

**Election Process Study Group Telephone Conference**  
*25 January 2013*

**Attendees:**

Keith Davidson, .nz  
Katrina Sataki, .lv

**Apologies:**

Young-Eum Lee, .kr  
Sokol Haxhiu, NomCom (dial-out problems)

**Staff:**

Gabriella Schitteck

- Katrina Sataki volunteered to chair the group. Unless anyone objects by Monday, 28 February, she is formally approved as Study Group Chair.
- Those present agreed that there are three main issues that need to be considered:

- 1) Representation
- 2) Guidelines
- 3) Voting Tools
- 4) Other improvements

1) Representation: This issue deals with more "philosophical" questions, such as the need of geographic regions, majority voting, weighted voting, number of Councillors etc. As most of these issues are defined in the ICANN Bylaws, a PDP will most likely have to be done to perform such changes.

However, as dealing with this question may be out of the scope of the Study Group, which was designated to deal with the "Election Process", it was decided that the Study Group Chair is to seek feedback from LesleyCowley. If Lesley concurs to the idea, the Council needs to be asked to agree to broaden the scope of the Study Group.

2) Guidelines: Once the "Representation" issues have been set, the group is to look into what the guidelines say and how they can be improved. A first draft of suggestions to improve the ccNSO Council Election guidelines has already been sent to the group.

3) Voting Tools: The current voting tool causes a lot of problems and does

not reflect the needs of the ccNSO, as outlined in Katrina's paper that was sent to the group prior to the call. Gabriella held a conference call with the ICANN IT department to see whether the list of requirements outlined in Katrina's paper could be met, but there was reluctance to issuing a one-off password. The IT department are to look into whether the members instead can have access to the database, so that they are in charge of updating their own contact details. It is in line with the proposals to make information exchange more efficient.

A follow-up call will be held with the department, once the Study Group has agreed on what kind of tool actually is needed.

4) Other improvements: There are also other suggestions on how the voting process can be made more efficient. One suggestion was to make graphic illustrations on how the voting process works. Another one was to list the name of the ccNSO Primary contact on the ccNSO website (not the contact details).

- Unless someone can't make it, the next call will be held on 1 February 2013 10:00 UTC. Otherwise, a doodle poll will be sent.