

Compiled Conversation on Topic of Process for Working Group Membership After Call for Volunteers

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Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2011 06:59:35 -0800
To: "ccnso-council@icann.org" <ccnso-council@icann.org>
Subject: [ccnso-council] Process for Working Group Membership

Dear Councillors,

During the ccNSO Council call yesterday, it was suggested by the ccNSO Secretariat to change the process in which new Working Group members are accepted. The current process is that all working group members need to be approved by the Council.

As we quite often receive requests for working group membership outside of the call for volunteers period, we suggested, in order to speed up the process, that we only require the approval of the Working Group Chair, and then inform the Council on who has been added.

It was, however, pointed out during yesterday's discussion that in some cases "controversial people" might be able to obtain a working group seat if the process gets outside of the Council's control and that that the changed procedures in general could be abused by people who were not approved by the Council in the first place.

As this probably only would happen in very rare cases, it would be desirable that the Council comes up with a solution which would suit both the wish for a smoother and faster process, but would not leave the Council out of total control.

A solution could be to introduce a right for the Council to "veto" a Working Group Chair decision. However, I would welcome more thoughts and suggestions on this.

This topic will also be discussed during the upcoming Council call on the 1st March.

Kind regards,

Gabi

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If it's only a matter of speed, how's the following process?

- 1) Chair proposes the addition of a member to the Council list.
- 2) If no one objects within a week, the addition is approved.
If someone objects, the addition will be discussed further

by the Council.

Hiro

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How about the chair of a WG checking with the chair of the council before confirming a request to join a WG? It will then be at the discretion of the chair to approve, reject or consult the council before deciding.

Best regards,
Roelof Meijer

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Subject: Re: [ccnso-council] Process for Working Group Membership

I agree with Hiro's suggested process, apart from the time for objections, which I think should be longer than one week - suggest 14 days, which should give people enough time to do any research and allow for any national holidays etc.

The process suggested by Roelof would give more discretion to the Chair, but I think that it would be better to be able to use the collective knowledge of potential WG members in this case - particularly as the ccNSO community grows in size.

Regards,

Lesley

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