Registrar Constituency Participation On the GNSO Council

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The GNSO Council today:

Primarily Responsibility:
The Council Manages The Policy Development Process of the GNSO.

The GNSO Council is composed of three (3) Voting Representatives from Each ICANN Constituency:
- Registrars constituency
- gTLD Registries constituency
- Commercial and Business Users constituency
- Intellectual Property Interests constituency
- Internet Service and Connectivity Providers constituency
- Non-Commercial Users constituency
The RC and the GNSO Council

The RC has elected 3 representatives from 3 separate geographic regions to serve on the Council:

- AsiaPacific - Adrian Kinderis (term expires end of annual meeting 2009)
- Europe - Stéphane van Gelder (term expires end of annual meeting 2010)
- North America - Tim Ruiz (term expires end of annual meeting 2009)
Representing the Constituency

GNSO Council members generally represent their constituency viewpoints on policy issues by:
- Voting on Policy Development Process matters (Contracted Parties representatives (Registrars and Registries) are accorded weighted (double) votes under the current GNSO voting system);
- Sharing information with their constituency members about GNSO developments;
- Serving on Council task forces, working groups and drafting teams.
Serving on the GNSO Council is a significant commitment.

- The Council meets every 3 weeks – usually via teleconference.
- Face to face meetings 3 times a year (at each ICANN meeting).
- Many other organizational, working group and task force meetings.
- Constant stream of email traffic from the ICANN community and the ICANN staff.
Active 2008-09 GNSO work groups, task forces and drafting teams - on which various GNSO Council representatives are expected to serve*:

- Fast Flux Working Group
- WHOIS Study Drafting Team
- Registration Abuse Policy Drafting Team
- GNSO Travel Drafting Team
- Front Running Drafting Team
- Working Group On GNSO Council Restructuring
- ICANN Geographic Regions Drafting Group
- IDN Initial Report Drafting Group
- InterRegistrar Domain Transfer Working Group
- GNSO Domain Tasting Ad Hoc Group
- GNSO Improvements Planning Team
- Operations Steering Committee
- Policy Process Steering Committee

* List not exhaustive
Like all ICANN structures, the GNSO is subject to periodic independent review.

Current review began Feb 05

Key objectives:

- Maximizing the ability for all interested stakeholders to participate;
- Ensuring recommendations can be developed on gTLD "consensus policies" for Board review, and that the subject matter of "consensus policies" is clearly defined;
- Ensuring policy development is based on thoroughly-researched, well-scoped objectives, and are run in a predictable manner that yields results that can be implemented effectively;
- Improving communications and administrative support for GNSO objectives.
New GNSO Council Organization: June 2009

GNSO Council

\{20\}

\{1 NCA\}

Contracted Party House \{6+1\}

Non-Contracted Party House \{12+1\}

Legend: \{\} Voting; (\) Non-Voting
The Path To a New GNSO

1. The GNSO Council is working to develop the transition to the newly structured GNSO Council by June 2009 (see previous slide).
2. Existing GNSO constituencies are preparing to submit their “re-confirmations” to the ICANN Board.
3. New Stakeholder Groups are developing petitions and charters for ICANN Board recognition, and
4. The GNSO is creating five special Work Teams to develop specific proposals, processes and mechanisms for implementing the ICANN Board’s Recommendations.
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3. see the GNSO Improvements Information Page at http://gnso.icann.org/en/improvements/
THANK YOU!