

Report from the NCSG Finance Committee

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The NCSG Charter envisioned a much larger role for the NCSG Finance Committee than has occurred since the Charter was approved. For at least the past four years the Finance Committee has not operated. It was resurrected by Ed Morris in 2017 and met briefly in 2017 to assess future options.

The Finance Committee has no revenues, manages no expenditures, and performs no audits or due diligence on NCSG, NCUC and NPOC financial matters.

The Finance Committee looks to the NCSG Executive Committee to review the Finance Committee's remit and to suggest a work agenda within that remit.

The NCSG Finance Committee (NCSG--FC) remit is set down in Section 2.3 of the NCSG Charter, with operational details set out in Section 2.6. There is a quick review of the Charter content in **Appendix A**.

<https://gnso.icann.org/en/improvements/ncsg-charter-05may11-en.pdf>

Appendix A: A Review of the NCSG Charter Content:

As per section 2.3 NCSG Finance Committee (NCSG--FC): The NCSG Finance Committee is responsible for establishing a firm financial footing for the NCSG and administering NCSG funds within a defined framework that meets relevant legal requirements as well as requirements imposed by ICANN. The NCSG--FC's responsibilities include fund raising, setting voluntary contribution levels for members, determining procedures for the distribution of funds, and for monitoring the utilization of funds. The NCSG--FC will also be responsible for the Treasurer function. Formation of the NCSG--FC, its composition, and duties within the NCSG--FC are set out in Section 2.6. which details considerable activities for The Financial Committee.

As per 2.6.1. NCSG--FC Composition: The Finance Committee consists of one representative from each Constituency. The NCSG Chair participates as an ex--officio member and is included in consensus process and votes. The FC may invite other members as needed, and each Constituency may appoint an observer.

As per 2.6.2. NCSG--FC Decision making: Decisions are made by rough consensus, meaning that while all need not agree, and that no single member can veto a decision, Minority views must be recorded.

As per 2.6.3. NCSG--FC Leadership: A Chair is elected by a 2/3 vote of the FC membership and is required to exercise any necessary Treasurer functions for the NCSG. The NCSG Chair may not serve as Finance Committee Chair. 2.6.4. refers to Work Process; 2.6.5. refers to Mailing List; and 2.6.6. refers to Committee Observers.