

Informal interaction with Board members

Date: 12 April 2024

To: Nigel Roberts, ccNSO community member

Dear Nigel,

I am sorry to have to raise this with you directly however the ccNSO Council recently received a complaint letter¹ from Katrina and Patricio where they state the following:

START OF QUOTE *“we were unpleasantly surprised that during the Public Forum, Nigel Roberts referred to our informal meeting on Wednesday, 6 March, and stated the following:*

“From comments made in the ccNSO meeting with a number of Board representatives yesterday, it seems to me the Board may be under the impression that it might have the ability to delay indefinitely approved policy that has been formally conveyed to the Board in accordance with paragraph 13 of Annex B of the ICANN Bylaws”

We fully understand that it is impossible to avoid misunderstanding and misinterpretation of various statements and comments made during any interaction. However, we believed we had a common agreement that during informal exchanges Board members openly share their personal opinion and that whatever is being said during those informal meetings would not be interpreted as the official position of the Board. Therefore, we were saddened to hear that our comments were not only misinterpreted but also attributed to the full Board.” END OF QUOTE

From the session recordings these statements would appear to be correct, and it seems an apology may be in order. However I would also be interested in your perspective in order that I may respond appropriately to Katrina and Patricio.

As you will appreciate, the ccNSO community greatly values these informal interactions with our Board reps. We would very much like to be able to continue with them if at all possible.

I look forward to hearing from you by Thursday 25 of April.

On behalf of the ccNSO Council,

Alejandra Reynoso
Chair of the ccNSO Council

¹ <https://ccnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/field-attached/sataki-poblete-to-reynoso-24mar24-en.pdf>