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Dear Eugenio, Adam and George,

You will recall that during your meeting with the ccNSO members in Wellington we sought clarification on the position of the Nominating Committee regarding statements of interest received from people associated with the ccNSO. We had heard that the view of the Nominating Committee was that given that those associated with the ccNSO had a route to ICANN Board membership through the 2 ccNSO nominated Board seats, it was not appropriate for such people to be nominated to the ICANN Board by the Nominating Committee.

Attempts were made during our discussions to gain clarity on this issue and in the end, I believe, it was agreed that this issue did, indeed, require further clarification.

Some time after our joint session I was approached by Adam Peake who advised me that the position of the Nominating Committee is as follows:

a) if a person lodged a statement of interest for the Board through the Nominating Committee process and that person has previously stood for election to the Board through the ccNSO and not been elected, then the Nominating Committee would probably view this as someone trying to use the Nominating Committee process as a 'second chance' to get on the Board and this would be thought of as inappropriate;

b) if the person was involved in the ccTLD community and had not stood for election through the ccNSO process then their statement of interest to the Nominating Committee would be appropriate and treated in the normal way.

At the ccNSO Council meeting in Wellington, I relayed the above to the Council who resolved that I should write formally to the Nominating Committee requesting confirmation that the position outlined by Adam Peake and set out above is the position of the Nominating Committee.

As I am sure you will appreciate, clarity on this issue is critical in order to allow the ccTLD community to respond properly to your formal call for statements of interest and I look forward to receiving your response as soon as possible.

Regards,
Chris Disspain
Chair - ccNSO