

Community Decision Process, as described in CCWG breakout session on 17-Oct-2015

Required Community Powers	Should we have a Conference Call?	Should we Convene a Community Forum?	Consensus Support to exercise the power?	
1. Block a proposed Operating Plan/Strategic Plan/Budget	2 AC/SOs support	3 AC/SOs support	4 support, and no more than 1 objection	
2. Approve changes to Fundamental Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation	2 AC/SOs support	3 AC/SOs support	4 support, and no more than 1 objection	
3. Block changes to regular bylaws	2 AC/SOs support	2 AC/SOs support	3 support, and no more than 1 objection	
4. Remove individual board directors	Appointing AC/SO support	Appointing AC/SO support	If App. SO/AC decides to continue. A formal consultation is held; all SO/ACs invited to comment.	
5. Recall the entire board of directors	2 AC/SOs support	3 AC/SOs support	4 support, and no more than 1 objection*	*minority said 1 objection to block consensus
6. Binding IRP where panel decision is enforceable in any court recognizing international arbitration results	2 AC/SOs support	2 AC/SOs support	3 support, and no more than 1 objection	Require mediation before IRP begins
7. Reconsider/reject board decisions relating to reviews of IANA functions, including trigger of PTI separation	2 AC/SOs support	3 AC/SOs support	4 support, and no more than 1 objection	

Notes:

Column 2: Should we have a Conference Call?

1. Any individual can begin an online petition in any AC or SO. (Each AC/SO defines its own threshold for petition support.) The AC or SO determines support for petition.
2. If petition is supported the AC or SO communicates petition to other AC/SOs. AC/SOs determine support.
3. If any 2 AC/SOs (in total) support the petition, all AC/SOs are invited to participate in a conference call to discuss the petition and whether to have a Community Forum.

4. The Petitioning ACs/SOs circulate written justification for exercising the Community Power in preparation for the conference call.
5. ICANN hosts a conference call open to any interested participants, and the call would be recorded, transcribed, translated, etc. Representatives of the ICANN board would be expected to attend.
6. After the call, ACs and SOs use their own decision-making methods to decide whether they support convening a Community Forum. The threshold for convening a Community Forum is proposed in column 2 of the table.

Column 3: **Should we Convene a Community Forum?** This needs to be developed further, but the basic idea is a one-day face-to-face meeting, supported by ICANN staff and with travel funding for participants designated by ACs and SOs. If timing is right, just add this day to a scheduled ICANN meeting; otherwise it's an inter-sessional meeting. The Community Forum would be open to all via Adobe Connect, and would be recorded, transcribed, translated, etc. Representatives of the ICANN board would be expected to attend. AC/SOs may request independent legal advice to the community, depending upon the issue and power being considered.

Proposal (incorporating above text)

1. If the threshold for convening a Community Forum is met, ICANN organizes a Forum either at an ICANN meeting or, if the timing is not appropriate, at an intersessional meeting.
2. The Community Forum would be a one-day face-to-face meeting, supported by ICANN staff and with travel funding for participants designated by ACs and SOs.
3. The Community Forum would be open to all via Adobe Connect, and would be recorded, transcribed, translated, etc. Representatives of the ICANN board would be expected to attend.
4. AC/SOs may request independent legal advice to the community, depending upon the issue and power being considered.
5. The Community Forum has as its purpose the sharing of information (the rationale for the petition, etc.) and the airing of views on the petition by the community. The Community Forum will make no decision or attempts to take a "sense of the room" or strive to seek consensus. It will not decide on whether to pursue the petition to the decision stage (this is up to the AC/SOs post CF).
6. The Community Forum should be managed/moderated in a fair and neutral manner. Should the discussions of the petition require additional time it may prolong the Forum.

Column 4: **Is there Consensus Support to exercise the power?**

1. After the Community Forum, each AC/SO would decide, using its own methods, whether it supports the proposed exercise of the community power, whether it objects to the exercise of the community power, or whether it wishes to remain silent on the matter. .
2. If the AC/SO community [Community Mechanism achieves the required levels of support, including absence of the specified number of objections,] decides to proceed, it must publish a statement of explanation. A minority statement could be published by any AC/SO that objected to the decision or explanation.