2024-01-24 GNSO Standing Selection Committee

The GNSO Standing Selection Committee call will take place on Wednesday, 24 January 2024 at 20:00 UTC for 60 minutes.

For other places see: http://tinyurl.com/26cfurnr

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Welcome and SOI updates
2. Selection Process: GNSO-Nominated Fellowship Program Mentor
   - Review of Poll Results
   - Discussion of Candidates
3. Next Steps for Selection Process:
   a. 48-hour Consensus Call
   b. Notify Fellowship Program by 31 January (subject to confirmation by GNSO Council)
   c. Motion to GNSO Council on 05 February for 15 February Meeting
4. AOB: SSC membership update

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

PARTICIPATION

Apologies: Arinola Akinyemi, Glen de Saint Géry, Brian Winterfeldt, Q Misell, Arsene Tungali

Attendance

RECORDINGS

Audio Recording
Zoom Recording

GNSO transcripts are located on the GNSO Calendar

Notes/Action Items

Action Items:

1. Re: Fellowship Mentor Selection Process - Staff to send a Consensus Call email to the SSC list with the preliminary decision to put forward Mark Datysgeld as the candidate and ask for non-objection in 48 hours. [DONE]
2. Staff to send an email to the GNSO Council NomCom Appointees, Paul McGrady, Desiree Miloshevic, and Anne Aikman-Scalese, indicating Anne’s interest to continue as the SSC’s NomCom representative for another term ending September 2024.
3. Re: SSC Membership Reconstitution – Staff to reconfirm eligibility and replacement of SSC members.

Notes:

1. Welcome and SOI updates
2. Selection Process: GNSO-Nominated Fellowship Program Mentor
   - Review of Poll Results
     • There were 12 applicants.
     • Received 4 poll responses, but the poll is only to guide the discussion, not to make a determination.
     • See: Poll Results per Candidate, Poll Ranking - Top 3 and the wiki: https://community.icann.org/display/GSSC/GNSO+Appointed+Mentor+-+ICANN+Fellowship+Program+-+2024
     • SOI is not a requirement for the candidates
     • Survey Questions were:
Q1: Based on the candidate's materials and your own personal experience if applicable, do you think that the candidate has the experience, skills, and attributes necessary, as described in the call for volunteers, to serve as the GNSO-nominated mentor?

Q2: Please rank the following candidates in order of preference with regards to how the candidate meets the experience, skills, attributes requirements outlined in the call for volunteers: 1-first order of preference; 2-next order of preference, etc.

- Ranking - Poll results for Top 3:
  1 - Mark Datysgeld
  2 - Adetola Sogbesan
  3 - Arsène Tungali

- Discussion of Candidates: 12 in total (The list below is in the order of EOIs received):
  1 - Adetola Sogbesan
  2 - Dr. Hago Dafalla
  3 - Mili Semlani
  4 - Arsène Tungali
  5 - Mark Datysgeld
  6 - Mubashir Sargana
  7 - Namra Naseer
  8 - Calvin Browne
  9 - Glen de Saint Géry
  10 - Bolutife Adisa
  11 - Arinola Akinyemi
  12 - Benjamin Akinmoyeje

- Members stated that the SOIs are needed for mentor candidates – transparency reason and to mentor fellows.
- Based on the criteria provided, the candidates were scored on each item (0-3) and Mark Datysgeld came on top. A group of 3 individuals with the same points came second (3 points lower than Mark), but Adetola Sogbesan was preferred of the group, thus second place.

2 really good candidates as great assets to the program.

Mark Datysgeld ranking top for most

With diversity being one of the goals, Mark seems to meet the geographic diversity aspect of the candidate (i.e. South America).

- No objection to putting forward Mark as the preferred candidate - All agreed with Mark Datysgeld as the SSC selection for the GNSO nominated mentor for the fellowship program - confirmed.
- SSC operates on full consensus (no objection of candidates and no alternate selection – only single)
- Consensus call will go for the next 48 hours, and members can voice up during that time.

3. Next Steps for Selection Process:
   a. 48-hour Consensus Call

   - Staff to send a Consensus Call email to the SSC list with the preliminary decision to put forward Mark Datysgeld as the candidate and ask for non-objection in 48 hours. (~26 January 2024 21:00 UTC) [DONE]
   - If no objections, amend the placeholder motion.
   - Council to vote at 15 February meeting.
   - If objection, an SSC Meeting to include those objections or resolve those on the list.
   - Previously, no objections for any candidate

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   b. Notify Fellowship Program by 31 January (subject to confirmation by GNSO Council)
• GNSO to submit name to the Fellowship Program
  
  c. Motion to GNSO Council on 05 February for 15 February Meeting

• Upcoming Timeline:
  ◦ 24 January 2024: Start consensus call for candidate selection 21:00 UTC
  ◦ 26 January 2024: End consensus call for candidate selection 21:00 UTC
  ◦ 31 January 2024: Deadline to submit name of recommended candidate to Fellowship Program (subject to GNSO Council confirmation)
  ◦ 05 February 2024: Document and Motion Deadline for GNSO Council meeting
  ◦ 15 February 2024: Council confirms candidate recommended by SSC

4. AOB

a. SSC Membership Update

• Reappointment of SSC needed

  Confirmation of eligible members and replacement of those that are ineligible

  Some replacements (IPC, CSG) needed and Greg will see if Vice Chairs can step in as Ex-Officio.

  ◦ Anne – eligible and is willing to continue but needs to confirm as representative of NomCom

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  • council to confirm SSC members at the 15 February Council Meeting

  Need item on the consent agenda

  • Also need volunteers for Chair and Vice Chair for SSC – Need item on consent agenda to confirm by the council.

  SSC selects its Chair and Vice Chair when SSC is reconstituted – Arinola is the current Chair but she needs to step down as she served 2 terms

  Alan is Vice Chair but he has also stepped down.

  Call for Volunteers among SSC members for Chair and Vice Chair of SSC - Council will only be confirming – no decision.

  ACTION ITEM: Re: SSC Membership Reconstitution – Staff to reconfirm eligibility and replacement of SSC members.

  b. Review of Fellowship Mentor Candidates

  • Mentor Candidate criteria:

    SOI mandatory

    Alumni of Fellowship (Objection to this criteria as some may have tremendous experience but no fellowship alumni experience)

    More than 5yrs at ICANN (Minimum amount of time active as ICANN community member to be a mentor needed)

    Consensus from each SG to select 1 candidate from each SG

    ◦ A separate discussion needed to review the process and criteria for the mentor candidates