

## 12 February 2015 - AFAV Meeting Minutes

Dear WG members

Thank you for your participation in person and remotely. I hope you all have already reached home safely.

For your reference, here is the link to the meeting recording  
<https://icann.adobeconnect.com/p97u56hl4zk/>, Access Code: AFAVWG (case sensitive)

Below are the meeting minutes. As always, please feel free to provide your comments, suggestions, or amendments to me.

1. Staff reviewed and explained the meeting minutes from the meeting held on Jan 30.
2. It was asked by WG member and was confirmed by staff that the language used in RAA for Whois Address Across Field Validation is subject to ICANN's pending review of the Whois Accuracy Program Specification with the Registrar Stakeholder Group. In the meantime, the current work for AFAV should still follow the track as previously planned.
3. The WG had a robust discussion around the idea of consistency vs. specificity of address validation (i.e., whether all addresses should be validated to the same level. (e.g., for all countries, the city and province must pass the validation) or different levels (e.g., if house-number data is available in some countries, registrars must validate to that level, but to a lesser level if less specific data is available in other countries)). Most WG members seemed to agree that validation to the same level, regardless of country, would be operationally easier and could help prevent "forum shopping" by bad actor-registrants. A question was raised about how this approach might be perceived by community members, and staff suggested that registrars and members of law enforcement consider whether a compromise can be reached as part of ICANN's review of the Whois Accuracy Program Specification.
4. Volker shared its experiences with .CN registration regulation.
5. Staff explained that concerns like false positive handling, technically and commercially feasibility would be addressed by the WG later down the road.
6. Some WG members had raised concerns of degrees of accuracy; staff suggested 100% accuracy may not be needed for AFAV, a "degree of confidence" might be more appropriate, and this is something that the WG could help establish.

Wish you all a pleasant New Year of the Goat/Ram/Sheep...! And Gong Xi Fa Cai (a prosperous business)!

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