

GNSO Activity Brief for ccNSO Council

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Most recent GNSO Council Meeting: 20 September 2017

COUNCIL VOTE – Review of all Rights Protection Mechanisms in all gTLDs data request

The Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs PDP Working Group has identified a need for data, specifically related to the Sunrise Registration and Trademark Claims Period RPMs. It submitted a Data and Metrics for Policy Making (DMPM) request to the GNSO Council on 7 September 2017.

Here the Council will review the Working Group's request for budget and resources needed to perform all the data collection tasks the group has identified as crucial to its review of these two RPMs, and vote on whether to approve the request.

Council approved the request on provision that the RPM PDP works with internal or outside experts to ensure that data collected has value and relevance as well as works with appropriate ICANN staff for the necessary budgetary and resource approvals.

The full text of the motion can be found at:

<https://community.icann.org/display/gnsocouncilmeetings/Motions+20+September+2017>

COUNCIL VOTE – Cross Community Working Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names

On 26 March 2014, the GNSO Council approved the charter for the Cross Community Working Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names (CWG-UCTN). The purpose of the CWG-UCTN was to assess the feasibility of developing a harmonized framework for the use of country and territory names that could be applicable across the respective Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees.

On 24 February, the CWG-UCTN published its Interim Report for public comment. While the CWG-UCTN considered two and three-character country codes, it was determined that consensus was not feasible; the group did not consider full country and territory names. The CWG-UCTN therefore recommended that the CWG be closed, that policy efforts within the community should be consolidated, and that future work must be fully inclusive of the community.

Here, the Council will consider a motion to adopt Recommendations 1, 2, and 4 of the Final Report, as well as the underlying objective of Recommendation 3, supporting Alternative A in particular.

The motion was passed by acclamation.

The full text of the motion can be found at:

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Item 6. COUNCIL VOTE – GNSO members for the ICANN Accountability and Transparency (ATRT3) Review Team

On 31 January, ICANN [published](#) a call for volunteers for the Third Review of ICANN Accountability and Transparency (ATRT3). Under the new ICANN [Bylaws](#), each SO/AC has an opportunity to nominate up to seven applicants to serve on the Review Team. The GNSO Council tasked the Standing Selection Committee (SSC) with the review process, considering the applicant's expertise, as well as geographic and gender diversity.

The GNSO received nine applications requesting GNSO endorsement, available here:

<https://community.icann.org/x/qw0hB>. The SSC has reviewed the applicants and on 13 September

2017 has submitted its proposed slate of nominees for GNSO endorsement. They are; Brian Cute (RySG), Wolfgang Kleinwächter (NCSG), Stéphane Van Gelder (RySG) as its primary three candidates.

Additional candidates should there be a need to fill places in the ATRT3 are, in ranked order: Tatiana Tropina (NCSG), Michael Karanicolas (NCSG), Adetola Sogbesan (BC), and Erica Varlese (RySG). The motion passed by acclamation.

The full text of the motion can be found at:

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COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Revised GNSO Operating Procedures and ICANN Bylaws

On 27 May 2016, the ICANN Board [adopted](#) a set of new ICANN Bylaws which became effective upon the expiration the IANA Functions Contract between ICANN and NTIA. The GNSO Council [established](#) a Drafting Team to identify all the new or additional rights and responsibilities that the GNSO has under the revised Bylaws. On 12 October 2016, the Drafting Team [submitted its Final Report](#) to the GNSO Council.

On 01 December 2016, the GNSO Council [accepted](#) the recommendations in the Drafting Team's Final Report and directed staff to draft proposed language for any necessary modifications or additions to the GNSO Operating Procedures and those parts of the ICANN Bylaws pertaining to the GNSO.

On 19 June 2017, ICANN staff [published](#) its proposed changes to the GNSO Operating Procedures and ICANN Bylaws to implement the DT recommendations for public comment. Public comment closed on 10 August 2017 and staff published the [Report of Public Comments](#).

Council reviewed the document and felt the need for more time to review the changes. They will reconsider in their October meeting.

A link to the 19 June report can be found here: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/gnso-op-procedures-2017-06-19-en>

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Community gTLD Change Request Process

ICANN received requests, including from fTLD, to amend Specification 12 of their Registry Agreements. ICANN has denied the requests, stating in part that they are not currently in a position to approve requests to amend community restrictions in Specification 12 of the New gTLD Registry Agreement.

The fTLD was told that ICANN could not consider the requested changes because there was no community-developed/supported process to enable them to do so. As a result, ICANN asked fTLD if it would help lead the way in creating a Community gTLD Change Request process. fTLD agreed to undertake this effort and formed a working group comprised of fTLD and several community-based Registry Operators and New gTLD Applicants to develop a draft Community gTLD Change Request process. The working group's current draft includes input from the RySG. The working group has also been working closely with ICANN's GDD team.

Council heard a presentation from Craig Schwartz on the topic and decided to revisit the topic in October after consultation with the different communities.

The next meeting of the GNSO Council will be on 12 October 2017 at 12:00 UCT.