



Hi, my name is Sean Copeland. I am the technical liaison for the registry. Beyond regular technical functions, as a liaison, I explain DNS to users who may not have a strong technical background. This is a bit of an odd career for someone with a background in History, Political Science, Psychology and Canadian Studies. Fortunately, in university, my work-study was at an early internet node at Simon Fraser University. Before that, I grew up with a mini-computer and punch cards in our house. In other words, I have always been around computers in one form or another.

Several years ago, Dotty, my friend and ccTLD manager for .VI, asked if I would take on a more active role on behalf of the registry. In particular, this would mean partaking in functions outside of day to day technical operations on behalf of the registry. Something I was only too happy to do.

Recently I was asked if I would be willing to serve on the council. I was surprised since I have only been more active in the last few years. I want to thank Pablo Rodriguez for the nomination and Stephen Deerhake for seconding it. Stepping into a position held by Byron are pretty big shoes to fill, and it's an honour my peers feel I am capable of doing so.

Currently, I participate in several working groups within the ccNSO; Guidelines Review Committee, Meetings Programme Standing Committee, PDP Retirement Working Group, PDP-Review Mechanism, Strategic and Operational Planning Standing Committee, and the Internet Governance Liaison Committee.

My path to the ccNSO began in the 1990s when I met my friend, business partner and mentor Peter de Blanc. I learned of this body coming together for internet governance and found it to be an intriguing concept. The concept of a ground-up entity made it all that more interesting.

I would not recognize the actual power of this type of structure until a few years later. I found myself the Strategic Chair and later President of a non-partisan community grassroots group. We caused our federal government to follow the law between intense lobbying and pointing out the law's actual text. As a result, our local hospital remained open, and the community claimed its voice. Grassroots. Think about that.

For me, then, I see our structure as a benefit to the internet community. I am very interested in working with my fellow councillors, the community at large, and the secretariat to help strengthen the ccNSO and the structure we have here.

My experience with the community group, having my own company focused on providing a blockchain visibility solution in the supply chain, and serving on a public company board as an outside director can benefit the ccTLD community. As a smaller ccTLD, I would also hope to continue a strong tradition of more ccTLD's stepping up.