

Board Conflicts Committee

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Conflicts policy and bylaw

- ICANN's Bylaws require that ICANN have a conflicts of interest policy applicable to its Board of Directors.
- "The Board, through a committee designated for that purpose, shall require a statement from each Director not less frequently than once a year setting forth all business and other affiliations which relate in any way to the business and other affiliations of the Corporation. Each Director shall be responsible for disclosing to the Corporation any matter that could reasonably be considered to make such Director an 'interested director' within the meaning of Section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law ("CNPBCL"). In addition, each Director shall disclose to the Corporation any relationship or other factor that could reasonably be considered to cause the Director to be considered to be an 'interested person' within the meaning of Section 5227 of the CNPBCL. The Board shall adopt policies specifically addressing Director, Officer and Supporting Organization conflicts of interest. **No Director shall vote on any matter in which he or she has a material and direct interest that will be affected by the outcome of the vote.**" [Bylaws, Art. V, Sec. 7]
- After public notice and comment, the Board adopted the Conflicts of Interest Policy on March 4, 1999. see <http://icann.org/committees/coi/coi-policy-04mar99.htm>

Members

- Susan Crawford (Chair)
- Demi Getschko
- Joichi Ito
- Hualin Qian
- Njeri Rionge
- Dave Wodelet

Steps since Marrakech

- Obtained conflicts statements from new Board members Rita Rodin and Dave Wodelet
- Revising conflicts questionnaire (minor changes)
- Requiring members and liaisons to disclose relevant relationships to committee (who serve as “neighborhood watch” for possible conflicts)

Next steps

- New members/chair will take over following Annual Meeting