

Independent Reviews & GNSO Improvements

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Independent Reviews



- Part of ICANN's ongoing commitment to its evolution and improvement
- Undertaking comprehensive schedule for independent review of all ICANN's structures, and the Board.
- Reviews conducted in objective manner by independent evaluators, under Board guidance, with opportunity for public comment on review results.



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Review Schedule



1. **Nominating Committee** – Review completed 23 October 2007
2. **At-Large Advisory Committee** – BGC selecting independent evaluator
3. **DNS Root Server System Advisory Committee** – Draft Terms of Reference to be posted for public comment, further consideration
4. **Board** – Terms of Reference to be finalized, independent evaluator to be hired
5. **Security and Stability Advisory Committee** – Estimated launch January 2008
6. **ccNSO Supporting Organisation** – Estimated launch July 2008
7. **Address Supporting Organisation** – Estimated launch December 2008



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NomCom Review



- Report of independent evaluator (Interisle Group) posted for public comments, presented and discussed at Los Angeles meeting.
- Report will be used to inform BGC efforts to develop detailed proposals for improving the way ICANN fills leadership positions.



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NomCom Review

- Interisle's Review directed under Bylaws to determine:
 - (i) whether the NomCom has a continuing purpose in the ICANN structure; and
 - (ii) if so, whether any change in structure or operations is desirable to improve its effectiveness.
- Interisle reaffirmed NomCom purpose and suggested substantial changes to role, structure, and operation.



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Interisle Recommendations

see <<http://icann.org/reviews/nomcom28feb07.htm>>

- **Balance confidentiality and transparency.**
- **Treat candidates more respectfully.**
- **Recruit and select based on requirements.**
- **Separate recruiting from selection.**
- **Focus NomCom on its core mission.**
- **Restructure NomCom leadership roles.**



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Interisle Recommendations



- **Enforce participation rules.**
- **Explicitly design and document NomCom processes.**
- **Seek candidate information from many sources.**
- **Boost awareness of ICANN and NomCom.**
- **Hold NomCom appointees accountable.**



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Interisle Recommendations



- **Audit the NomCom process.**
- **Manage outreach and recruitment.**
- **Select NomCom members by lottery.**
- **Distinguish between the “fiduciary” and “policy” roles of the Board.**
- **Select Directors from ICANN volunteer pool.**
- **Select SO Council members from ICANN volunteer pool.**
- **Devolve responsibility for selection of ALAC members.**



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Interisle Recommendations



- Interisle's recommendations based on evidence compiled from extensive personal interviews, consultation with experts, documentary records.
- Public comments sought; send to <nomcom-review@icann.org>
- BGC NomCom Review Working Group will work with community to consider report and public input to strengthen this element of ICANN.



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GNSO Improvements



- BGC GNSO Review Working Group (BGC WG) of current/former Board members, leading efforts to recommend comprehensive proposal to improve effectiveness of GNSO, including its policy activities, structure, operations and communications.
- Board is committed to working with the community to approve and implement GNSO improvements.



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GNSO Improvements



see <<http://icann.org/topics/gnsso-improvements/>>

- The BGC WG considered independent reviews, GNSO constituencies and public input and issued second draft **GNSO Improvements Report**.
- Posted for public comment on 19 October, it reflects BGC WG's examination of many aspects of the GNSO's functioning, including the use of working groups and the overall policy development process (PDP), and the structure of the GNSO Council and its constituencies.



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GNSO Improvements



- BGC WG goals: improve inclusiveness and representativeness in the GNSO's work, while increasing its effectiveness and efficiency.
- BGC WG key objectives:
 - Maximizing ability for all interested stakeholders to participate in GNSO's processes;
 - Ensuring recommendations can be developed on gTLD "consensus policies" for Board review, and "consensus policies" clearly defined;
 - Ensuring policy development processes 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.



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GNSO Improvements



- The BGC WG's deliberations have achieved consensus on a comprehensive set of recommendations that addresses five main areas:
 - **Adopting a Working Group Model**
 - **Revising the PDP**
 - **Restructuring the GNSO Council**
 - **Enhancing Constituencies**
 - **Improving Coordination with ICANN Structures**



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GNSO Improvements



- BGC WG believes there is broad and strong support for changes in the functioning of the GNSO, based on input from GNSO participants and other members of the ICANN community.
- While the need to update and improve the GNSO is not disputed, there is no magical set of proposals that could be received without controversy or opposition.
- BGC WG has balanced, to the best of its ability, different — and sometimes competing — interests in order to formulate recommendations on the basis of what the BGC WG believes can benefit the ICANN community as a whole.



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GNSO Improvements – Next Steps



- Public comments are being sought on the Report; email to gnso-improvements@icann.org
- These comments and those from Monday's public workshop will be considered by BGC WG
- Report will be finalized, presented to the BGC; and then Report will be submitted to the Board for action.



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Thank You



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