

Nomination and Election Report Council Nominations and Elections to ccNSO Council 2013

13 November 2012

1) Background

The nominations and elections of the ccNSO Council members, which are taking seat in April 2013, started in September and ended in November 2012.

Gabriella Schittek was appointed Nomination- and Election manager on 27 June 2012 (see <http://prague44.icann.org/meetings/prague2012/minutes-ccnso-council-27jun12-en.pdf>, page 7).

The timeline was set according to the ccNSO guidelines (see <http://www.ccnso.icann.org/about/guidelines-ccnso-council-election-procedure-08may08en.pdf>, page 2), however, the starting time was set somewhat later than foreseen in the guidelines, so that a Q&A session with any possible candidates could be arranged during the ICANN meeting in Toronto (14 – 18 October 2012).

The timeline was confirmed by the ccNSO Council per online approval early September 2012 (see <http://www.ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/minutes-council-28aug12-en.pdf>, page 3).

The Councillors whose terms expire in 2013 are:

African Region: Paulos Nyirenda, .mw

Asia-Pacific Region: Keith Davidson, .nz

European Region: Lesley Cowley, .uk

Latin American and Caribbean Region: Rolando Toledo, .pe

North American Region: Fernando Espana, .us

2) Call for Nominations 10 September – 1 October 2012

The call for nominations to the ccNSO Council was launched on 10 September 2012 and ended on 1 October 2012 00.00 UTC.

At the close of the call the following nominations were received:

African Region

Ntahigiye Abibu, .tz Nominated by Paulos Nyirenda, .mw on 18 September 2012, seconded by Souleymane Oumtanaga, .ci 24 September 2012.

Chris Tshimanga, .cd Nominated by Chris Tshimanga, .cd on 1 October 2012 (outside the nomination period), not seconded.

Serge Roland Sanou, .cd Seconded by Chris Tshimanga, .cd on 1 October 2012 (outside the nomination period), not nominated.

The nomination of Chris Tshimanga and the seconding of Serge Roland Sanou were not considered valid, due to the lack of a seconder and nominator, as well as the submission

outside the nomination period.

Asia-Pacific Region

Keith Davidson, .nz Nominated by Chris Disspain, .au on 10 September 2012, seconded by Hiro Hotta, .jp on 24 September 2012 and Debbie Monahan on 24 September 2012.

Xiantang Sun, .cn Nominated by Jonathan Shea, .hk on 26 September 2012, seconded by Wang Wei, .cn on 28 September 2012.

Wang Wei's seconding on Xiantang Sun did not show in the archives until 3 October 2012, as the form for seconding was not confirmed after being submitted, which is needed to make the seconding visible in the archives. It did, however, reach the election manager on 28 September 2012.

As this was considered being a minor issue, yet important enough to be corrected, Wang Wei was contacted by the election manager and was encouraged to confirm the seconding. As this took place during a major Chinese holiday season, Wang Wei received a four-day deadline (until 4 October 2012) to correct the seconding.

This was done on 3 October 2012 and the nomination of Xiantang Sun was therefore considered valid.

European Region

Lesley Cowley, .uk Nominated by Roelof Meijer, .nl on 11 September 2012, seconded by Annebeth Lange, .no on 14 September 2012.

Latin American and Caribbean Region

Luis Diego Espinoza, .cr Nominated by Rafael Lito Ibarra, .sv on 10 September 2012, seconded by Armnando Jipsion, .pa on 10 September 2012.

North American Region

Becky Burr, .us Nominated by Fernando Espana, .us 25 September 2012, seconded by Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi on 29 September 2012

The Nomination Archive is available at <http://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-nominations/>

3) Election Period for the Asia – Pacific Region 29 October – 12 November 2012

As two candidates from the Asia-Pacific region were fully nominated, elections needed to be held in the Asia-Pacific region.

The candidates were invited to submit campaign statements to the ccNSO members email list, starting 15 October, ending 26 October 2012. A Q&A session was also organised on 17 October 2012 (during the ccNSO meeting in Toronto) to present themselves and reply to questions from the membership.

The ccNSO members of the Asia-Pacific region were encouraged per email (23 October

2012) to control who their primary contact is, so that they would know where the ballot would be delivered.

The elections started on 29 October 00:00 UTC and ended on 12 November 00:00 UTC.

Voting ballots were sent to the primary contact listed in the ccNSO database to all member registries in the Asia-Pacific region.

By closure on 12 November 2012, 23 out of 42 eligible registries had cast a vote, which means that the quorum was reached, as required by the ICANN bylaws (see <http://www.icann.org/en/general/bylaws.htm>, section 4, paragraph 9).

One vote was received after closure of the election period and was therefore considered invalid.

Keith Davidson received 16 votes, Xiantang Sun received 7 votes.

Keith Davidson was therewith re-elected to serve on the ccNSO Council for a three-year period.

4) Irregularities

4.1 Too Early Cast Votes

Some ballots were cast prior to the official start of the election period. The parties concerned were contacted and asked to re-submit the ballot within the election period. This was done.

4.2 Ballot emails

The election manager received several messages from members of the Asia-Pacific region, reporting that the electronic ballots had not been received.

ICANN's technical department was asked to submit the technical data on the delivery of the ballots. According to their checks, all ballots had reached their destination.

In most cases, the members did not know who their primary contact was, and were not aware what address the ballot had been posted to. In some cases, the ballot was found in the spam box. In cases where the ballot still could not be found, the election manager accepted direct email votes from the address listed as primary contact in the ccNSO database, alternatively as administrative contact in the IANA database.

4.3 Technical Issues

The election manager was alerted by ICANN's Technical department on Friday, 9 November 2012 that one email vote sent to tally@icann.org did not get through to the election manager. The reason was that the ballot could not be parsed, as it was sent in html.

The registry was contacted immediately and encouraged to re-send the vote per direct email before the deadline on Monday, 12 November 2012 00:00 UTC.

However, no renewed email vote was received before the end of the election period. A renewed email vote was received on 16 November 2012, but could not be considered valid, due to the long time that had passed since the elections closed.

4.4 Allegations on External Influences on Members Voting Preferences

During the election period, the ccNSO Chair was contacted by a member of the Asia-Pacific region, who noted that they had received an offer from one of the two candidates' registry, which the member considered being improper, as it could suggest where to put their voting preferences.

To meet these allegations, the Chair issued following note:

During the election, I received a complaint from a member which I took advice upon and carefully considered before responding to the member. My response stated that I was confident that the members of the AP region would be able to make their voting selections based on what each candidate would bring to the work of the ccNSO and that those decisions would be made independently, disregarding any external influences on how they might vote.

4.5 Complaints on Lack of Information

The Election Manager was contacted by a member of the Asia-Pacific Region during the Campaign period and asked for additional information on the Asia-Pacific member's contact details and voting behavior.

Based on the current guidelines for the election of council members, the election manager did not provide the requested information.

The complaint was forwarded to the ccNSO Chair and will be brought to the ccNSO Council for further consideration.

5) Final Results of Nominations and Elections to ccNSO Council

The end results of the nominations and elections to the ccNSO Council are as follows:

African Region

Ntahigiye Abibu, .tz

Asia-Pacific Region

Keith Davidson, .nz

European Region

Lesley Cowley, uk

Latin American and Caribbean Region

Luis Diego Espinoza, .co

North American Region

Becky Burr, .us

The Councillors will take seat at the end of the ccNSO Council Meeting in Beijing on 10 April 2012.