

RAA Update

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Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA)

Status of Negotiations & Policy Work

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RAA Amendments to cover:

- Multiple stakeholders' interests considered
 - Law Enforcement Agencies
 - GNSO recommendations
 - ICANN Board & Staff
 - Registrars

- Topics advancing registrant protection & DNS stability
- Priority on LEA requests

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General Operating Method

- RAA negotiations
 - 12+ meetings
 - Weekly phone conferences
 - Progress posted on wiki page
 - Status Report Published:

<http://www.icann.org/en/resources/registrars/raa/raa-negotiations-progress-report-01mar12-en.pdf>

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What makes this difficult



- Negotiating on behalf of many parties
- Full compliance with LEA asks
- Some vagueness to LEA asks
- Can't publish partial agreement
- Some issues require public discussion or some type of bottom-up process
 - Examples:
 - Validation of Whois information
 - Reveal of proxy registration data



Next Steps – new agreement

- Registrars must renew their agreement under a new form of RAA if one is approved based on a consensus among Internet stakeholders demonstrated by:
 - a recommendation, adopted by at least a two-thirds vote of GNSO council
 - a written report that documents the extent of agreement/disagreement of affected groups and the outreach to those groups
 - adoption by the Board



Next Steps – when agreement takes effect

- Registrars have 5 year agreements
- Many registrars signed a revised agreement in 2009, and this comes up for renewal in 2014
- Other registrars at varying times
- Registrars could voluntarily sign an updated agreement prior to 2014
- A new registrar would sign the new agreement
- Policy aspects can be implemented via PDP



GNSO Council's Commencement of PDP

- GNSO to conduct the Board mandated PDP on an expedited basis on the “remaining issues”
- Since the negotiations are continuing, PDP to be commenced after negotiations conclude if topics not satisfactorily addressed
- GNSO to consider prioritization of current work, new work
- Overlap of issues with current policy projects
 - WHOIS
 - UDRP
 - Best Practices
 - Uniformity of Contracts

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Staff Recommendations-Issue Report

- GNSO Council acknowledge receipt of Final Issue Report
- GNSO Council to initiate a PDP upon
 - Report that the RAA negotiations have concluded
 - Report that any of the Proposed Amendment Topics are no longer actively being negotiated
 - Board instruction to proceed with a PDP on any of the Proposed Amendment Topics

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For More Information:



- Final Issue Report:

<https://community.icann.org/download/attachments/30344497/FInal+Issue+Report-RAA+FINAL+3+6+12.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1331143682837>

- RAA Status Report:

<http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-01mar12-en.htm>

- For further developments, visit the Community WIKI on the RAA:

<https://community.icann.org/display/RAA/Negotiations+Between+ICANN+and+Registrars+to+Amend+the+Registrar+Accreditation+Agreement>

- Costa Rica Session on RAA Update and WHOIS Validation Workshop:

<http://costarica43.icann.org/node/29531>



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Thank You

