

ccNSO Council Statement: Fundamental Bylaws Amendment Proposal – IANA Naming Function Review

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The ccNSO Council respectfully urges the amendment of the ICANN Bylaws as proposed. Experience has shown again and again that the pool of experienced and skilled candidates for IANA Naming Function review is very limited. With the declining number of non-ccNSO members and the limited interest of non-ccNSO member ccTLDs in ICANN (related) affairs, it has proved difficult to find a non-ccNSO member representative to the IFR team.

Furthermore, when evaluating applications, the ccNSO and ccNSO Council have always strived to select the best professionals regardless of their membership status in the ccNSO. For example, the ccNSO appointed co-chair of the CCWG-Stewardship was a representative of a non-ccNSO member at the time.

The ccNSO Council believes that when it comes to appoint candidates to IFR team and/or any other important tasks/committees/working groups, applicants from ccTLDs should be treated equally and be assessed on the basis of their professional qualifications and not of their membership status in the ccNSO.

On behalf of the ccNSO Council,

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