

## **GNSO Activity Update for ccNSO Council**

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### **GNSO comments on draft FY16 operating plan and budget**

The GNSO commented on ICANN's draft operating plan and budget. Key points from the letter:

- Concerns on the budget's clarity (especially for those without financial reporting experience)
- Staff support for policy development – particularly with upcoming work PDP work in the council (eg. purpose of gTLD registration PDP and new gTLD subsequent rounds) – staff level will be important.
- Questions on if ICANN plan to bring in expertise to help in conflicts between WHOIS policies and legal jurisdictions with stricter privacy and data protection laws.
- Budget allocation for policy development – council feels current budget represents a comparatively small figure in overall budget.

### **Privacy & Proxy Services Accreditation Issues WG Initial Report**

This WG produced its initial report for comment (Close date 7 July).

Background: WG was tasked to provide Council with "policy recommendations regarding the issues identified during the 2013 RAA negotiations, including recommendations made by law enforcement and GNSO working groups, that were not addressed during the 2013 RAA negotiations and otherwise suited for a PDP; specifically, issues relating to the accreditation of Privacy & Proxy Services."

[Initial report here](#)

### **Strategic discussions in GNSO**

As part of council strategy, the GNSO are focused on the following key areas; strengthened relationship with GAC, increased effectiveness of council, helping new volunteers in WGs, acknowledgement for work of council to broader community/board, better knowledge of councillors of policy topics and roles of council within the GNSO as a whole.

### **EWG Final Report on Next Generation Registration Directory Services**

The board thanked EWG for efforts which produced model for a next generation registration directory ([final report](#)). The Board requests a Board initiated GNSO PDP to define the purpose of collecting, maintaining, and providing access to gTLD registration data and consider safeguards for protecting data using recommendations in the report. A preliminary issue report is to be delivered to the GNSO and the Board will liaise with GNSO on the PDP. More detail available on request.

### **GNSO Nom Comm candidate criteria**

The GNSO are in the process of updating and submitting candidate criteria for Nominating committee positions (2) on the council. One of the additional criteria points was that the candidate have "knowledge of privacy and data protection laws and implications". More detail available on request.

### **Upcoming discussions for GNSO**

A GNSO council call is scheduled to take place several hours after the ccNSO call on 21 May. Below are some of the topics expected to be discussed. Any relevant/interesting updates will be conveyed to the ccNSO council mailing list shortly after.

- Updates on CCWG Enhancing ICANN Accountability and CWG IANA stewardship transition
- Update on new gTLD subsequent rounds discussion group
- Update from WG on principles for future cross community working groups
- Council to discuss ICANN new meeting strategy proposal as it relates to GNSO meetings.