

At-Large Workspace: Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency Charter Amendments

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What We Need Your Input On

The Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns (NPOC) Constituency of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) recently amended its charter and notified the ICANN organization (org) of its request for approval by the ICANN Board. This Public Comment proceeding seeks input on proposed amendments of the NPOC charter to inform ICANN Board consideration.

NPOC amended its charter to reflect its current practices, align with its operating procedures, and accommodate its evolving needs. It also accounts for best practices for the GNSO such as the GNSO Operating Procedures, Work Stream 2 Recommendation 6 from the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability), and the ICANN Bylaws. The amended NPOC charter is the culmination of work by the NPOC Charter Drafting Team in partnership with ICANN org.

Specific amendments include:

- New organizational structure with sections on mission, governance, engagement and outreach, accountability and transparency, elections, meetings, and amendments in a new template.
- Revised mission statement to reflect a focus on not-for-profit operational concerns related to generic top-level domains.
- Clarified areas of governance, including a definition of membership eligibility and the requirement to join the Noncommercial Stakeholder Group prior to joining NPOC.
- Criteria for appointing organizational or alternate representatives.
- Expanded provisions regarding Executive and Policy Committee roles, responsibilities, and eligibility.
- Provisions for engagement and outreach, which acknowledge the potential for future NPOC representation to other ICANN community groups.
- New section on accountability and transparency, including communications to members.
- Revised section on elections, which outlines principles related to quorum and the removal of officers.
- Revised section on meetings, which includes principles related to notices, observers, and recordkeeping.
- Updated amendment section, accounting for best practices from the GNSO Operating Procedures and CCWG-Accountability Work Stream 2 recommendations.

Proposals For Your Input

[Amended NPOC Charter \(PDF, 175.18 KB\)](#)

[Provide Your Input](#)

Background

The ICANN Bylaws (Article XI, Section 5.c) state that each GNSO Stakeholder Group and its associated Constituencies “shall maintain recognition with the ICANN Board.” The ICANN Board has interpreted this language to require approval of any charter amendments.

As a best practice, each GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency reviews its charter on a regular basis. In September 2013, the ICANN Board approved a [Process for Amending GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency Charters](#) to guide its consideration of any GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency charter amendments.

Next Steps

After the submission period for this Public Comment proceeding ends, ICANN org will prepare a summary report and share the input with the NPOC ahead of consideration by the ICANN Board.

Supporting Information

This additional information from ICANN org provides more context for this Public Comment Proceeding and may help you review the proposals for input and publish a submission.

Supporting Information

[Current NPOC Charter \(2010\)](#)

FINAL VERSION SUBMITTED (IF RATIFIED)

The final version to be submitted, if the draft is ratified, will be placed here by upon completion of the vote.

FINAL DRAFT VERSION TO BE VOTED UPON BY THE ALAC

The final draft version to be voted upon by the ALAC will be placed here before the vote is to begin.

DRAFT SUBMITTED FOR DISCUSSION

The first draft submitted will be placed here before the call for comments begins. The Draft should be preceded by the name of the person submitting the draft and the date/time. If, during the discussion, the draft is revised, the older version(S) should be left in place and the new version along with a header line identifying the drafter and date/time should be placed above the older version(s), separated by a Horizontal Rule (available + Insert More Content control).
