here.....not everyone networks and learns from a static website. Some of us network from email, from face to face, from a more personal touch. This is especially true of some cultures which are not well represented in our groups. Therefore one size does not fit all, we need a range of options....

Avri Doria:sorry to join late, was on another conference call - IGF Reaching the next billion.

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:Fantastic statement Amr!

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:Can we mute the bridge aswell

Rafik:we need more questions :)

Maryam Bakoshi:Deedee has joined the meeting

Amr Elsadr:Thanks James. And thank you Pascal for the question. Please feel free to follow up with me if you want to talk about this in more detail.

Farzaneh Badii:Do the GNSO councilors have a program to meet the new members?

Amr Elsadr:@Farzi: Not that I am aware of.

Amr Elsadr:You mean GNSO councillors from the NCSG?

Farzaneh Badii:yes

Amr Elsadr:Then definitely no. :)

Amr Elsadr:Maybe we should though.

Marilia Maciel:There is a meeting of the chairs (NCSG, NCUC, NPOC) with newcomers.

Farzaneh Badii:because I see generally people dont know what GNSO is and what the counciliors do, so I think would be a good idea to meet with the new members from time to time.

Stephanie Perrin:There was a suggestion on the list a while ago that we have a separate meeting of GNSO councillors, rather than try to cram GNSO work all into the monthly NCSG call. I think that is a good idea, perhaps a debrief after the GNSO meeting....when it is fresh

Amr Elsadr:@Farzi: Very true..., however, it seems to me that attendance on NCSG calls is too low to be effective.

Marilia Maciel:That is an interesting suggestion, Farzaneh. Maybe we could also make more efforts to attract newcomers to the NCSG open session.

Avri Doria:I wonder, does the NCSG chair actually delegate tasks? How does that work?

Amr Elsadr:The chair doesn't have staff to delegate to. :)

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:Avri I believe that they should, we have some seriously skilled people in NCSG that we should activate to work on issues

Avri Doria:Delegation requires authority. Does the NCSG chair have the authority to delegate tasks?

Rafik:@Avri chair can draft or volunteer people to do work but :)

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:I think with an engaged EC who agree to share a workload the chair should be in a position of enough trust amongst their members to be able to ask people if they would accept a delegation of a task to them

Stephanie Perrin:Avri I think this is a key issue, no doubt one Rafik can relate to. How do you assign work amongst volunteers

Avri Doria:I'm mostly challenging the use of the word delegate in James's answer. Thanks for the clarifications.

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:Delegate may be too strong a word, share the workload may be more appropriate

Tapani Tarvainen:Can't delegate any decision-making power but can of course ask for help

Avri Doria:looks like i accidentally messed up the question screen. apologies.

Marilia Maciel:Ok, not just me. I thought I dropped :)

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:Ok never delegate AC rooms to Avri first decision if I was elected Chair =)

Tapani Tarvainen::-)

Avri Doria:Very nice James. It was a holdover from the days before we had someone competent to do it.

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:=)

Avri Doria:from the days when i would administer the chats when we did not have a staff person to do so. i forgot that i had host power and made a mistake.

Rafik:@avri no worries :) it could be me

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:@Avri: I Jest, I dont know

how we would survive without you around!

Rafik:more questions please

Stephanie Perrin:I have already asked two but here is another one: should we be offering targeted webinars on our respective areas of expertise? DO webinars work?

Avri Doria:How do candidates see the GNSO Councils role vis a vis the GNSO?

Stephanie Perrin:I agree with Amr, the process is excruciating but we do need to understand it or we lose every time.

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:Yes thanks Amr!

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:Go ahead Bill

Avri Doria:What do chair candidates think about the fact that while there have been complaints about the NCSG charter, there has never been an attempt to amend the charter. Is the process too difficult?

Avri Doria:A question for all coandidates, have you read the NCSG charter lately? And for Council candidates, have you read the operating procedures lately?

Avri Doria:To the chari candiates, how do we get the finaicial committee functioning and what does it need to do?

Stephanie Perrin:I know I am not a candidate, but I reread the Bylaws the other day after I read Amr's excellent statement....(found a typo which I have duly reported)

Avri Doria:For the chair's, what would be your role in the leadership meeting that are held by the CEO?

Bill Drake:I did not want to write that out Rafik for obvious reasons

Bill Drake:there is NO fighting over travel resources

Bill Drake:could we please not perptuate myths

Amr Elsadr:@Avri: Because I keep reading the NCSG charter, I am aware that there is no NCSG financial committee. Just a treasurer appointed by the EC. ;-)

Tapani Tarvainen:NCSG charter does say there should be FC

Avri Doria:yes section 2.6. I think you are confusing it with the NCUC Charter.

Avri Doria:Fortunately that was a question for the Chiar candidates.

Stephanie Perrin:Again, I have complained about the Charter....we are in breach until we amend it.

Stephanie Perrin:Might be tough but we need to wade in and fix it....people read it and think it is accurate when it is not...

Avri Doria:To the candidates for reelection to the Council, what about your accomplishmenes/activities in the Council encourages you to run for another term?

Avri Doria:Question can also be answerd on the email list ass a follow up

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:Can we take some of Avri's questions together on the charter and FC maybe?

Amr Elsadr:@Avri @Tapani: Whoops. Yes right. My mistake. Mixed up the NCUC and NCSG on the FC.

Bill Drake:NCSG cannot take contributions unless it becomes a legal entity

Bill Drake:NCUC will already have to

Avri Doria:or it can decide, at the EC level to become some sort of entity.

Avri Doria:assuming the membership agrees. would be good to see a coherent strategy for this..

Bill Drake:which would be utterly confusing...then we can have NCSG competing with NCUC and NPOC for funding

Bill Drake:then you actually will have something

Avri Doria:obviously something that needs to be discussed, but if we think that the NCSG is important in itself, then it has to find a way to deal with funding.

Tapani Tarvainen:Avri: exactly.

Tapani Tarvainen:And the legal status shouldn't be that hard, unless I'm mistaken: unincorporated association with taxpayer ID should do

Bill Drake:for what does NCSG need funding exactly?

Bill Drake:to build a parallel redundant set of structures for the same people to work under?

Tapani Tarvainen:to build structures that serve both constituencies where they now do them separately

Avri Doria:NCSG charter 2.4.3 indicates that the EC can select v-chairs. they have just not done so.

Tapani Tarvainen:Yep. I read that before suggesting it.

Avri Doria:i was not suggesting that we amend the charter more wondering about the difference between level of complain and level of request charter amendments by the membership.

Amr Elsadr:I've never been able to find any clear instructions on how SG/C charters/bylaws can be amended, taking into consideration the role of the board SIC. Our internal procedure is clear enough.

Avri Doria:so section 5 of the charter is not clear on how to go about an amendment?

Farzaneh Badii:Thanks to all the candidates for their participation. I am afraid I have to leave the meeting early. but it has been great. Bye all.

Maryam Bakoshi:Thank you Farzaneh

Avri Doria:yeah things like understanding the annual budgetting excess in ICANN, it might be good for the FC to deal with it as opposed to the Chair doing it without support.

Bill Drake:FC dealing with the ICANN budget process would be

appropriate

Tapani Tarvainen:Yep

Bill Drake:will be internal

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:I hope so Bill!

Vernatius EZEAMA:Let it be

Amr Elsadr:I apologize for my tendency to ramble. I try to control myself as often as possible. :)

Avri Doria:thanks to all for taking my many questions. a good set of answers.

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:Good questions Avri and others, didnt make it easy for us =)

Bill Drake:the flogging is just beginning

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:=)

Avri Doria:wont noneof the above also be running someone could lose to NOA.

Avri Doria:i mean NOTA

Stephanie Perrin:I think it is a shame that positions are not contested. I support all the councillors, you are all terrific, but we have a stronger process when there is some competition

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:Thanks to Rafik for moderating!

Amr Elsadr:@Avri: Can someone actually lose to NOTA? That'd actually be pretty cool. :)

Tapani Tarvainen:Should've asked about masochistic tendencies...

James Gannon [Candidate NCSG Chair]:@Tapani My one weakness no!

Avri Doria:i think someone could if in the ranking of vote they got fewer than NOTA, but then again i am not positive.

Avri Doria:and certainly i would hope that if that were to happen the one who go fewer, would bow out and we would hold a special election to pick some.

Amr Elsadr:Thank you all for taking the time to ask and listen. Bye.

Avri Doria:bye

Marilia Maciel:Thanks all!

Tapani Tarvainen:Bye all, thanks Rafik!

Peter Green:Thanks, bye all

Zakir:thank you.

Bill Drake:good night fik

Maryam Bakoshi:Thank you all

Robin Gross:thanks to the candidates and Rafik!