

Report ccNSO Council Regular Election

31 October 2016

Background

In March 2017, at ICANN58 in Copenhagen (11 and 16 March 2017), the 3-year term of 5 ccNSO Councillors (one from each region) ends. The councillors of whom their term expires, are:

Africa: Souleymane Oumtanaga

Asia-Pacific: Hirofumi Hotta

Europe: Nigel Roberts

Latin America/Caribbean: Alejandra Reynoso

North America: Stephen Deerhake

For all 5 seats a call for nominations was conducted. The period for nominations and secondments started on Thursday 29 September 2015, 00.00 UTC and ended on Thursday 20 October 2015, 23.59 UTC.

The timeline of the launch of the nomination period was defined following the [ccNSO Rules and Guidelines](#) and was approved by the ccNSO Council on 1 September 2016, taking into consideration the fact that ccNSO members have a possibility to ask direct question to the candidate(s) at the upcoming ccNSO members meeting in Hyderabad (ICANN57, 6 and 7 November 2016). Joke Braeken was appointed Election Manager at the [ccNSO Council Telephone Conference on 1 September 2016](#). The applicable [ccNSO Rules and Guidelines](#) however specify the following: *“The ccNSO Council shall appoint the Election Manager and establish the time line for nomination and election of ccNSO Councillors by members, no later than 1 August of each year.”*

Launch of Nomination Period

In accordance with the approved timeline, the nomination period was launched on 29 September 2015, 00.00 UTC. The call for nominations was [posted on the ccNSO website on 29 September 2016](#), and shared on the same day with the ccnsso-members@icann.org and ccnsocouncil@icann.org mailing lists.

Close of Nomination Period

In accordance with the approved timeline, the nomination period closed on Thursday 20 October 2015, 23.59 UTC.

Nomination Results

The nomination archives can be found at: <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnsso-nominations/>
At the close of the call, the following nominations and secondments were received, per geographical region:

AFRICA

On 17 October 2016, Souleymane Oumtanaga was nominated by Ali Hadji Mmadi (.km). This nomination was seconded by Alex Corenthin (.sn) on 18 October 2016, and by Sanou Serge Roland (.bf) that same day, on 18 October 2016. On 17 October 2016, Abdalla Omari was self-nominated by Abdalla Omari (.ke). This nomination was seconded by Dr Paulos Nyirenda (.mw)

ASIA-PACIFIC

On 18 October 2016, Hiro Hotta was nominated by Minjung Park (.kr), and by Debbie Monahan (.nz). The nomination by Minjung Park with Hiro Hotta as nominee was seconded on 18 October 2016 by Debbie Monahan (.nz).

Hirofumi Hotta was nominated on 6 October 2016 by Young-eum Lee, who did not specify the ccTLD of the nominator in the nomination template sent to ccnso-nominations@icann.org. Moreover, this nomination was not confirmed, and therefore does not appear in the ccNSO Council nomination [archives](#).

EUROPE

Nigel Roberts was nominated by Peter Vergote (.be) on 03 October 2016. This nomination was seconded by Daiva Tamulioniene (.lt) on 05 October 2016. No other nominations or secondments were received.

LATIN AMERICA/CARIBBEAN

On 10 October 2016, Alejandra Reynoso Barral was nominated by Rafael Ibarra (.sv). The nomination was seconded by Ignacio Velázquez Guachire (.py) on 10 October, and by Eduardo Santoyo (.co) on 11 October 2016. The secondment by Jesús Rivera (.ve), sent on 11 October, was not confirmed, and therefore does not appear in the archives located under <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-nominations/>. Reminders were sent by the Election Manager to the e-mail address of the seconder, with a reminder to click on the link in the automated email to confirm the secondment. However, no follow-up was made by the seconder.

Alejandra Reynoso was nominated twice by Demi Getschko (.br) on 11 October 2016. The first nomination that day was sent to ccnso-boardnominations@icann.org, instead of ccnso-nominations@icann.org, and is archived under <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-boardnominations/> instead of under <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-nominations/>. Both nominations by Demi Getschko do not specify the region of the nominator, only the ccTLD of the nominator.

NORTH AMERICA

On 16 October 2016, Stephen Deerhake was nominated by Dotty Sparks de Blanc (.vi). There was one prior nomination by Dotty Sparks de Blanc (.vi), who nominated Stephen Deerhake on 9 October 2016. However, nominators receive an automated email after having sent their template to ccnso-nominations@icann.org, with a link that needs to be clicked to confirm the nomination. The 9 October nomination was never confirmed, despite follow up by the election manager.

The 16 October nomination by Dotty Sparcs de Blanc, who nominated Stephen Deerhake, was seconded by Becky Burr (.us) on 17 October. This secondment template was sent to ccnso-boardnominations@icann.org, and ccnso-nominations@icann.org at the same time. Seconders receive an automated email after having sent their template to those e-mail addresses, with a link that needs to be clicked to confirm the nomination. Only the e-mail sent to ccnso-boardnominations@icann.org was confirmed, and therefore this secondment is archived under <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-boardnominations/> instead of under <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-nominations/>.

Previous secondments sent on 11 and 13 October by Becky Burr (.us) for nominee Stephen Deerhake were correctly archived under <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-nominations/>, but mentioned the wrong TLD of the seconder (.vi instead of .us)

Issues

Issue 1: non-confirmed nominations/secondments

Some nominations and secondments were not confirmed, and therefore do not appear in the nomination archives <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-nominations/>

Nominators/Seconders receive an automated email after having sent their template to ccnso-nominations@icann.org, with a link that needs to be clicked to confirm the nomination/secondment.

Non-confirmed nomination:

- Nomination sent by Young-eum Lee to nominate Hirofumi Hotta
Reminders were sent by the Election Manager to the e-mail address of the nominator, to click on the link in the automated email to confirm the nomination. However, no follow-up was made by the nominator.

Non-confirmed secondment:

- The 16 October nomination by Dotty Sparcs de Blanc, who nominated Stephen Deerhake, was seconded by Becky Burr (.us) on 17 October. This secondment template was sent to ccnso-boardnominations@icann.org, and ccnso-nominations@icann.org at the same time. Seconders receive an automated email after having sent their template to those e-mail addresses, with a link that needs to be clicked to confirm the nomination. Only the e-mail sent to ccnso-boardnominations@icann.org was confirmed, and therefore this secondment is archived under <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-boardnominations/> instead of under <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-nominations/>.
- The secondment by Jesús Rivera (.ve) on 11 October 2016 for the nomination sent by Rafael Ibarra (.sv) was not confirmed, and therefore does not appear in the archives located under <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-nominations/>.

Advice:

To avoid the issue of submitted non-confirmed nominations and secondments in the future, suggested is to re-write the automated e-mail that is being generated when sending an e-mail (or potentially a web form that submits an email) to ccnso-boardnominations@icann.org, and ccnso-nominations@icann.org. Clearer language could avoid this important email being disregarded.

Issue 2: different archive

1 nomination (sent by Demi Getschko, .br on 11 October 2016) and 1 secondment (sent by Becky Burr, .us on 17 October 2016) ended up in the archive under <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-boardnominations/> instead of under <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-nominations/>, because templates were sent to ccnso-boardnominations@icann.org, instead of to ccnso-nominations@icann.org.

Advice:

In order to avoid this type of confusion, and nominations/secondments ending up in the wrong archive, suggested is to prepare 2 web forms for future nomination rounds. ccNSO Members can fill out the web form and submit their nominations/secondments online, similar to the web form for the travel funding application.

These forms, one for the nominations and secondments of Board seat 11/12 and one for the Nominations/Secondments of the ccNSO council, will only be accessible during the nomination period itself.

Using web forms will avoid confusion regarding which address to send nominations/secondments to, since the technology behind the web form will decide where to send the data to. The archives behind the web form will remain separate: <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-boardnominations/> for Board seat 11, and <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-nominations/> for the council nominations/elections. Moreover, there will be more consistency in the data submitted, since the web form has a predefined format, and the template cannot be altered, unlike for the e-mail templates.

Issue 3: missing data

Nomination and secondment templates require the nominator and the seconder to specify both the TLD of the nominator, and the region of the nominator. On various occasions, either one of the data was missing or wrong.

- Secondments sent on 11 and 13 October by Becky Burr (.us) for nominee Stephen Deerhake mentioned the wrong TLD of the seconder (.vi instead of .us)
- The non-confirmed nomination sent by Young-eum Lee, nominating Hirofumi Hotta, did not specify the ccTLD of the nominator.
- Debbie Monahan sent 2 secondment templates on 18 October. One of them did not specify the region of the seconder. The other template was complete.

Some secondment templates also specify the full name of the nominator whose candidate is being seconded, e.g. the secondment sent by Daiva Tamulioniene (.lt) sent on 05 October 2016. However, the secondment template used by Eduardo Santoyo (.co) had a slightly different layout, and did not specify the full name of the nominator whose candidate is being seconded.

Advice:

The council is advised to request the Guideline Review committee and the secretariat to review the templates for nominations and secondment as part of a review of the ccNSO Council Election Guideline, and propose a final clear version. The templates can then be turned into web forms.

Issue 4: self-nomination

On 17 October 2016, Mr. Abdalla Omari was self-nominated. This nomination was seconded by Dr. Paulos Nyirenda (.mw)

Even though self-nominations are not explicitly excluded under the Bylaws or the applicable [ccNSO Rules and Guidelines](#), it is the understanding of the Election managers that non-acceptance of self-nomination has been an accepted principle. Mr. Omari was informed about this by the Election Manager. The matter was resolved in practical terms with the nomination of Mr. Omari for the special Council Election.

Advice:

To be clear for future elections and Board nominations, the ccNSO Council is advised to request the Guideline Review Committee to include a principle with respect to self-nominations (either way) in the ccNSO Council Elections Guideline.

Issue 5: timing of Council Elections

According to Article 10.4 (g) (was Article IX, section 4.7) of [the ICANN Bylaws](#), the end of the regular term of a Council member is at the end ICANNs annual meeting. Assuming Annual Meetings of ICANN are held late October, early November (see ICANN calendar) the time line as prescribed in the ICANN Bylaws is at odds with the actual timeline for the Council elections since the creation of the ccNSO.

Advice:

The ccNSO Council is advised to request the Guideline Review Committee to look-into the matter of discrepancy between the [actual terms](#) and the term as described in [the ICANN Bylaws](#), and advise Council whether or not to change future election dates to align them with the ICANN Bylaws, or for practical reasons, leave it “as is”. Following this GRC advise to the ccNSO Council, the ccNSO Council Election Guideline is to be adjusted as well.

Acceptance Nominations

In accordance to the applicable rules, the following candidates were nominated, seconded and have accepted their Nomination for the regular council election:

Africa: Souleymane Oumtanaga

Asia-Pacific: Hirofumi Hotta

Europe: Nigel Roberts

Latin America/Caribbean: Alejandra Reynoso

North America: Stephen Deerhake

Conclusion

As per region only one candidate received a nomination and was seconded within the nomination period, no elections need to be held. The appointment will be the subject of a vote by the Council members at the upcoming Council meeting at the occasion of ICANN57 in Hyderabad, on 7 November 2016.