Nomination and Election Report Council Nominations and Elections to ccNSO Council 2016

20 November 2015

1) Background

The nominations and elections of the ccNSO Council members, which are taking seat in March 2016, started in September and ended in November 2015.

Gabriella Schittek was appointed Nomination- and Election manager at the ccNSO Council telephone conference on 20 August 2015 (see http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/minutes-council-20aug15-en.pdf, page 5). The suggested timeline for nominations and elections were also approved at the same call.

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)

The Councillors whose terms expire in 2016 are:

African Region: Abibu Ntahigiye, .tz
Asia-Pacific Region: Keith Davidson, .nz
European Region: Lesley Cowley, .uk
Latin American and Caribbean Region: Demi Getschko, .br
North American Region: Becky Burr, .us

2) Call for Nominations 15 September – 6 October 2015

The call for nominations to the ccNSO Council was launched on 15 September 2015 and ended on 6 October 2015.

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

African Region

Ntahigiye Abibu, .tz, nominated by Vika Mpisane, .za, seconded by Abdalla Omari, .ke and Paulos Nyirenda, .mw

Asia-Pacific Region

Debbie Monahan, .nz, nominated by Hiro Hotta, jp, seconded by Minjung Park, .kr and Chris Disspain, .au

European Region

Peter Vergote, .be, nominated by Hilde Thunem, .no, seconded by Andreas Musielak, .de

Giovanni Seppia, .eu, nominated by Daiva Tamulioniene, .lt, seconded by Vaggelis Segredakis, .gr

Latin American and Caribbean Region

Maria Antonieta Chavarria, .cr, nominated by Eduardo Santoyo, .co, seconded by Margarita Valdes, .cl

North American Region

Becky Burr, .us, nominated by Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi and Byron Holland, .ca seconded by Stephen Deerhake, .as

The Nomination Archive is available at http://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-nominations-2015/

All candidates, except Maria Antonieta Chavarria accepted their nomination.

3) Extended Nomination Period for Latin American and Caribbean Region 15 – 30 October 2015

As the nominated and seconded candidate for the Latin American and Caribbean Region did not accept her nomination, the Latin American and Caribbean region had no nominated candidate and the nomination period had to be extended for this region.

After consultations with the ccNSO Council, the period was extended from 15 October to 30 October 2015.

At the end of the extended nomination period on 30 October 2015, following nominations were received:

Demi Getschko, .br, nominated by Eduardo Santoyo, .co, seconded by Luis Furlan, .gt
Erick Iriarte Ahon, .pe, nominated by Rolando Toledo, .pe, seconded by Raquel Isaura, .hn, Rafael Ibarra, .sv and Edna Samudio, .pa

Both candidates accepted their nominations.

4) Election Period for the European Region 5 – 19 November 2015

As two candidates from the European region were fully nominated and both accepted their nomination, elections needed to be held in the European region.

The candidates were invited to submit campaign statements to the ccNSO members email list, starting 13 October, ending 26 October 2015. A Q&A session was also organised on 20 October 2015 (during the ccNSO meeting in Dublin) to give the candidates an opportunity to present themselves and to reply to questions from the membership.

The ccNSO members of the European region were encouraged per email (21 October 2015) to control who their primary contact is, so that they would know where the ballot would be delivered.

The elections started on 5 November 00:01 UTC and ended on 19 November 23:59 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 19 November 2016, 23 out of 41 eligible registries had cast a vote, which means that the quorum was reached, as required by the ICANN bylaws (see https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en/#IX-4.7, section 4, paragraph 9).

Giovanni Seppia received 6 votes, Peter Vergote received 17 votes.

Peter Vergote, .be was therewith elected to serve on the ccNSO Council for a three-year period.

The results (ballot numbers only) can also be viewed at:

EU: https://tally.icann.org/cgi/results?e=0564802defd

Please, note that the total number of issued ballots is one higher than the number of members from the region, as one ballot was posted to the Election Manager for controlling reasons (but not used).

4.1) Ballot Issues

The election manager was contacted by a representative of .fo, which reported that their ballot had not been received. After checks in the database, it turned out that .fo had not updated their primary contact to reflect the new management. The registry was asked to update the primary contact according to set ccNSO procedures. This was done and a ballot was re-issued to the updated contact.

The election manager also received a delivery error-message regarding the ballot sent to .pt – the address it was sent to was no longer valid. The .pt registry was contacted and updated their primary contact according to set ccNSO procedures, and had the ballot re-sent.

5) Election Period for the Latin American and Caribbean Region 5 – 19 November 2015

As two candidates from the Latin American and Caribbean region were fully nominated and both accepted their nomination at the end of the extended nomination period, elections needed to be held in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

As preparations for the elections for the European Region already had started during the Latin American and Caribbean region's extended nomination period and basing on the results at that time, it was considered likely that elections would be held in the Latin American region. The Latin American and Caribbean electorate was therefore encouraged to control their primary contact in the ccNSO database already on the 21 October 2015.

Both candidates were invited to send campaign statements, however, due to the short time frame, these had to be sent within two days, by the 4 November 2015, before start

of elections.

The elections started on 5 November 00:01 UTC and ended on 19 November 23:59 UTC.

Voting ballots were sent to the primary contact listed in the ccNSO database to all member registries in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

By closure on 19 November 2015, 14 out of 26 eligible registries had cast a vote, which means that the quorum was reached, as required by the ICANN bylaws (see https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en/#IX-4.7, section 4, paragraph 9).

Demi Getschko received 12 votes, Erick Iriarte received 2 votes.

Demi Getschko was therewith elected to serve on the ccNSO Council for a three-year period.

The results (ballot numbers only) can also be viewed at:

LAC: https://tally.icann.org/cgi/results?e=619630f665f

Please, note that the total number of issued ballots is one higher than the number of members from the region, as one ballot was posted to the Election Manager for controlling reasons (but not used).

5.1) Ballot Issues

The election manager was notified by the .ar registry that their ballot had not been received.

Upon checking, it turned out the ballot had been sent to the previous primary contact address. The ballot was re-sent to the updated contact.

The election manager also received a delivery error-message regarding the ballot sent to .ec – the address it was sent to, was no longer valid. This was the address that is currently listed in the ccNSO database as the primary contact.

The .ec registry was contacted and encouraged to update their Primary Contact, according to the ccNSO procedures, in order to have a ballot re-issued.

However, no update was made and therefore no ballot was re-issued for .ec.

5.2) Q&A Session

One of the nominated candidates participated in the Q&A session organised in Dublin, despite the nomination period not yet being closed. The Elections Manager therefore asked ccNSO Vice Chair Katrina Sataki to raise this during the session, with the note that the Latin American and Caribbean electorate should bear in mind that other potential nominees might be slightly disadvantaged due to this.

6) 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

Abibu Ntahigiye, .tz

Asia-Pacific Region

Debbie Monahan, .nz

European Region

Peter Vergote, .be

Latin American and Caribbean Region

Demi Getschko, .br

North American Region

Becky Burr, .us

The Councillors will take seat at the end of the ccNSO Council Meeting Marrakech on 9 March 2016.