INDEPENDENT SECTOR

June 17, 2002

Dear ICANN Board Member,

INDEPENDENT SECTOR is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote, strengthen, and advance the nonprofit and philanthropic community to foster private initiative for the public good. INDEPENDENT SECTOR provides a major meeting ground for organizations in the nonprofit sector and a force for advancing the nonprofit and philanthropic community's work. Our vision is a just and inclusive society of active citizens, vibrant communities, effective institutions, and a healthy democracy.

Given the central role the Internet increasingly plays in fulfilling our mission and in the day to day activity of our member organizations, INDEPENDENT SECTOR believes it is important for the non-commercial community and the users of .org to have a means to participate in decisions that impact what is essentially the "non-commercial Internet."

We are writing to endorse the concept of an .ORG Global Advisory Council as an appropriate mechanism for ensuring that the .ORG Registry is operated in a way that is responsive to the needs, concerns and views of the global nonprofit and philanthropic Internet community. We also would support the practice of limiting registry-sponsored .org marketing activities to those targeting noncommercial registrations and discouraging activities designed to attract commercial registrations. Furthermore, if NeuStar is selected to operate the .ORG Registry INDEPENDENT SECTOR intends to participate in the .ORG Global Advisory Council at the Selection Committee, Council or membership level.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John H. Thomas
V.P., Strategic Outreach
Following is a list of Independent Sector’s membership. While each member has not provided individual endorsement of this effort, members are generally supportive of Independent Sector activities.

**INDEPENDENT SECTOR Members**

AAFRC Trust for Philanthropy  
AARP  
The Academy for Leadership and Governance (JCLA)*  
Action Without Borders  
The Advertising Council  
Advisory Board Foundation  
Advocacy Institute  
Aetna Foundation  
Africa Action  
Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A.  
Aid Association for Lutherans  
Aid to Artisans  
Alcoa Foundation  
Consuelo Zobel Alger Foundation  
Alliance for Children and Families  
Alliance for International Educational and Cultural Exchange  
Alliance for Nonprofit Management  
Amateur Athletic Union (AAU)*  
American Arts Alliance  
American Association of Community Colleges  
American Association of Museums  
American Association of University Women Educational Foundation  
American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association  
American Cancer Society  
American Corn Growers Foundation*  
American Council on Education  
American Diabetes Association  
American Express Company  
American Farmland Trust  
American Foundation for AIDS Research (AMFAR)  
American Foundation for the Blind  
American Heart Association  
American Humanics  
American Indian College Fund  
American Institute for Managing Diversity (AIMD)  
American Institute of Philanthropy  
The American Leadership Forum  
American Library Association  
American Museum of Natural History  
American Red Cross  
American Society of Civil Engineers Foundation  
American Symphony Orchestra League  
American Trauma Society  
Americans for Indian Opportunity  
Americans for the Arts  
America’s Charities  
America’s Promise—The Alliance for Youth*
America's Second Harvest
Amigos de las Americas
AngelCare, Children's Aid International
AOL Time Warner Foundation
Arca Foundation
Arts & Business Council
The Aspen Institute
The ASPIRA Association
The Assisi Foundation of Memphis, Inc.*
Associated Grant Makers (AGM)
Association for Healthcare Philanthropy
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations & Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)
Association for Volunteer Administration
Association of Advanced Rabbinical & Talmudic Schools (AARTS)
Association of American University Presses
Association of Art Museum Directors
Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers
Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities
Association of Episcopal Colleges
Association of Fundraising Professionals
Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges
Association of Jewish Family and Children’s Agencies
Association of Junior Leagues International
Association of Lutheran Development Executives
Association of Partners for Public Lands
Association of Performing Arts Presenters
Association of Public Television Stations (APTS)
AT&T Foundation
The Atlantic Philanthropies
AXA Foundation
Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation
Bank of America Foundation
Battle Creek Community Foundation
The Bauman Foundation
BBB Wise Giving Alliance
Elizabeth and Stephen Bechtel, Jr. Foundation
BellSouth Corporation
Benton Foundation
Big Brothers/Big Sisters International
Black Patriots Foundation
Blackbaud, Inc.
Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation
BoardSource
Booz-Allen & Hamilton
The Boston Foundation
Boy Scouts of America
Boys & Girls Clubs of America
BP Foundation, Inc.
Brain Trauma Foundation
Brave Kids
The Breast Cancer and Women's Health Ultrasound Foundation
Otto Bremer Foundation
Greater Bridgeport Area Foundation
The Bridgespan Group
Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation
The Burnett Foundation
The Bush Foundation
The Louis Calder Foundation
California Association of Nonprofits
The California Endowment
California HealthCare Foundation
The California Wellness Foundation
Camp Fire USA
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
Cancer Care, Inc.
CARE, Inc.
Carnegie Corporation of New York
The Annie E. Casey Foundation
Catholic Charities USA
Catholic Network of Volunteer Service
CDC Foundation
Center for Creative Leadership
Center for National Policy*
Center for Non-Profit Corporations
Center for Nonprofit Organization Leadership, Regis University
Center for Policy Alternatives
Center for Public Service, Seton Hall University
Center for the Study of Philanthropy, City University of New York
Center for the Study of Voluntary Organizations and Service, Georgetown University
The Center for What Works
Center for Women Policy Studies
The Center on Philanthropy At Indiana University
Centerpoint for Leaders*
Charlotte Museum of History
ChevronTexaco Corporation
The Chicago Community Trust
The Chicago Public Education Fund*
Chicago Tribune Foundation
Child Care Action Campaign
Child Development Council of Franklin County, Inc.
Child Health Foundation
Child Welfare League of America
Children's Fund of Connecticut
Chorus America (APVE)
Christian Church Foundation
Christian Service Charities
Cisco Systems, Inc.
City Year, Inc.
CLAL—The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership*
Edna McConnell Clark Foundation
The Cleveland Foundation
Close Up Foundation
The Coca-Cola Company
The Collaboratory for Community Support*
College Board*
College Fund/UNCF
Colorado Association of Nonprofit Organizations
Columbia Foundation
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind
Columbus Foundation
Comerica Incorporated
Common Cause*
Commonwealth Fund
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America
Community Corrections Improvement Association
The Community Foundation
The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta
The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region
Community Foundations for Pennsylvania
Community Health Charities
Community Impact! Inc.
The Community Leadership Association
Compton Foundation, Inc.
The Conference Board
Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.*
Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Inc.
Connecticut Association of Nonprofits
Connecticut Council for Philanthropy
The Conservation Company
The Conservation Fund
Consistent Computer Bargains
The Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes
Consumers Union of the U.S.
Cooperative Development Foundation
Peter C. Cornell Trust
Corning Incorporated Foundation
Corporate Public Involvement
Corporation for Enterprise Development
Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)
Council for American Private Education
The Council for Excellence in Government
Council for Opportunity in Education
Council of Independent Colleges
Council of Michigan Foundations
Council on Foundations
The Council on Quality and Leadership in Supports for People with Disabilities
The Crafts Center
Nathan Cummings Foundation
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund
Daniels Fund
Day, Berry & Howard Foundation, Inc.
Delaware Association of Nonprofit Agencies
Delaware Valley Grantmakers
Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund (U.S.)
Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation
R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co.
Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation
Donors Forum of Chicago
Donors Forum of Wisconsin
Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy, Grand Valley State University
The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation
Peter F. Drucker Foundation For Nonprofit Management
DuPont
Earth Share
Easter Seals
Eastman Kodak Company
Echoing Green Foundation
Ecolab Foundation
Ecumenical Center for Stewardship Studies
Educational Assistance Ltd.
Educational Testing Service
El Pomar Foundation
Elderworks
The Enterprise Foundation
Environmental Defense
Environmental Support Center
Eureka Communities
Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability
The Evergreen State Society
ExxonMobil Corporation
Maurice Falk Medical Fund
Fannie Mae Foundation
Federation of State Humanities Councils
Field Foundation of Illinois, Inc.
First Nations Development Institute
First Night International*
First Nonprofit Companies
Florida Association of Nonprofit Organizations
The Ford Foundation
Ford Motor Company Fund
Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers
The Foundation Center
Foundation for Independent Higher Education
Foundation of National Student Nurses' Association, Inc.
Four Corners Strategy Group*
Four Times Foundation
Freddie Mac Foundation*
The Fresh Air Fund
Friends of the National Library of Medicine
Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg
Lloyd A. Fry Foundation
Fund for Theological Education
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
GE Fund
General Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
General Mills Foundation
General Service Foundation
Georgia Center for Nonprofits
The Wallace Alexander Gerbode Foundation
J. Paul Getty Trust
Gifts In Kind International
Gill Foundation
Giraffe Project
Girl Scouts of the USA
Girls Incorporated
The Gleitsman Foundation
The Global Fund for Children
Global Fund for Women
Goodkids! Inc.*
Goodwill Industries International, Inc.
Edwin Gould Foundation for Children
William T. Grant Foundation
Grantmakers In Health
Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania
Grants Management Associates
Greenwood Cultural Center*
Lucile & Robert H. Gries Charity Fund
Grotto Foundation
GuideStar-Philanthropic Research, Inc.
The George Gund Foundation
Alan Guttmacher Institute
H & R Block Foundation
Miriam and Peter Haas Fund
Walter and Elise Haas Fund
Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund
Habitat for Humanity International
HalfthePlanet Foundation
Hallmark Corporate Foundation
HandKind Company
Mary W. Harriman Foundation
Harris Trust & Savings Bank
Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
The Edward W. Hazen Foundation
William Randolph Hearst Foundations
F. B. Heron Foundation
The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
High/Scope Educational Research Foundation
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
Hispanic Federation of New York
Hispanic Policy Development Project
Hispanic Scholarship Fund
Hispanics in Philanthropy
Hitachi Foundation
Hoblitzelle Foundation
Hogg Foundation for Mental Health
Hole In The Wall Gang Fund
The Hospital for Special Surgery, New York City
Hostelling International-American Youth Hostels
Houston Endowment Inc.
Hudson-Webber Foundation
Humanitarian Medical Relief Inc.*
Hubert H. Humphrey Institute/Public Affairs, Philanthropy & the Nonprofit Sector
"I Have A Dream" Foundation
IBM International Foundation
IDC: Mobilizing Generations for Development
IMPACT II-The Teachers Network
Impact Online, Inc.
Indiana Grantmakers Alliance*
Institute for Democracy Studies
Institute for Global Ethics
Institute for Nonprofit Management, Portland State University*
Institute for Nonprofit Organization Management, University of San Francisco
Institute for Voluntary Organizations
Institute for Women's Policy Research
InterAction-American Council for Voluntary International Action
Intermed International*
The International Alliance*
International Primate Protection League
International Service Agencies
International Society for Third Sector Research
International Youth Foundation
Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center, University of Iowa*
The James Irvine Foundation
Islamic Society of North America*
Ittleson Foundation
Japanese American National Museum
JCC Association of North America
JCPenney Company, Inc.
JM Foundation
Jobs for the Future
John Ben Snow Foundation
Johnson & Johnson
The Johnson Foundation
Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Joint Action in Community Service, Inc. (JACS)
Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies
The Joyce Foundation
JPMorgan Chase Foundation
JSJ Foundation
Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc.
Junior Achievement
KaBOOM! Inc.
The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation
The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation
Kansas Health Foundation
Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation
W. K. Kellogg Foundation
Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University*
James S. Kemper Foundation
Kerr Foundation, Inc.
Charles F. Kettering Foundation
Kidney Cancer Association
Kids Voting USA*
The Esther A. and Joseph Klingenstein Fund
John S. and James L. Knight Foundation
Korean Association of Retired Persons*
The Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc.
KPMG Foundation
The Kresge Foundation
Samuel H. Kress Foundation
Albert Kunstadter Family Foundation
Land Trust Alliance, Inc.
Eugene M. Lang Foundation
Laurel Foundation
Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
LEAD – Pakistan*
LEAD USA Member Program*
Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP)
League of Women Voters of the United States
Liberty Day
Libraries for the Future
Library Media Project
Lilly Endowment, Inc.
Lincoln Filene Center, Tufts University
Link Research
Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc.
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation
Los Angeles Women's Foundation
Lucent Technologies Foundation
Lumina Foundation for Education*
Lutheran Brotherhood Foundation
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Make-A-Wish Foundation of America
The Management Center
Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations, Case Western Reserve University
March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
John and Mary R. Markle Foundation
Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations
Mattel Children's Foundation
Mayo Foundation
Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation
McGregor Fund
McKesson Foundation
The McKnight Foundation
The Meadows Foundation
Medical Education for South African Blacks
Richard King Mellon Foundation
MEM Associates, Inc.
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
The John Merck Fund
Merrill Lynch & Co. Foundation, Inc.
Metropolitan Association for Philanthropy
Metropolitan Life Foundation
The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation
Michigan Nonprofit Association
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Mid-Delta Workforce Alliance*
Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership, L.P. Cookingham Institute of Public Affairs
The Minneapolis Foundation
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits
Minnesota Office of Citizenship & Volunteer Services
Mississippi Center for Nonprofits
MOBI—(My Own Business, Inc.)*
Morino Institute
Stewart R. Mott Charitable Trust
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
Museum Trustee Association
Myositis Association of America
National Academy of Public Administration
National AIDS Fund
National Alliance for Choice in Giving
National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations
National Alliance of Business
National Alliance to End Homelessness
National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium
National Assembly of Health and Human Service Organizations
National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA)
National Association for Bilingual Education
National Association for Visually Handicapped
National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
National Association of Independent Schools
National Association of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials Educational Fund
National Association of Private Schools for Exceptional Children
National Association of Schools of Art and Design
National Association of Schools of Music
National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration
National Association of Schools of Dance
National Association of Schools of Theatre
National Association of Service & Conservation Corps (NASCC)
National Association of Student Personnel Administrators
National Associations in Colorado Springs
National Black College Alliance*
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
National Catholic Development Conference
National Center for Appropriate Technology*
The National Center for Family Philanthropy
National Center for Learning Disabilities
The National Center on Nonprofit Enterprise
National Civic League
National Coalition for Homeless Veterans
National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy
The National Conference for Community and Justice
National Congress of Parents and Teachers
National Council for International Visitors
National Council for Research on Women
National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA
National Council of La Raza
National Council of Nonprofit Associations
National Council on Child Abuse & Family Violence
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National Crime Prevention Council
National Down Syndrome Society
National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE)
National Executive Service Corps
National FFA Foundation
National Health Council
National Health Foundation
National Hemophilia Foundation
National Home Library Foundation
National Hospice Foundation
National Humanities Alliance
National Medical Fellowships, Inc.
National Military Family Association
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Network for Youth
National Parenting Association
National Peace Corps Association
National Press Foundation
National Public Radio
National Puerto Rican Coalition, Inc.
National Puerto Rican Forum, Inc
National Tree Trust
National Trust for Historic Preservation
National Urban Fellows, Inc.
National Urban League, Inc.
National Wildlife Federation
National Wildlife Refuge Association
National Youth Leadership Council
Native American Rights Fund
Native Americans in Philanthropy
Natural Resources Defense Council
Natural Science Collections Alliance*
The Nature Conservancy
NEC Foundation of America*
Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation
Nellie Mae Education Foundation
NetAid Foundation*
New Hampshire Charitable Foundation
The New York Community Trust
New York Life Foundation
The New York Public Library
New York Regional Association of Grantmakers
Nicaraguan Development Center
NIKE Foundation*
Nokomis Foundation
Nonprofit & Public Management Center, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
Nonprofit Academic Centers Council
Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York
Nonprofit Management Program, Milano Graduate School of Management & Urban Policy
Nonprofit Television Programs, Inc.
North Carolina Center for Nonprofits
The North Carolina Glaxo Smith Kline Foundation
Northern California Grantmakers
Northern Westchester Hospital Foundation
Northrop Grumman Corporation
NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund
Oakleaf Foundation
Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations
Ohio Grantmakers Forum
OIC of America
Olive Crest – Homes & Services for Abused Children
OMNI Youth Services
Open Society Institute – New York
OPERA America
Opera Roanoke*
Oral Health America
Outreach International
David and Lucile Packard Foundation
Park Foundation
Partnership for Prevention
Josephine Bay Paul and C. Michael Paul Foundation
Peninsula Community Foundation
William Penn Foundation
Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations*
People for the American Way
Pettus Crowe Foundation
Pew Charitable Trusts
Pfizer, Inc.
The Philanthropic Group
The Philanthropic Initiative, Inc.
Philanthropy & Nonprofit Sector Graduate Certificate Program, Loyola University
Philip Morris Companies Inc.
The Piton Foundation
The Pittsburgh Foundation
Points of Light Foundation
Population Resource Center
Premier Farnell Foundation
Presbyterian Health Foundation
Presidential Classroom
Prevent Child Abuse America
Prudential Foundation
Public Affairs Council
Public Agenda Foundation
Public Allies, Inc.
Public Conversations Project
Public Education Network
Public Radio International
Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund
Puerto Rico Community Foundation*
QueensCare*
Radio and Television News Directors Foundation
Raytheon Company
Reader's Digest Foundation
Reading Is Fundamental, Inc.
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Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic
Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation*
Region Nine Development Commission
Religion in American Life
Research! America
Retirement Research Foundation
Charles H. Revson Foundation
Sid W. Richardson Foundation
Fannie E. Rippel Foundation
Rochester Area Community Foundation
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
Rockefeller Family Fund
Rockefeller Foundation
The Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps
Rosenberg Foundation
Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Victorian Section)*
S&H Greenpoints
Russell Sage Foundation
The Salvation Army National Headquarters
San Francisco Foundation
Sara Lee Foundation
Sarkeys Foundation
Dr. Scholl Foundation
School Food Service Foundation
Sears, Roebuck and Company
The Seattle Foundation
Shepherd’s Centers of America
Sherwin-Williams Company
The Sierra Club Foundation
Harry Singer Foundation
The Sister Fund
The Skillbuilders Fund
Skillman Foundation
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
Social Welfare Research Institute, Boston College
Society for Nonprofit Organizations
Society for Values in Higher Education
SOS Children’s Village – USA, Inc.
South Carolina Association of Nonprofit Organizations
South Carolina Center on Nonprofit and Grassroots Leadership*
Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan
Southeastern Council of Foundations
Southern California Association for Philanthropy
Southern Education Foundation, Inc.
The Spencer Foundation
The St. Paul Companies, Inc. Foundation
The Starbucks Foundation
Levi Strauss Foundation
Student Conservation Association
The Studio Museum in Harlem
Support Center of Washington
Surdna Foundation**
Synergos Institute
Taconic Foundation
Target Foundation
Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service
Theatre Communications Group
Third Sector New England
Three Guineas Fund
3M Foundation
Travelers Aid International
Trust for Public Land
The Union Institute
United Jewish Communities
United Leukodystrophy Foundation
United Methodist Higher Education Foundation
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
United Way of America
University of Pennsylvania Center for Community Partnerships
Venture Philanthropy Partners, Inc.
Ventures in Education, Inc. (Ventures Scholars Program)
Verizon Foundation
Volunteers of America
VSA Arts Colorado
The Wallace-Reader's Digest Funds
Izaak Walton League of America
The Washington Center for Internships
The Washington Council of Agencies
Washington Independent Writers Legal and Educational Fund, Inc.*
Washington Mutual Bank
Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers
Weingart Foundation
Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation
Whirlpool Foundation
Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation
Wildflowers Institute
William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund
Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University
Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation
The Wireless Foundation
Women's College Coalition
Women's Funding Network
Robert W. Woodruff Foundation
Woods Charitable Fund, Inc.
Woods Fund of Chicago
World Charity Network
World Neighbors
Xerox Corporation
YMCA of the USA
Young Audiences, Inc.
Youth Venture
YouthBuild U.S.A.
YWCA of the USA
* = joined in 2001
** = 2002 new members to date
Dear ICANN Board Member,

ASAE, known as the association of associations, is considered the advocate for the nonprofit sector. The society is dedicated to advancing the value of voluntary associations to society and supporting the professionalism of the individuals who lead them. Founded in 1920 as the American Trade Association Executives, with 67 charter members, ASAE now has 25,000 individual members who manage leading trade, professional, and philanthropic associations. ASAE represents approximately 10,000 associations serving more than 287 million people and companies worldwide and vendors that offer products and services to the association community.

ASAE makes extensive use of our website, asaenet.org to provide content, access to professional development, career opportunities, mobilization of constituents on critical issues and other vital information. The Internet is an important tool in effectively fulfilling our mission and in the day-to-day activity of our member association executives.

ASAE believes it is important for the non-commercial community and the users of .org to have a means to participate in decisions that impact the community. Furthermore, ASAE believes it is important to protect the public’s association of .org with non-profit entities.

We are writing to endorse the concept of an .ORG Global Policy Council to provide the global noncommercial community a voice in decisions that may impact what is essentially the “noncommercial Internet”. We also would support the practice of limiting registry-sponsored .org marketing activities to those targeting noncommercial registrations and discouraging activities designed to attract commercial registrations. Therefore, if NeuStar is selected to operate the .ORG Registry ASAE would intend to participate in the .ORG Global Advisory Council at the Selection Committee, Council or membership level.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Olson, CAE
President and CEO
Dear ICANN Board Member,

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations was founded in 1945 with a mandate to raise levels of nutrition and standards of living, to improve agricultural productivity, and to better the condition of rural populations.

Today, FAO is one of the largest specialized agencies in the United Nations system and the lead agency for agriculture, forestry, fisheries and rural development. An intergovernmental organization, FAO has 183 member countries plus one member organization, the European Community.

As a member of the non-commercial community and an .org registrant that uses the Internet extensively to conduct our day-to-day activities, we believe it is critical that non-commercial organizations like FAO, and the .org community at large, have a means to participate in decisions affecting the non-commercial Internet.

Consistent with the above, we are writing to endorse the concept of a globally representative .ORG Global Advisory Council as a reasonable mechanism for ensuring that the .ORG Registry is operated in a way that is responsive to the needs of the global non-commercial Internet community. Furthermore, if ICANN selects to operate the .ORG Registry an entity which espouses such a mechanism, FAO intends to actively participate in the proposed .ORG Global Advisory Council at least at the membership level.

Sincerely,

John Reid
Chief
Information and Communications Technology Service
Information Systems and Technology Division

4/6/2002
Dear ICANN Board Member,

Founded in 1919, IATA is a global not-for-profit association, whose membership consists of 275 airlines, based in 143 different countries and territories, which together transport in excess of 95 percent of the world's scheduled international air traffic. IATA has offices in 75 countries counts among its customers approximately 90,000 IATA accredited and endorsed travel agents located in 209 countries; the operators of other modes of transportation such as railways and ferry companies; and numerous other suppliers of travel-related services.

As a not-for-profit organization and a .org registrant who relies heavily upon the Internet as a means to provide its members with information and mission critical services, we believe it is important for the non-commercial community and the users of .org to have a means to participate in decisions that impact what is essentially the “non-commercial Internet”.

We are writing to endorse the concept of an .ORG Global Advisory Council as an appropriate mechanism for ensuring that the .ORG Registry is operated in a way that is responsive to the needs, concerns and views of the global non-commercial Internet community. Furthermore, if NeuStar is selected to operate the .ORG Registry IATA intends to actively participate in the .ORG Global Advisory Council at the Selection Committee, Council or membership level.

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June 17, 2002

Dear ICANN Board Member,

The National School Boards Association is the nationwide advocacy and outreach organization for public school governance. NSBA’s mission is to foster excellence and equity in public elementary and secondary education in the United States through school board leadership. Founded in 1940, NSBA is a not-for-profit federation of state associations of school boards across the United States and the school boards of the District of Columbia, Hawaii, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

As a not-for-profit organization and a .ORG registrant who relies heavily upon the Internet, we believe it is important for the non-commercial community and the users of .ORG to have a means to participate in decisions that impact what is essentially the “non-commercial Internet.”

We are writing to endorse the concept of a .ORG Global Advisory Council as an appropriate mechanism for ensuring that the .ORG Registry is operated in a way that is responsive to the needs, concerns and views of the global non-commercial Internet community. Furthermore, if NeuStar is selected to operate the .ORG Registry, NSBA would consider participating in the .ORG Global Advisory Council at the Selection Committee, Council or membership level.

Sincerely,

Joseph Kidd
Systems Manager
National School Boards Association
By fax: 00 1 202 533 2972

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17 June 2002

Dear ICANN Board Member

In its role as a dual membership organization, the International Bar Association (IBA) is currently comprised of 16,000 individual lawyers and 180 Bar Associations and Law Societies. The IBA influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession. The principal aim and objectives of the IBA are as follows:

- Promote an exchange of information between legal associations worldwide
- Support the independence of the judiciary and the right of lawyers to practice their profession without interference
- Support human rights for lawyers worldwide through its Human Rights Institute

The IBA relies heavily upon the use of the Internet to promote the exchange of information between legal associations and communities throughout the world. Members of the IBA and the international public frequent our website, www.ibanet.org, for news, legal updates, programs and general information.

Since the Internet is such an important tool for us, we felt compelled to write and express our desire to have you give careful consideration to NeuStar’s proposal, specifically to their concept of a Global Advisory Council. In our opinion, the Global Advisory Council could serve as the appropriate forum for ensuring that the views of the non-commercial Internet community can be heard.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Ellis
Executive Director
June 14, 2002

Dear ICANN Board Member,

The TelecomHUB is the premier networking organization for Washington DC area senior telecom and industry-related professionals. We provide a high quality forum for information exchange, education and networking.

As a not-for-profit organization and a .org registrant who relies heavily upon the Internet, we believe it is important for the non-commercial community and the users of .org to have a means to participate in decisions that impact what is essentially the “non-commercial Internet”.

We are writing to endorse the concept of an .ORG Global Advisory Council as an appropriate mechanism for ensuring that the .ORG Registry is operated in a way that is responsive to the needs, concerns and views of the global non-commercial Internet community.

Sincerely,

Debra Kaplan
Secretary, TelecomHUB

TelecomHUB.org
703.265.4838 (w)
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cc: Barry Toser
    President, TelecomHUB
Dear ICANN Board Member,

The National Kidney Foundation of the National Capital Area, Inc., (NKF/NCA), which was founded in 1963, is a non-profit organization with a mission to prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases, improving the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation.

The National Kidney Foundation of the National Capital Area, Inc., with a board of 50, over 400 committee & task force members, and over 30,000 individuals and companies in its membership is among the largest health organization in the Washington metropolitan area. This area has the highest prevalence of kidney disease in the United States.

As a not-for-profit organization and a .ORG registrant who relies upon the Internet, we believe it is important for the non-commercial community and the users of .ORG to have a means to participate in decisions that impact what is essentially the "non-commercial Internet".

We are writing to endorse the concept of an .ORG Global Advisory Council as an appropriate mechanism for ensuring that the .ORG Registry is operated in a way that is responsive to the needs, concerns and views of the global non-commercial Internet community. Furthermore, if NeuStar is selected to operate the .ORG Registry, the National Kidney Foundation of the National Capital Area intends to participate in the .ORG Global Advisory Council at the Selection Committee Council or membership level.

Sincerely,

Preston A. Englert, Jr., C.A.E.
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Dear ICAN Board Member:

The William G. McGowan Charitable Fund, Inc., was established February 23, 1993 in memory of the late William G. McGowan, Founder and Chairman of MCI Communications Corporation. Our mission is to assist those engaging in health care research, promoting or providing educational opportunities, especially in the business field, or working to develop the critical skills of the young with emphasis on the under-educated and under-developed. To date we have distributed over $50 million in support of these areas.

The McGowan Charitable Fund has a very unique perspective on the benefits that not for profits could realize from the development and advancement in both telecommunications and the Internet. As a telecommunications pioneer, Mr. McGowan understood the power and the impact that communications would have on society. Under his leadership and watchful eye, MCI grew to become the second largest long distance provider in the world. He and the MCI staff also had the vision required to build the world’s largest Internet network, a distinction that the company still holds today. As a not-for-profit organization and a .org registrant, we rely heavily upon the Internet as a means to provide interested parties with the information that they need to seek our help in advancing their cause. As a result, we believe that it is important for the non-commercial community and the users of .org to have a means to participate in decisions that impact what is essentially the "non-commercial Internet."
We are writing to endorse the concept of an .ORG Global Advisory Council as an appropriate mechanism for the ensuring that the .ORG Registry is operated in a way that is responsive to the needs, concerns and views of the global non-commercial Internet community. Furthermore, if NeuStar is selected to operate the .ORG registry, the McGowan Charitable Fund intends to actively participate in affairs of the .ORG Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Bernard A. Goodrich
Executive Director
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June 6, 2002
First Book
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Dear ICANN Board Member,

First Book is a national nonprofit organization with a single mission: to give children from low-income families the opportunity to read and own their first new books. The primary goal of First Book is to work with existing literacy programs to distribute new books to children who, for economic reasons, have little or no access to books. Last year First Book distributed 7 million books to hundreds of thousands of children in more than 700 communities nationwide.

In the years since First Book's founding, educators and policymakers have become acutely aware of the need to develop strong community-based resource programs for low-income children, which is precisely the focus of First Book at the local level. One recent report funded by the Packard and MacArthur Foundations found that the average child growing up in a middle class family has been exposed to 1,000 to 1,700 hours of one-on-one picture book reading before entering school. The average child growing up in a low-income family, however, has only been exposed to 25 hours of one-on-one reading during this same time period.

At the local level, First Book leverages the strength of its entrepreneurial Local Advisory Board model to spark social change. By providing community-based literacy programs with an ongoing supply of new books, First Book plays a critical role in enhancing the quality of pre-school and after-school programs nationwide. A literacy program in St. Louis serving 50 low-income children, for example, could receive 50 books each month for a year from First Book - St. Louis. The books are chosen by program leaders working directly with the children, incorporated into program lessons, and given to the children to take home and keep.

As a not-for-profit organization and a .org registrant who relies heavily upon the Internet as a means to provide its members with information and mission critical services, we believe it is important for the non-commercial community and the users of .org to have a means to participate in decisions that impact what is essentially the "non-commercial Internet". We are writing to endorse the concept of an .ORG Global Advisory Council as an appropriate mechanism for ensuring that the .ORG Registry is operated in a way that is responsive to the needs, concerns and views of the global non-commercial Internet community. Furthermore, if NeuStar is selected to operate the .ORG Registry, First Book intends to actively participate in the .ORG Global Advisory Council at the Selection Committee, Council or membership level.

If you have questions or would like additional information, I can be reached at 202-393-1222 or kzimmer@firstbook.org

Sincerely,

Kyle Zimmer
Co-founder & President
MENCAP

Understanding learning disability

13 June 2002

To: ICANN

Dear ICANN Board Member,

The Royal Mencap Society (Mencap) is Britain’s leading charity working with people with a learning disability and their families. Established in 1946, we campaign for equal rights and provide a wide range of advice and support services for the 1.4 million children and adults with a learning disability in Britain. One such service is the national, freephone Learning Disability Helpline, which is a one-stop shop for information on learning disability. We are increasingly looking to use our website to extend our reach in providing such information.

As a not-for-profit organization and a .org registrant which relies heavily upon the Internet, we believe it is important for the non-commercial community and the users of .org to have a means to participate in decisions that impact what is essentially the “non-commercial Internet”.

We are writing to endorse the concept of a .ORG Global Advisory Council as an appropriate mechanism for ensuring that the .ORG Registry is operated in a way that is responsive to the needs, concerns and views of the global non-commercial Internet community. Furthermore, if NeuStar is selected to operate the .ORG Registry, Mencap intends to participate in the .ORG Global Advisory Council at the Selection Committee, Council or membership level.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

David Scott-Ralphs
Director of Strategy and Communications
Dear ICANN Board Member,

The Wondir Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating the barriers between questions and answers. The soon-to-be-launched Wondir information service will help people find practical, focused answers to questions, with an emphasis on connecting people with other people who can answer their questions or provide needed help. There are thousands of organizations (such as charities, social service agencies, civic groups, professional associations, government agencies, universities, schools and libraries) and millions of individuals throughout the world who want to help others by providing information, guidance and expertise. There are many people who need their help. The Wondir service will provide a simple yet effective mechanism whereby people with an information need can just ask a question and get a good answer from those sources who are out there ready to help. It will help service organizations reach those they wish to serve, by making human help accessible and as simple as asking a question of a search engine.

The Wondir Foundation believes that the establishment of an .ORG Global Advisory Council is an appropriate mechanism for ensuring that the .ORG Registry is operated in a way that is responsive to the needs, concerns and views of the global non-commercial Internet community. Furthermore, if NeuStar is selected to operate the .ORG Registry The Wondir Foundation intends to actively participate in the .ORG Global Advisory Council at the Selection Committee, Council or membership level.

Sincerely,

Matthew Koll
Chairman, The Wondir Foundation
June 14, 2002

Dear ICANN Board Member,

The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) is a non-profit organization founded in 1889. Its members include the governmental agencies that are engaged in the regulation of utilities and carriers in the fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. NARUC's member agencies regulate the activities of telecommunications, energy, and water utilities.

NARUC's mission is to serve the public interest by improving the quality and effectiveness of public utility regulation. Under State law, NARUC's members have the obligation to ensure the establishment and maintenance of such energy utility services as may be required by the public convenience and necessity, and to ensure that such services are provided at rates and conditions that are just, reasonable and nondiscriminatory for all consumers.

NARUC is a user of the .ORG domain.

While NARUC specifically does not endorse a particular organization to serve as the .ORD domain administrator, we believe that the establishment of a .ORG Global Advisory Council is an appropriate mechanism for ensuring that the .ORG Registry is operated in a way that is responsive to the needs, concerns and views of the global non-commercial Internet community. Furthermore, regardless of who is selected to operate the .ORG Registry, should ICANN adopt the concept of a Global Advisory Council, NARUC intends to actively participate in the Council at the Selection Committee, Council and membership level.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Charles D. Gray
Executive Director
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Marco Bernardi
NeuStar, Inc
Industry Liaison

10 June 2002

Dear Sir,

The World Gold Council, owners of www.gold.org (and other related .org domains), endorses the concept of a .ORG Global Advisory Council to ensure that .org domains retain their non-commercial integrity.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

C T Woodward
IS Manager
Dear ICANN Board Member,

Founded in 1997, China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC) is a non-profit organization under the direction of the Ministry of Information Industry, and administrated by the Computer Network Information Center, Chinese Academy of Sciences. In addition to acting as the registry operator for the "cn" ccTLD, CNNIC is responsible for IP Addresses and the National Internet Survey in China. CNNIC's mission also includes the promotion and development of the Internet in China and national scientific research related to the Internet.

CNNIC and other non-profit organizations both within and outside of government, utilize the Internet in performing important national responsibilities and in serving citizens. Since .org is a global top-level domain, we agree that it is important for the registry operator to serve non-profit organizations in a way that it responsive to the needs of the global non-profit community.

We believe the .org Global Advisory Council proposed by NeuStar is an appropriate mechanism for ensuring that the .org registry is operated to serve the non-profit community and therefore endorse this concept. If NeuStar is selected as the .org registry operator, it is CNNIC's intention to participate in the activities of the .ORG Global Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

Mao Wei

Mao Wei
Director General
June 14, 2002

Dear ICANN Board Member,

I am writing to endorse the concept of an .ORG Global Advisory Council as an appropriate mechanism for ensuring that the .ORG Registry is operated in a way that is responsive to the needs, concerns and views of the global non-commercial Internet community.

As one of the original educational and networking in our community, The New Media Society of Washington, DC has been dedicated to providing individuals in public and private organization opportunities to explore the impact of new technologies on business and society.

As a not-for-profit organization, and a .org registrant who relies heavily upon the Internet, we believe it is important for the non-commercial community and the users of .org to have a means to participate in decisions that impact what is essentially the “non-commercial Internet.”

Furthermore, if NeuStar is selected to operate the .ORG Registry The New Media Society of Washington, D.C. intends to participate in the .ORG Global Advisory Council at the Selection Committee, Council or membership level.

Sincerely,

Todd Tweedy
President
The New Media Society of Washington, D.C.
June 13, 2002

Dear ICANN Board Member,

The Stargazer Foundation is a nonprofit (non-commercial) private operating foundation that has created StargazerNET. StargazerNET is a global Internet platform and portal that provides a unique set of Web-based capabilities, free of charge, to individuals and organizations pursuing educational and socially valuable objectives. StargazerNET (www.StargazerNET.org or www.StargazerNET.net) can be used to communicate and collaborate, share knowledge and experience, find and organize resources, and contribute and volunteer for the benefit of others.

Since the Internet is central to our service offerings and is also an increasingly critical tool for the non-commercial community, Stargazer believes that it is important for the non-commercial community to have a voice in decisions that impact the .org top-level domain. Consequently, we believe the concept of a globally representative .ORG Global Advisory Council, as proposed by NeuStar, is an appropriate mechanism for ensuring that the .ORG Registry is operated in a way that is responsive to the needs of the global non-commercial Internet community.

Further, Stargazer would be willing to support a .ORG Global Advisory Council, or any such organization which serves to help non-commercial entities guide and influence decisions affecting .ORG. We would be pleased to offer StargazerNET as a free online collaboration mechanism to allow broad participation by non-commercial groups without incurring high communications and travel expenses. Therefore, if ICANN selects NeuStar to operate the .ORG Registry, Stargazer Foundation intends to support the activities of the .ORG Global Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

Roy A. Fainse
Managing Director
Network for Online Commerce (NOC)  
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England  
11 June 2002  

Dear ICANN Board Member,  

Re: .ORG Global Advisory Council  

NOC is a not-for-profit trade association that represents the interests of telephone companies, service providers, regulators and manufacturers in the area of international telephone premium rate services. We are based in the UK but have a global membership. Our aim is to develop the long-term interests of a professionally run international telemedia industry.  

As a not-for-profit organization and a .org registrant who relies heavily upon the Internet, we believe it is important for the non-commercial community and the user of .org to have a means to participate in decisions that impact what is essentially the "non-commercial Internet".  

We are writing to endorse the concept of an .ORG Global Policy Council as an appropriate mechanism for ensuring that the .ORG Registry is operated in a way that is responsive to the needs, concerns and views of the global non-commercial Internet community. Furthermore, if NeuStar is selected to operate the .ORG Registry, NOC intends to participate in the .ORG Global Policy Council at the Selection Committee Council or membership level.  

Yours sincerely,  

Mike Jackson  
Director Carrier Relations  
NOC
Dear ICANN Board Member,

Founded in 1999, TWNIC is a not-for-profit organization, who is responsible for .tw Domain Name registration service and the stability and security of .tw Internet infrastructure. Besides, TWNIC also provides IP/ASN registration and management, directory and database access as well as the promotion for the Taiwan's Internet community, based on its non-profit, neutral and mutual sharing of network resources. Besides, TWNIC also hosts the Asia-Pacific Top Level Domain Association (APTLD) Secretariat in Taipei.

TWNIC, as a not-for-profit organization, has been participated in every important Domain Name related discussions. We believe many not-for-profit associations who rely heavily upon the Internet as a means to provide its members with information and mission critical services, we believe it is important for the non-commercial community and the users of .org to have a means to participate in decisions that impact what is essentially the "non-commercial Internet". We are writing to endorse the concept of an .ORG Global Advisory Council as an appropriate mechanism for ensuring that the .ORG Registry is operated in a way that is responsive to the needs, concerns and views of the global non-commercial Internet community. Furthermore, if NeuStar is selected to operate the .ORG Registry TWNIC intends to actively participate in the .ORG Global Advisory Council at the Selection Committee, Council or membership level.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wen-Sung Chen
CEO
TWNIC