

The Empowered Community: What it means...

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Background

- US Government completed turnover of Root Zone responsibility without incident at 30 September 2016 at 23:59 (LA time?)
- “The lights stayed on”
- The new Bylaws came into effect

Now What?

- “Empowered Community”
 - Exercising its review and rejection rights under the new Bylaws
 - Rights exercised via Community members through their respective Supporting Organization or AC
- Process is managed by new Community led Organisation:
“Empowered Community Administration” (ECA)

Empowered Community Administration (ECA)

- One member appointed by each Supporting Organization and Advisory Committee
- GAC also has a seat at the table
- I represent the ccNSO on the ECA
- ECA manages the exercise of “Community Powers”

Enhanced Community Powers

- The new ICANN Bylaws invest in the Community a suite of powers that may be exercised as a check on the ICANN Board:
 - Approval Actions
 - Rejection Actions
 - Removal of Individual Board members (and the entire Board)
 - Initiate mediation, Community Independent Review Process (IRP), or a reconsideration request

Approval Actions

- Approval Actions
 - Fundamental Bylaws Amendments
 - Articles of Incorporation Amendments
 - Asset Sales
- We have one coming up at ICANN 59

Rejection Actions

- ICANN Budgets
- IANA Budgets
- Operating Plans
- Strategic Plans
- Standard Bylaw Amendments
- PTI (IANA) Governance Actions
- IFR Recommendation Decisions
- Special IFR Recommendation Decisions
- SCWG Creation Decisions
- SCWG Recommendation Decisions

Our Focus...

- Rejection Actions
 - IANA Budget
 - ICANN Budget
 - Operating Plans
 - Strategic Plans

Rejection Actions Procedure

- Begins with delivery of “Board Notice for a Rejection Action” to ECA and Decisional Participants (all SO/AC)
- This triggers 21 day “Rejection Action Petition Period”
- SO/ACs then notify their members and await filings of “Rejection Action Petition” notices from their members
- No filings, no Problem
- If a Community member files a formal objection...

Rejection Action Petition...

- SO/AC receiving a Petition reviews it:
 - Does it have appropriate rationale?
- SO/AC Accepts or Rejects the Petition
- Upon Acceptance, ECA is notified and they in turn schedule teleconference (optional) and/or public forum (required)
- Other SO/ACs are notified

Rejection Action Petition...

- 7 Day period for other SO/ACs to express support for the Rejection Action Petition (“Rejection Action Petition Support Period”)
- Lack of support from at least one other SO/AC terminates the Rejection Action Petition
- If the petition receives additional SO/AC support...

Rejection Action Petition...

- ECA holds Public Forum...
- 21 Day “Rejection Action Decision Period” during which each SO/AC needs to notify the ECA of their position with respect to the Rejection Action Petition
- ECA notifies ICANN of the position of the Community upon the expiry of the Rejection Action Decision Period.

Questions?