

ccNSO Council Meeting

6 December 2006

Minutes

Attendance

Chris Disspain (Chair)
Ondrej Filip
Slobodan Markovic
Paulos Nyirenda
Eva Frölich
Dotty Sparks de Blanc
Patricio Poblete
Keith Drazek
Hiro Hotta
Victor Ciza
Bart Vastenburger
Oliver Guillard
Young Eum Lee

Apologies

Mohamed El Bashir
Charles Sha'ban
Bernie Turcotte
Oscar Robles-Garay
Eduardo Santoyo

1. Chair and Vice Chair

The terms of current Chair and Vice Chair end at the end of this meeting. Council elections will be held in February, for one position in each Region. The successful candidates will take their place on the Council at the Lisbon meeting.

The Chair will be stepping down and standing for re-election as a member of the ccNSO, the Vice Chair will not be stepping down.

12.01 IT WAS RESOLVED to re-appoint Chris Disspain as the Interim Chair of the Council until the Council elects a new Chair following the elections.

12.02 IT WAS RESOLVED to re-appoint Patricio Poblete as Vice Chair.

2. Forthcoming elections

One Councillor from each region will be stepping down.

Africa—Paulos Nyirenda
AP—Chris Disspain
LAC—Oscar Robles-Garay
EU—Bart Vastenburg
NA—Bernie Turcotte

Towards the end of January there will be a call for nominations.

In accordance with the bylaws any ccNSO member may nominate an individual to serve as a ccNSO Council member representing the ccNSO member's Geographic Region. Nominations must be seconded by another ccNSO member from the same Geographic Region.

Each member can nominate one candidate for election to the ccNSO council and each member can second one candidate.

Candidates need be neither resident in the region nor a citizen of a country within the region in which they stand for election.

Successful candidates will take their seats in Lisbon.

3. IDN Working Group

Current members of the IDN Working Group include Hiro Hotta, Charles Sha'ban, Mohamed El Bashir, Slobodan Markovic, Colin Jackson, Ming-Chen Liang.

Hiro Hotta advised that in addition to the members who had already volunteered to join the group following an invitation from the Chair some months ago, a further two have volunteered at this meeting, those being, Min Park from Korea and Jonathan Shea from Hong Kong. Hiro declined an invitation to be Chair of the Working Group due to other commitments and proposed that Ming-Chen Liang be appointed as Chair of the ccNSO IDN Working Group.

12.03 IT WAS RESOLVED to appoint Ming-Chen Liang as the Chair of the ccNSO IDN Working Group.

The Chair thanked Ming-Chen Liang for accepting this position.

The Chair suggested that the working group consider asking an additional person to join who used a language script currently unrepresented in the working group.

The first step for this working group is to prepare a charter, to be considered by Council and approved by members.

Hiro advised that he is making a presentation in IDN Workshop this afternoon which could form the basis of the charter. He has sent a copy of the presentation for comments.

The Chair advised that at the ccNSO Council/Board breakfast, following discussion on IDNs, Vint Cerf requested a list of questions about ccTLDs and IDN issues. He further advised that on Monday the ccNSO GAC Joint Liaison Group met to talk about better ways to interface during meetings and it was agreed that IDNs will be an important topic for the GAC and ccNSO to discuss at the Lisbon meeting.

Paulos asked if there are any linkages between the ccNSO/IANA Working Group and the IDN Working Group. It was agreed that Olivier would raise this as an issue with the IANA group.

4. Regions Working Group

It was agreed that a working group be established to prepare a paper on the issue of ICANN regions and how they affect ccTLDs. The Chair proposed that David Archbold be appointed as Chair of the Regions Working Group and a call for volunteers be sent to the ccNSO and wwTLD lists.

12.04 IT WAS RESOLVED to appoint David Archbold as the Chair of the ccNSO Regions Working Group and a call for volunteers be sent to the ccNSO and wwTLD lists.

5. Thank you Eva and welcome Becky

The Chair advised that Eva Frölich steps down at the end of the meeting as her term as a Nominating Committee appointee on the Council ends.

12.05 IT WAS RESOLVED that Eva be thanked for her considerable contribution to the ccNSO.

This resolution was passed by acclamation.

Dotty added that Eva is an extremely hard worker and dogged in her determination and did a great job in taking the ccNSO forward.

Eva responded that it has been a pleasure to be on the Council and she had tried to do her best. She noted that she will still be around ICANN meetings but will be moving more in the G space. Eva welcomed her successor to the Council.

The Chair advised that Becky Burr will be joining the Council as a Nominating Committee appointee at the end of the meeting and welcomed Becky to the Council.

6. Acknowledge regional liaisons

Under the bylaws each region appoints liaisons to the ccNSO Council. CENTR has appointed Peter Van Roste, LACTLD has appointed Margarita Valdez and the APTLD has appointed Don Hollander. The liaisons were welcomed to the Council.

7. Close Budget and Fee Apportionment Working groups

As the Budget Advisory and Fee Apportionment Working Groups have now concluded their work it is proposed that both working groups be formally closed.

12.06 IT WAS RESOLVED to formally close the Budget Working Group and the Fee Apportionment Working Group.

8. Secretariat

In Marrakesh the Council agreed, for the time being, not to have a formal independent Secretariat. It was also agreed that ICANN would be asked to appoint an additional staff member to provide the secretariat services. ICANN has advised that it has appointed Gabriella (Gabi) Kondrat to this role. Gabi is based in Warsaw and will be working from there. The Chair advised that he will post to the list information about Gabi and the job description. Gabi will be doing the sort of things that Glen does for the gNSO and her first job will be to look at the website. Gabi will be at the meeting in Lisbon.

9. IANA Working Group proposal on membership

The ccNSO/IANA Working Group has developed a protocol to allow greater participation by ccTLDs in this group. When the working group was established a rule of appointing two members per region to ensure diversity of participation and limiting the number of participants to 10 to get an outcome was engaged. The group currently has 10 members and a protocol has been developed for the community to participate in the working group. The protocol has been sent to the council.

Assuming the protocol is approved by the Council, this will be posted to allow members time to object.

12.07 IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council adopt the protocol on membership developed by the working group and post to the ccNSO members list for objections.

10. Contingency

The Council will be asked by ICANN to provide a point of contact for its contingency plan in the event of corporate failure.

Council agreed that a call for volunteers would be sent to the lists following receipt of a formal request from ICANN outlining the role and the type of person required.

11. New memberships—Norway, Jamaica, Ecuador

The Chair advised that this is the first time that the Council has had the opportunity to approve ccNSO membership applications at a face to face meeting. Applications to join the ccNSO have been received from Norway, Jamaica and Ecuador. Due diligence has been conducted with a report from IANA revealing there are no outstanding issues with any of these ccTLDs.

Voting was conducted on all three applications:

.no—Norway application was passed unanimously

.jm—Jamaica application was passed unanimously

.ec—Ecuador application was passed unanimously

The Chair advised that this brings membership of the ccNSO to 57 as of today, and it would be good to hit 60 by Lisbon.

Other business

A request was made to look at the set up for the next face to face Council meeting. A layout which enabled more integration would be appreciated.

Closed 12.05pm