Nomination and Election Report Council Nominations and Elections to ccNSO Council 2014

16 December 2013

1) Background

The nominations and elections of the ccNSO Council members, which are taking seat in March 2014, started in October and ended in December 2013.

Gabriella Schittek was appointed Nomination- and Election manager on 10 September 2013 (see http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/minutescouncil-10sep13-en.pdf, page 3-4).

The timeline was set according to the ccNSO guidelines (see http://www.ccnso.icann.org/about/guidelines-ccnso-council-election-procedure-08may08en.pdf, page 2), however, the starting time was set somewhat later than foreseen in the guidelines, so that a Q&A session with any possible candidates could be arranged during the ICANN meeting in Buenos Aires (17 – 22 November 2013).

The timeline was confirmed by the ccNSO Council on 10 September 2013 (see http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/minutescouncil-10sep13-en.pdf page 3).

The Councillors whose terms expire in 2014 are:

African Region: Souleymane Oumtanaga, .ci
Asia-Pacific Region: Hiro Hotta, .jp
European Region: Roelof Meijer, .nl
Latin American and Caribbean Region: Victor Abboud, .ec
North American Region: Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi

2) Call for Nominations 14 October – 4 November 2013

The call for nominations to the ccNSO Council was launched on 14 October 2013 00:00 UTC and ended on 4 November 2013 00:00 UTC.

At the close of the call the following nominations were received:

African Region

Souleymane Oumtanaga, .ci Nominated by Vika Mpisane, .za on 14 October 2013, Sanou Serge, .bf on 16 October 2013 and Ali Hadji Mmadi on 23 October 2013, seconded by Paulos Nyirenda, .mw 16 October 2013.

A nomination for Souleymane Oumtanaga by Vika Mpisane was received and archived on 12 October 2013. However, as this nomination was submitted before the start of the nomination period, it was considered invalid. Vika Mpisane was informed and asked to re-submit his nomination, which was done on 14 October 2013.

Chris Tshimanga, .cd Nominated by Eddy Kayihura on 26 October 2013 and Annabel Kangombe, .zm on 26 October 2013, seconded by Toilem Godwin, .ke on 30 October 2013 and by Felix Ndayirukiye, .bi on 4 November 2013 (past deadline).

The form with the nomination of Chris Tshimanga, submitted by Eddy Kayihura on 26 October 2013, lacked information on the affiliation of the nominator and is therefore not considered valid.

The secondment by Toilem Godwin was submitted in html and is therefore not fully readable in the archives. However, as the form received via email to the election manager was readable and correctly filled in, it is considered valid.

The secondment by Felix Ndayirukiye was received a few hours after the official deadline (4 November 00:00 UTC) and is therefore not valid.

Asia-Pacific Region

Hiro Hotta, .jp Nominated by Keith Davidson, .nz on 21 October 2013, seconded by Yuri Takamatsu, .jp on 31 October 2013.

European Region

Roelof Meijer, .nl Nominated by Lesley Cowley, .uk on 15 October 2013, seconded by Hilde Thunem, .no on 25 October 2013.

Nigel Roberts, .gg & .je Nominated by Katrina Sataki, .lv on 16 October 2013, seconded by Isak Jacobsen, .fo on 16 October 2013.

Latin American and Caribbean Region

Victor Abboud, .ec Nominated by Demi Getschko, .br on 15 October 2013, seconded by Eduardo Santoyo, .co on 15 October 2013.

North American Region

No candidate was nominated to the North American Region during the first call for Nominations.

The Nomination Archive is available at http://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-nominations/

2.1) First Extended Nomination Period for North American Region 6 November – 9 November 2013

As no nomination to the North American Region was received within the set nomination period, the ccNSO Council agreed per email list on 5 November 2013 to extend the nomination timeline for the North American Region until 9 November 2013 00:00 UTC.

Within this period *Dotty Sparks de Blanc,* .vi received a nomination from Becky Burr, .us on 6 November 2013.

However, the nomination was not seconded.

2.2) Second Extended Nomination Period for North American Region

As there was no valid nomination for the North American Region by the set timeline for the Extended Nomination Period, the nomination period was extended for the North American Region for a second round until 13 November 2013 00:00 UTC.

Within this period, Dotty Sparks de Blanc's nomination was seconded by Byron Holland, .ca on 12 November 2013.

3) Election Period for the African and European Regions 29 November – 13 December 2012

As two candidates in the African and European regions were fully nominated, elections needed to be held in these regions.

The candidates were invited to submit campaign statements to the ccNSO members email list, starting 11 November 2013. A Q&A session was also organised during the ccNSO meeting in Buenos Aires, on 19 November 2013, in order to present themselves and reply to questions from the membership.

The ccNSO members of the African and European regions were encouraged per email (25 November 2013) to control who their ccNSO primary contact is, so that they would know where the ballot would be delivered.

The elections started on 29 October 00:01 UTC and ended on 13 December 23:59 UTC.

Voting ballots were sent to the primary contact listed in the ccNSO database to all member registries in the African and Europeans regions.

By closure on 13 November 2013, 20 out of 32 eligible registries had cast a vote in the African Region. 31 out of 38 eligible registries had cast a vote in the European region, which means that the quorum was reached, as required by the ICANN bylaws (see http://www.icann.org/en/general/bylaws.htm, section 4, paragraph 9).

.ee (Estonia) joined the ccNSO after the start of the Nomination period and was therefore not eligible to participate in the elections, according to the ccNSO Council Election Procedure (ccnso.icann.org/about/guidelines-ccnso-council-election-procedure-08may08en.pdf).

Souleymane Oumtanaga received 19 votes, Chris Tshimanga received 1 vote.
Roelof Meijer received 15 votes, Nigel Roberts received 16 votes.

Souleymane Oumtanaga has therewith been re-elected to serve on the ccNSO Council for a three-year period.

Nigel Roberts was elected to serve on the ccNSO council for a three-year period.

4) Irregularities

4.1 Ballots

The election manager received a few messages from members of both regions, reporting that their electronic ballots had not been received.

According to the voting tool used, all ballots had reached their destination in the cases queries were made.

In most cases, the members did not know who their primary contact was, and were not aware what address the ballot had been posted to. In some cases, the ballot was found in the spam box.

5) Final Results of Nominations and Elections to ccNSO Council

The end results of the nominations and elections to the ccNSO Council are as follows:

African Region

Souleymane Oumtanaga, .ci

Asia-Pacific Region

Hiro Hotta, .jp

European Region

Nigel Roberts, .gg & .je

Latin American and Caribbean Region

Victor Abboud, .ec

North American Region

Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi

The Councillors will take seat at the end of the ccNSO Council Meeting in Singapore on 26 March 2014.