ICANN Board Member Nominee, 2019

Calvin Scott Browne

Dear ccNSO member,

I would be honoured to serve as an ICANN Board Member nominated by the ccNSO. I would like to thank my nominators, Mozambique (.MZ) and Lithuania (.LT). As such, I am asking you to cast your ccTLD’s vote in the ccNSO’s ICANN Board Member election for Calvin Scott Browne. Some of the reasons for my candidacy are:

• I understand the history of the ccNSO, ICANN it’s evolution.
• I have a solid financial and board background in both the non-profit and for profit side of the DNS industry.
• I have a reasonably deep technical knowledge of the DNS and its surrounds.
• I am able to tie it all together with a ‘Global South/Development’ mindset.

My involvement in Open Systems and Networking started in 1994, when I got involved in UniForum SA, a Unix user group, whilst undertaking my Accounting articles.

UniForum SA was tasked managing the co.za domain registrations in 1997, and I was involved as the Financial Director, as well as playing a major part in the Technical, Policy and Operations.

Since ICANN 1 in Singapore, in March 1999, I have been involved in the ICANN process. In the beginning, I was involved in the ccTLD constituency of the DNSO, and was involved in the subsequent creation of the ccNSO.

I was a founding member of the initial PIR advisory board, was the main organiser of the Cape Town ICANN meeting, and on the organising committee of the Durban ICANN meeting.

My last involvement in the ICANN process was as a member of the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team, meeting part of the affirmation of commitments, addressing competition, consumer protection, security, stability and resiliency, malicious abuse issues, sovereignty concerns, and rights protection issues.

I was involved with the team that successfully applied for and created the .Africa gTLD registry. In the last round. Most recently, I played a key part in achieving ICANN accreditation for a fully African owned and operated gTLD registrar.

Additionally, I was involved in the creation of ISOC-ZA, along with being twice it’s national Chairperson.

Aside from my family, being both a husband to my dear wife, and father to two exceptional daughters, I’ve been known to run a marathon or two. In this vein, I have also been (co) Event Director of our local parkrun, a free timed, volunteer driven community event playing host to some 500-1200 weekly walkers and runners in our local community.
Statement of Interests and Affirmation regarding Conflicts of Interest Policy

Name: Calvin Scott Browne
Citizenship: South African
Primary Residence: Johannesburg, South Africa

1. Current vocation, employer and position:

Director, Domain Name Services (Pty) Ltd

2. Type of work performed in 1 above and declaration of relationships with entities holding a Financial (or declarable) Interest in ICANN:


3. Identify any financial ownership or senior management/leadership interest in registries, registrars or other firms that are interested parties in ICANN policy or any entity with which ICANN has a transaction, contract, or other arrangement:

Director and Shareholder: Domain Name Services (Pty) Ltd.
Shareholder: DNS Africa Ltd, A back end provider to .africa, and an ICANN approved Registrar.
Non-exec Director: Island Netword Group of Companies, a ccTLD registry operator.

4. Were you, or a company you work for:
   • An applicant for a new gTLD?
   • Providing advice to any new gTLD applicants?
   • Otherwise involved in an application submitted for the New gTLD Program, such as providing service in support of an applicant or having a financial interest in an applicant?
If your answer is yes to any of the above, please identify the interest you have in the application submitted for the New gTLD Program.

See answer to 3 above.

5. Identify any type of commercial interest in ICANN policy development outcomes. Do you represent other parties in any PDP or other ICANN related processes?

Other than my previous answers, No.

6. Geographic Region associated with the domicile of volunteer (Africa, North America, Latin America/Caribbean, Asia/Australia/Pacific and Europe):

Africa.

7. Stakeholder Group(s) AC’s or SO’s in which I volunteer or currently participate within ICANN:

Registry, Registrar and ccNSO events.