Registrar Constituency Update

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What Is The Registrar Constituency*?

Representative body for ICANN-accredited registrars in ICANN community and participant in GNSO.

Structure:
» Members, consisting of ICANN accredited registrars who meet requirements and pay membership fees of $500/year.
» Executive Committee
  Chair, Vice Chair/CTO, Secretary, Treasurer
  GNSO Council Members
  Nominating Committee Member
  Support Staff (Secretariat, Legal Advocate)

Currently 72 members.

Meet 3x/year at ICANN meetings

*Soon-to-be-Stakeholder Group
### Positives

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<td>» Collaboration on issues of like interest</td>
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<td>» As providers closest to registrant, we bring their voice to ICANN process</td>
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<td>» Opportunity to learn from one another</td>
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<td>» Continue to foster innovation and marketplace competition</td>
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<td>» Fun happy hours</td>
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Strictly prohibited from areas that venture into anti-trust. Most often pricing.
Current Areas of Activity

- New Registrar Accreditation Agreement
  Likely to be further amended

- New TLDs
  Hundreds to be applied for/granted – Separation issue

- GNSO restructuring
  Getting used to new structure

- Registration “abuse” effort
  Several policy proposals that seek to regulate aspects of our business

- Post-expiration domain name recovery
  Policy development under way

- Whois studies
  Proxy, misrepresentation, etc.
Concerns / Future Areas of Activity

- Volume of work facing ICANN community
  Starting to overwhelm community ability to consider and act; lack of prioritization is a problem

- Volume facing registrars
  Besides issues in front of community, lots of issues facing registrars, who are ultimately responsible for implementing them

- New TLDs
  Registrars will participate either as purveyors of new TLDs, or also as registry operators

- Registrar failures
  Mike Zupke alluded to this yesterday; need to have a proactive method in place to help ensure registrant security

- Security
  Working with SSAC, ICANN’s security staff, law enforcement to identify areas where registrars can help thwart online crime
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