

Report on Extraordinary Nomination and Election Period to the ccNSO Council for the European Region

13 November 2012

1) Background

Juhani Juselius, who was elected to serve on the ccNSO Council from March 2012 to March 2015, informed the ccNSO Chair and Secretariat on 30 August 2012, that he wishes to resign from his position as ccNSO Councillor.

Therefore, an extraordinary nomination period had to be initiated for the European region.

As the announcement of Juhani Juselius' resignation came close to the regular ccNSO Council nomination period, it was decided to keep the same timeline (10 September – 1 October 2012), in order to avoid confusion. However, a separate nomination forum and archive were set up (<http://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-extranominations>) to separate the two nominations.

As Gabriella Schitteck was appointed nominations- and election manager for the regular elections, she was also confirmed as nomination and election manager for the extraordinary nominations and elections.

2) Call for Nominations

The call for nominations started on 10 September 2012 at 00.00 UTC and ended on 1 October 2012 at 00.00 UTC.

Katrina Sasaki (.lv) was nominated by Juhani Juselius, .fi on 10 September 2012 and seconded by Annebeth Lange, .no on 10 September. As the form to second a candidate had not been used, the election manager contacted Annebeth Lange and asked to have the seconding re-submitted, using the form. This was done on 13 September 2012.

Andrei Kolesnikov (.ru) was duly nominated by Lesley Cowley, .uk on 14 September 2012 and was seconded by Dmitry Kohmanyuk, .ua on 24 September 2012.

See nomination archives at <http://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-extranominations>

3) Election Period 29 October – 12 November 2012

As two European candidates were fully nominated, elections needed to be held in the European 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 European 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.

One European ccNSO member was not eligible to vote in the elections, as they had become ccNSO members after the nomination period had started (see <http://ccnso.icann.org/about/guidelines-ccnso-council-election-procedure-08may08en.pdf>, section 4).

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 European region.

By closure on 12 November 2012, 19 out of 34 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).

Katrina Sataki received 14 votes, Andrei Kolesnikov received 3 votes; 2 Abstentions.

4) Irregularities

4.1 Too Early Cast Votes

One ballot was cast prior to the official start of the election period. The party concerned was contacted and asked to re-submit the ballot within the election period. This was also done.

4.2 Delivery of Ballots

The election manager received some messages from members of the European 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 cases where the ballot 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 Problems with voting via web-form and Ballots

It was reported in one instance that it was impossible to cast a web-form based vote with the ballot, as an error message was received. However, ICANN's technical department was not able to trace the problem, as their technical checks showed that the ballot went through when testing. The vote was cast directly instead.

The technical checks also displayed that two votes, which had been sent per email, did not get through to the election manager. This was caused by a submission of the ballot in html, instead of plain text. The ballot could not be parsed because of this.

The two parties concerned were contacted and offered to vote per direct email vote. As

one of the parties was contacted at the end of the last business day before the end of the election period, the voting timeline was extended for this party to 12.00 UTC on 12 November 2012. The party concerned did cast a valid vote before that deadline.

5) Final Results of Nominations and Elections to ccNSO Council

Katrina Sataki is appointed as the new ccNSO Councillor for the European Region. She takes seat on the ccNSO Council with immediate effect. Her term expires in March 2015.