No Consent Agenda

COUNCIL VOTE – Appointment of the next GNSO Liaison to the Governmental Advisory Committee

Julf Helsingus is appointed as Liaison to the GAC.

During the discussion the following points emerged:

- Need for better communication with the GAC. Discussion on need for improved communication with the GAC, in particular providing the GAC with a better understanding of the PDP process within the GNSO.
- The GNSO needs to explain itself better. It is not just large companies, there are seven different stakeholder groups that have a wide array of interests.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Discussion on the Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency (SSR2) Review Team and Registration Directory Service (RDS) Review Team

Concerns expressed about this matter were largely similar to those expressed in the ccNSO Council meeting which took place the following day:
The Board's action came as a surprise. There were concerns about the validity of this action under the Bylaws. The review needed to be restarted as soon as possible. Concerns were raised about the possibility of the Board acting outside its mandate and how this might tarnish the reputation of ICANN.
The matter is in flux as the leaders of the SO/ACs will be meeting with representatives of the Board to discuss the matter and a way forward. Council will look forward to for feedback from these meetings.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Update from the GNSO Review Working Group

This is an on-going review of the GNSO structure and operations.

An overview of this WG can be found at:
https://community.icann.org/display/GR2/GNSO+Review+2014+Home

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Discussion with ICANN Finance
Xavier Calvez from ICANN Finance spoke about ICANN finances. They are engaged in long term planning to balance resources and expenditures. The amount of funds available to ICANN is reaching a plateau.
Long term planning. Best practice. Funding is stabilizing. Funding is reaching a plateau.

The GNSO plans to create a Budget Committee to follow and better understand the manner in which ICANN budgets are created and implemented.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS
Discussion about ICANN Org paper on suggested incremental changes to the ICANN meeting strategy.
This is an important topic as it feeds into the feeds into budget process. Meetings are a significant expenditure, and if other models for meetings are considered, then the financial implications must also be taken into account.

Discussion about next steps for the revised ICANN Procedure for Handling Whois Conflicts with Privacy Law
There have been some discussions with ICANN Legal on potential conflicts between contracted parties and their requirement to follow local privacy laws. At times this may conflict with the ICANN contract.

PDP Matters

On 29 Oct the GNSO reviewed progress on its on-going PDP activities. Detailed reports on the activities can be found at:
https://community.icann.org/display/gnsocouncilmeetings/GNSO+Working+Session+-+Sunday%2C+29+October+2017+-+Abu+Dhabi

The next meeting of the GNSO Council is on 30 November at 21:00 UCT