

GNSO Activity Brief for ccNSO Council

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Most recent GNSO Council Meeting: May 18, 2017

Consent Agenda

The Non Contracted Parties House selected Matthew Shears for seat 14 on the ICANN Board.

The CCWG-Accountability-WS2 chairs submitted a motion to the GNSO to validate an extension of the mandate and funding form FY 2018. A motion with the following points was proposed:

- Council supports the extension of mandate and funding of the CCWG-Accountability-WS2 for FY18.
- Council expects regular updates on actual expenditures, updates on WS2 activities, and reserves the right to provide further input on the budget allocation for these extended activities.
- Council expects the CCWG Accountability and staff to work within the approved budget. Requests for additional funding should only be recommended by the Legal Committee when deemed essential.
- The GNSO secretariat will transmit the approved resolution to the CCWG-Accountability chairs and the ICANN CFO.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Council Decisions

Approval of the GNSO Council review of the GAC Communique from Copenhagen

The comments of the GNSO in response to the GAC communique in Copenhagen were approved. Previously draft comments were forwarded to the Board for their meeting with the GAC, but the comments arrived too late for incorporation into that meeting.

During the Council discussion concern was expressed over the Board decision to for individual members to hold discussions with individual countries with regard to two character issues. If these are formal negotiations they may be outside the scope of the Bylaws. If they are more along the lines of collegial consultations it will be a different mater. Council asked staff to arrange a meeting with the Board to discuss the matter.

In addition James Bladel will seek clarification on behalf of Council from the GAC Chair on the process of the two letter string matter.

For reference the GNSO response can be found at: <https://gns0.icann.org/en/drafts/review-gac-communique-25apr17-en.pdf>)

CCWG-Accountability-WS2 status of work and expected timeline for delivery of final report

Thomas Rickert reported that the CCWG-Accountability-WS2 wants to complete its work in June 2018. He presented a slide deck on the progress thus far. As above the GNSO has approved the extension.

The presentation can be viewed at:

<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/ccwg-acct-ws2-dashboard-18may17-en.pdf>

Updated charter for the Cross Community Working Group on Internet Governance

Council will either extend, renew, modify or withdraw support for this CCWG. Some Councilors noted the need to monitor external threats to ICANN, while others indicated that some points of the revised charter lack clarity. Concerns about costs, particularly travel costs, were raised.

The discussion will continue on the Council mailing list to prepare a motion to either support or withdraw support for this CCWG.

Confirmation of Voting on initiating the GNSO's Section 16 Process for Amending Approved GNSO Policy Recommendations Relating to Certain Red Cross Movement Names

Council already passed a motion approving GNSO Policy recommendations relating to certain Red Cross movement names. It will work with staff to reconvene the IGO-INGO Protections PDP WG to address the questions that were outlined in the motion, specifically on Red Cross protections.

Thomas Rickert, Chair of the IGO-INGO Protections PDP WG has agreed to lead the reconvened PDP WG. Councilors were reminded that the scope of the reconvened PDP WG should only concern one or two of the initial recommendations.

Councilors then exchanged views on reinitiating participation, who should participate, the WG timeline, and the justification for reconvening the WG.

UPDATE – Multistakeholder Strategy and Strategic Initiatives (MSSI) Presentation on Specific Reviews

This item was not discussed as Council waits an update from the MSSI staff.

Council Discussion – Planning for ICANN 59 in Johannesburg, June 2017

Most of the schedule for ICANN 59 has been set. Councilors noted clashes in the schedule, delays in booking confirmations and security in Johannesburg.

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1. Susan Kawaguchi of the GNSO Standing Selection Committee (SSC) presented on the committee's work towards defining the role and responsibilities of GNSO representative to the Empowered Community. A key component of this role will be communication. The presentation can be viewed at: <https://gns0.icann.org/en/meetings/presentation-ssc-gns0-representative-empowered-community-admin-18may17-en.pdf>
2. Potential conflict is noted between the new transfer policy with the change of IRTPC change of registrant policy and privacy proxy services. The Registrar Stakeholder's Group and other groups and constituencies in the GNSO have asked to convene a group to discuss these issues. This group will be established and present proposals to the GNSO for further consideration.

The next meeting of the GNSO Council is June 28 2017 13:00 Johannesburg time.