Conference newsletter



Friday 2 November

SUMMARY The final day of the meeting comprises one event. Since it is the annual meeting, there will be not one but two Board meetings. The first will be as usual – the Board discussing the issues and making decisions on the work put before it. That meeting will then close and the new Board members will take their places and hold a second meeting – with the most important agenda item being the vote for a new chairman. Then it will close and preparations will begin for Delhi in February. See you there.

TODAY'S MAIN MEETINGS

Board meeting Time: 8:30 – 13:00 Room: International Ballroom

Meeting A

- 1. Approval of minutes
- 2. Discussion on Strategic Plan
- 3. Update on IDNs
- 4. GNSO Improvements
- 5. Independent Reviews
- 6. Contractual Conditions PDP
- 7. Review of proposed ALAC

Bylaw changes

8. ccNSO Region Reform

9. Update on Whois

- 10. Discussion of new gTLD policy and implementation
- 11. Approval of SSAC

Nominations

12. Board Finance Committee 13. Discussion of MoUs with

Regional and International

- Organizations (CITEL, CTO)
- 14. .museum contract change
- 15. Registrar Data Escrow

16. Other Business

17. Acknowledgements and thanks

Meeting B: (New Board)

1. Election of Chair

2. Election of Vice-Chair

3. Appointment of committee leadership/membership

4. Confirmation of Officers of ICANN

5. Other Business.

WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY

Public Forum

As usual the public forum started with ICANN's internal committees providing updates on their work, followed by a series of reports on current topics. The Ombudsman delivered his annual report; there was an update on IDNs, the Strategic Plan, and the NomCom review, followed by a short public comment period.

After that, all of the supporting organisations and advisory committees outlined what progress they had made during the course of the week and raised any concerns or issues they had.

Finally an update on the GNSO improvement process and independent reviews was provided; a report on registrant protection given, and the floor was then opened to comments.



All of the presentations, and the transcript of the session, can be found on a single meeting webpage at: http://losangeles2007.icann.org/1nov/public-forum

Wolfgang Kleinwachter suggested ICANN do some outreach to help people find out about the Nominating Committee; asked why the Board didn't react when the ALAC chair suggested a "users summit" at the Paris meeting, arguing it would be a great signal to governments. **Vint Cerf** suggested a joint meeting with ISOC.

Milton Mueller focused on the "keep the core neutral" campaign he is a part of. He expressed concern about ICANN's "attempt to impose standards of morality and public order" on new gTLDs.

Adrian Kinderis was disappointed by attendance at the new gTLD workshop by Board members (four said they were there for the entire event). He complained about the cost of hotel rooms in Delhi and praised the ICANN meeting website.

Chris Ambler asked about the status of his application for .web in light of the new gTLD process. ICANN's general counsel **John Jeffrey** said ICANN would review the situation with regard to rights over gTLDs applied for in the past. Brett Fausett raised the same concern over the .iii application.

Mike Rodenbaugh discussed GNSO improvements and raised the "800-lb red herring" of reduced value in voting in ICANN's main policy body. **Phil Corwin** agreed with proposed changes to the RAA but complained about the number of closed meetings that the GAC had held this meeting. Vint Cerf argued that the GAC has opened up more than ever before. *Other comments were made.*