GNSO Activity Brief for ccNSO Council

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Most recent GNSO Council Meeting: 20 April 2017

Council Decisions
Council Liaison Appointments:
Thick WHOIS Implementation Review Team – Susan Kawaguchi
Translation and Transliteration of gTLD Registration Data IRT – Reubens Kuhl
GNSO Rights & Obligations under Revised ICANN Bylaws Drafting team – Ed …
Cross Community Working on Internet Governance – Julf Helsingus

GNSO Council Review of the GAC Communique from Copenhagen
Council has concerns over aspects of the GAC communique. Specifically, comments were made to points 1, 2, 3, and 4.2 of the communique. It was felt that more time was needed to review the comments. There was a time constraint however as the ICANN Board was scheduled to meet with the GAC on 27 April. The motion was withdrawn in order to provide councilors with the opportunity to review and add comments. Due to this time constraint, the Chair drafted a letter to the ICANN Board for their use during the 27 April meeting.

The GNSO letter including the draft comments to the ICANN Board can be found here:

https://gnso.icann.org/en/correspondence/gnso-council-to-icann-board-25apr17-en.pdf

GNSO Council Comments on the Proposed ICANN Budget for Financial Year FY 2018

The main comments are:

- GNSO comments on the FY 2017 draft budget were not implemented. A suggestion is that ICANN publish responses to comments offered on the budget with the rationale why comments are either implemented or not implemented.

- The growth of resources allocated to global engagement. The GNSO is concerned over the amount and value obtained by these expenditures. ICANN staff are requested to indicate how spending shows progress towards ICANN goals. A question asked, "are the large quantity of regional stakeholder engagement events and sponsorships at Internet related functions still required?"

- The GNSO notes a concern over the "lower priority of resources supporting Policy Development versus other initiatives and programs."

- ICANN Finance staff are urged to consult with GNSO contracted parties to ensure that projections of income in ICANN budgets are supported by growth projections of the contracted parties.

The full comment can be found at: https://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/draft-comments-plan-budget-20apr17-en.pdf[gnso.icann.org]

<u>Initiation of GNSO Process for Amending Approved GNSO Policy Recommendations
Relating to Certain Red Cross Movement Names</u>.
The ICANN Board has asked the GNSO to amend policy recommendations approved by the
Council, but not approved by the Board. The GNSO is requested to reconvene the original
PDP Working Group, consult, and conduct a public comment period. The request originates
from the GAC. The request is viewed with some skepticism because the original working
group consulted and held public comment periods.
The motion was deferred and was subject to further email discussion and a vote by by the
Council – the motion passed and the PDP process will be reopened.

<u>Approval of GNSO Nominees for the Registration Directory Services Review Team</u>
The GNSO Council nominees, ranked in order: Susan Kawaguchi, Erika Mann Stephanie
Perrin and Volker Greimann as its primary four candidates for the RDS-RT. Furthermore, the
GNSO nominees, in ranked order: Marc Anderson, Stefania Milan and Timothy Chen to be
considered for inclusion in the RDS-RT by the SO-AC Chairs should additional places be
available.

<u>Updated Charter for the Cross Community Working Group on Internet Governance</u>
Council considered a draft revised charter for the CCWG and deferred the motion to give
more time for consideration by the members.

<u>Planning for ICANN 59 in Johannesburg, June 2017.</u>
F2F meetings for the three PDP Working Groups are requested. They are: Next Generation
Registry Directory Services; New gTLD subsequent Procedures; and Review of All Rights
Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs.

The next meeting of the GNSO Council will be at 12:00 UCT on 18 May 2017.