The Empowered Community: What it means...

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Background

• US Government completed turnover of Root Zone responsibility without incident at 30 September 2016 at 23:59 (LA time?)

• “The lights stayed on”

• The new Bylaws came into effect
Now What?

• “Empowered Community”
  
  • Exercising its review and rejection rights under the new Bylaws
  
  • Rights exercised via Community members through their respective Supporting Organization or AC
  
• Process is managed by new Community led Organisation:
  
  “Empowered Community Administration” (ECA)
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- One member appointed by each Supporting Organization and Advisory Committee
- GAC also has a seat at the table
- I represent the ccNSO on the ECA
- ECA manages the exercise of “Community Powers”
Enhanced Community Powers

• The new ICANN Bylaws invest in the Community a suite of powers that may be exercised as a check on the ICANN Board:

  • Approval Actions
  
  • Rejection Actions
  
  • Removal of Individual Board members (and the entire Board)
  
  • Initiate mediation, Community Independent Review Process (IRP), or a reconsideration request
Approval Actions

• Approval Actions
  • Fundamental Bylaws Amendments
  • Articles of Incorporation Amendments
  • Asset Sales

• We have one coming up at ICANN 59
Rejection Actions

• ICANN Budgets
• IANA Budgets
• Operating Plans
• Strategic Plans
• Standard Bylaw Amendments
• PTI (IANA) Governance Actions
• IFR Recommendation Decisions
• Special IFR Recommendation Decisions
• SCWG Creation Decisions
• SCWG Recommendation Decisions
Our Focus...

- Rejection Actions
  - IANA Budget
  - ICANN Budget
  - Operating Plans
  - Strategic Plans
Rejection Actions Procedure

• Begins with delivery of “Board Notice for a Rejection Action” to ECA and Decisional Participants (all SO/AC)

• This triggers 21 day “Rejection Action Petition Period”

• SO/ACs then notify their members and await filings of “Rejection Action Petition” notices from their members

• No filings, no Problem

• If a Community member files a formal objection...
Rejection Action Petition...

• SO/AC receiving a Petition reviews it:
  • Does it have appropriate rationale?

• SO/AC Accepts or Rejects the Petition

• Upon Acceptance, ECA is notified and they in turn schedule teleconference (optional) and/or public forum (required)

• Other SO/ACs are notified
Rejection Action Petition...

- 7 Day period for other SO/ACs to express support for the Rejection Action Petition (“Rejection Action Petition Support Period”)

- Lack of support from at least one other SO/AC terminates the Rejection Action Petition

- If the petition receives additional SO/AC support...
Rejection Action Petition...

• ECA holds Public Forum...

• 21 Day “Rejection Action Decision Period” during which each SO/AC needs to notify the ECA of their position with respect to the Rejection Action Petition

• ECA notifies ICANN of the position of the Community upon the expiry of the Rejection Action Decision Period.
Questions?