
Gabriella Schittek: ...Working Group which would focus on the funding, implementation and maintenance of a contact repository for ccTLDs. Alright.

Bart Boswinkel: Unfortunately that will be up for the next Council meeting. I didn't have the time. I was too focused on the (inaudible).

Chris Disspain: Okay. Anything else, Gabby?

Gabriella Schittek: Yes. The Secretariat to post the Finance Working Group background material on the ccNSO website, and I don't know why we haven't done that yet, sorry.

Chris Disspain: Yeah, that's okay, don't worry about it. I mean worry about it but don't worry about the fact that you haven't done it. And that's it? Okay, cool. So the second item on the agenda is the Delegation/Re-delegation Working Group report. I'm not going to read all this background out. Basically, the Council has received the final report, there were clear recommendations in that report; and I'll read the proposed resolutions and then we'll take any comment or questions on the proposed resolutions.

The resolutions are that the Council acknowledges receipt of the final report of the Working Group, and notes that according to its charter the Working Group is now closed; the Council warmly thanks all members, experts, observers in the Group for their outstanding work; that the Council resolves to create the Framework of Interpretation, or FOI, Working Group as



recommended; and that in accordance with the proposed charter – which we’ll get to in a second – the objective of the Working Group is to develop and propose a framework of interpretation for the delegation/re-delegation of ccTLDs. This framework should provide a clear guide to IANA and the ICANN Board on interpretations of 1591 GAC Principles.

Four: that the Council appoints Keith Davidson as Chair of that Working Group, that being Keith’s position as Chair of the current Delegation/Re-Delegation Working Group. Five: that we request the staff to send out a call for volunteers in the usual manner; and six: that we will revisit whether or not to request an issues report to launch a PDP on the retirement of ccTLDs in accordance with Annex B of the bylaws at the time that the FOI Working Group has submitted its final report.

So, discussion, comment? And Bart, do you have anything to say about the charter? Do we need to look at the scope and purpose or is that encompassed in the resolution?

Bart Boswinkel:

The scope itself is, the purpose of that Working Group is encompassed in the resolution and I’ve sent the charter itself three days ago. There were some amendments but not in the scope, and not in the purpose and not in the scope of activities but more in the logistical-

Chris Disspain:

Yes, just the administrative stuff. Okay, Lesley.

Lesley Cowley: I just had a question going back to the recommendations from the report, which were about the sponsorship agreements element, and there was a suggestion that the ccNSO should ask the Board to strike that whole thing. Now, we've not had an opportunity to cover that this week and I don't think that it has anything to do with the resolutions here, but perhaps we might put that on the agenda for Singapore.

Chris Disspain: Yes, I think if we could perhaps minute that the Council notes the Working Group's recommendation in respect to sponsorship agreements and we'll discuss that issue in Singapore. Okay? And so that can be in the minutes. Does anybody- Dotty, you're looking confused. That's about the fact that- Oh, okay, you go ahead.

Dotty Sparks de Blanc: I just wanted to ask you is there a name designation for the new Working Group?

Chris Disspain: Yes, it's called the FOI Working Group.

Dotty Sparks de Blanc: FOI.

Chris Disspain: Yes, yes. Okay. So is there any other discussion or comment on these formal resolutions? No? Okay, so on that basis unless there are any objections I will take these resolutions as passed; and does anybody want to abstain or want to vote against? Unanimous. Gabby, do we have Paulos on the line? Paulos, are you there?



Gabriella Schitteck: They're trying to dial him in but it doesn't look like he's online.

Chris Disspain: Alright, so he's not actually, physically... Okay, fine. Okay, so I'll take that as passed unanimously. Thank you.

We move now to item #3 on the agenda, which is the Fast Track Review. During the meeting in the last couple of days the results of the review process of the Fast Track were presented and issues were discussed, in particular issues about confusable similarity. The meeting welcomed an initiative to seek further clarity and assistance for the current and future IDN ccTLD Fast Track applicants regarding the confusingly similarity evaluation. Yes, Bart?

Bart Boswinkel: If you may have noted, this was printed out. I received some further feedback. In your email you'll have a slightly updated version which I will read so you have a clear vision or you have clear understanding of how the resolution reads in the updated version of-

Chris Disspain: So it's the resolution in my email that's the updated one, not the one on this piece of paper.

Bart Boswinkel: Yeah.

Chris Disspain: Okay. So the resolution says "ccNSO Council requests the IDN ccPDP Working Group 1 to develop as soon as possible guidelines (within the framework of the existing rules for the Fast Track) to

improve the predictability of the evaluation relating to string confusion as defined in the IDNC Final Report and the Final Implementation Report as adopted by the ICANN Board in November, 2009.”

So that basically is us asking the IDN PDP Working Group to do some work as quickly as possible to provide some guidance to the technical panel on their assessment of confusing similarity of strings. Obviously the Working Group will be liaising directly with the linguistic experts on that. Comments, input, questions? Yes?

Patricio Poblete:

The resolution will initiate the process that should lead to better procedures for the future, but my concern is whether something could be done now to support the requests for reconsideration of those countries whose strings have already been rejected by reason of confusability.

Chris Disspain:

Thank you, Patricio. Are you talking about formal, is it a formal request for reconsideration under the ICANN bylaws? Or are they just asking people to look at it again?

Patricio Poblete:

It seems, from what I understood, the current process doesn't allow for an appeal or reconsideration process. So that-

Chris Disspain:

Just one second, Patricio. I've spoken to (inaudible) from Greece, and said that whilst there are no guarantees I would have envisaged this Working Group's input would be relatively quick. And he

seemed to be comfortable with waiting for that, and so I think perhaps it might be best that we do it that way rather than suggest that they insert a process.

Patricio Poblete: If they are okay with that then okay.

Chris Disspain: Young?

Young Eum Lee: I'm also just wondering if they decide to go with a different string, that it would be possible for them to go through the Fast Track again.

Chris Disspain: Oh yes, absolutely. You can go as many times as you would like. Anyone else? Alright, well on that basis then, can I have a proposer for the resolution then? I have Hiro, and a seconder? I have Becky. And does anybody wish to object to the resolution or to abstain? No, good, it's passed. I've just reminded myself that I didn't ask for a proposer and for a seconder in the previous six resolutions on the Del and Re-Del Working Group, so just go back a sec and can I get someone to propose those six resolutions? Lesley, thank you. And the seconder? Young Eum, thank you very much. We've already done the vote. Marvelous, that's the way to do it.

Number four is replacements on the Travel Funding Committee. Ondrej, this is Ondrej's last meeting as a Councilor, and this is my last meeting as a Councilor; and both Ondrej and I are on the Travel Funding Committee along with Dotty. Now, I will be



replaced by Lesley in her capacity as the new Chair of the ccNSO. We had two nominees or two volunteers to put their names forward for Ondrej's spot. The reason why Ondrej has to go is because the charter for this particular Committee says that you must be a Councilor in order to be on it.

Sokol put his name forward as did Jian. I've spoken to Jian and said I would very much like Sokol to be able to do this because I think it would be a very good introduction to the ccNSO Council. So the resolution would be that Chris will be replaced by Lesley in her capacity as the Chair of the ccNSO and Ondrej will be replaced by Sokol. Are there any comments or questions on the resolution?

Okay, so can I have a proposer for that resolution please? Ondrej, thank you Ondrej; and Fernando, thank you very much. Are there any objections or abstentions? No, good.

We move now to the item #5 which is the election of the ccNSO Vice-Chairs. Every twelve months we go through the process of electing the Chair and the Vice-Chairs of the ccNSO, and currently the Vice-Chairs are Byron and Lesley. So, if we can take Byron's spot first, does anybody wish to nominate to be Vice-Chair in the spot that Byron currently occupies. Byron? You nominate Byron, Becky? Thank you very much. Excellent news.

Byron, before we go any further, are you actually prepared to do this?

Byron Holland: I am prepared.

Chris Disspain: Well, that's going a bit far.

Byron Holland: Yeah, I may be overstating the case but I will accept.

Chris Disspain: Okay. Does anyone else want to put their name forward to be Vice-Chair at this stage? I appreciate we've got another Vice-Chair seat at the moment but no? Okay, we're seeing no other nominations. Becky, you've proposed; do I have a seconder for that? Lesley, or no, Mohamed, that's great. Thank you. Can I ask that we actually affirmatively vote this one? Will all those in favor raise your hand? Is there anybody against? Does anybody want to abstain? Okay, thank you. Byron.

The second spot is Lesley's, which obviously Lesley can't fill. Is anyone willing to put their name forward or would anybody like to nominate somebody to fill that role? Yes, Lesley?

Lesley Cowley: Chris, at the Council meeting and discussion around roles and responsibilities on Sunday, which feels like a long time ago, we asked for volunteers to fill my spot as it were, and we have heard one volunteer as Hiro.

Chris Disspain: Okay. And Hiro, you're- Where are you? Where is Hiro? Hiro he is. Hiro, are you willing to stand for Vice-Chair?

Hiro Hotta: I'm very much honored and I'm happy to accept the nomination.

Chris Disspain:

Thank you. Can I ask then if somebody would second- Oh, hang on. Is there anybody else who wants to stand? I'm figuring not. So Sokol, I saw your hand up first, so you want to second the nomination? Fantastic, thank you. Can we perhaps vote on that please? All those in favor please raise your hand. Anyone against? Any abstentions? Congratulations, Hiro, and thank you very much indeed.

Okay, item #6 is the concluding, God, the concluding process... It's the roles and responsibilities stuff. So the Council has been working for some time on getting clarity on the roles and responsibilities of the Chair, the Vice-Chairs and the Councilors themselves, and we have produced a document which I guess we'll publish at some point. Now, there's some background to this. The Board Working Group on the Review of the ccNSO noted with regard to recommendation #10 of the independent reviewers that the ccNSO should clarify the respective roles of the Council and the Chair of the ccNSO.

So from public comments such clarification of roles and responsibilities is both supported and foreseen. So we've done that and we've produced the document, and the proposed resolution is that the Council adopts the roles and responsibilities documentation as discussed at successive Council workshop. Input, comments, or questions on that resolution please? Yes, Lesley.

Lesley Cowley:

A comment in the sense that it's one thing, clarifying roles and responsibilities; it's another thing then, carrying them out. And we've had some very fruitful discussions in the Council about Councilors sharing the workload moving forward which I think have been very positive. And Bart has nobly picked up the task of developing a work plan which helps iterate how we're going to do our work. Just pre-warning that we'll also be seeking volunteers from the community in areas of expertise or where you'd quite like to give your skills to the CC community, whether you be a ccNSO member or not.

Chris Disspain:

Thank you, Lesley. Anyone else? Anything else? Okay, well in that case can I have a proposer for the resolution that we adopt the roles – and I'm going to guess who that's going to be – to adopt the roles and responsibilities pursuant to the documentation? Proposed by Lesley; anyone going to second? Can I have a seconder please? Patricio, thank you. Is there anyone against this resolution? Does anybody want to abstain? Marvelous, thank you very much.

Can I just say personally that I think this is incredibly important. The survival of the ccNSO as an effective organization is to a great extent dependent on clarity around what people are going to do. When change comes things have to change, things have to move, and I think where we sit right now is that we've got an understanding on the Council that the workload needs to be spread and that things need to be done by different people; but it's also critically important that the community understands that as well

and that people step forward in the ccTLD community and are prepared to take some of the load. This does not happen by magic.

As an indication of the way things are and how things change we now have a resolution that appears to be setting a series of Council dates for the next twelve months. In my day, you'd be lucky if you knew when the next one was, never mind about the next twelve months. I don't propose to read them out and I don't think we need a resolution, but I do think that we should note for information that the Council has a set of dates for the next twelve months.

Item #8 is announcement and clarification of process for the new ccNSO Chair just in case there's any question. Lesley Cowley, a ccNSO Councilor for the European Region has been elected unanimously by an email vote in March, 2011, to serve as Chair of the ccNSO for the term of one year; and Lesley will take- I think we should have got her tied in for longer than that but unfortunately the bylaws say we can't. And Lesley will take her seat as Chair at the end of this Council meeting. Again, that's just for reading into the record.

Item #9 is the welcome to some new Councilors who will be joining us technically at the end of this meeting: Roelof, a ccNSO Councilor for the European Region; Victor Abhoud, a ccNSO Councilor for the Latin American Region; Souleymane – I'm really bad at this stuff – Oumtanaga from the African Region; and Keith Davidson who will fill the vacancy created by my leaving

the Council on Friday, from then until Spring, 2013, which is effectively a two-year term.

And again, that's just for reading into the record but I would ask that the Council acknowledges the willingness of these new Councilors to serve in the usual manner.

[applause]

Chris Disspain: Thank you. We move now to the final item on the agenda, which is to thank our departing Councilors: Ondrej Filip- Sorry, yes Bart? Have I missed something?

Bart Boswinkel: Yes, if you're looking at-

Chris Disspain: Yes? The correct answer is no.

Bart Boswinkel: If you look in your email two additional things have been added. The first one is to the host of the San Francisco meeting?

Chris Disspain: Ah yes, and the sponsors.

Bart Boswinkel: And the sponsors. And the second one is-

Chris Disspain: Okay, yes, I've got that. I saw that one, okay. So we can thank the host and the sponsors in the resolutions, yes? Okay, so Ondrej, who- Ondrej has been a Councilor since March, 2005, for the European Region. Ondrej, thank you. Your technical ability

coupled with also a business brain has been a valuable contribution; and as our resolution says, you've made an outstanding contribution in your active participation in the work of the ccNSO. And we hope you'll remain involved, and in fact I know that you are going to remain involved. So thank you for that, and may we please pass that resolution by affirmation? Thank you.

[applause]

Chris Disspain:

The second is to Mohamed. Where's Mohamed? Ah, sorry, there you are. I'd already seen you but you- So Mohamed has also been a Councilor since March, 2005, for the African Region and has contributed and actively participated in our work. And we wish you well and hope that you will also continue to be involved in the ccNSO. And again, if we could please pass that resolution by affirmation? Thank you.

[applause]

Chris Disspain:

And finally, over this side, right, down at the end it's Patrick. So Patrick has been a Councilor since March, 2008, for the Latin American Region; and in fact, the Latin American/Caribbean Region... I think you're the first, were you our first Caribbean Councilor? So Patrick, thank you for your contribution, for your active participation. Please don't leave us; please continue to turn up and be around and involve yourself as much as you can in what we do. Could we pass that by affirmation please?

[applause]

Chris Disspain: Finally we learned today that Erick Iriarte has resigned his position as LAC TLD and that is to pursue his political career as a Peruvian whatever it is, senator or something, a member of Parliament. So although Erick is not a Councilor he's been a liaison or an observer to the Council on behalf of LAC TLD, and I think a similar resolution acknowledging his contribution and active participation in the work of the ccNSO, and our hopes for his successful and hopefully politically fruitful future would be the thing to do. So again, I'll formally put that resolution and ask that we pass it by affirmation.

[applause]

Chris Disspain: Before I move to the final item, is there any other business? Any other formal business? Okay, so I will pass now the microphone to Lesley. Just one more thing before I forget... Gabby, anything I've forgotten? Okay, Lesley.

Lesley Cowley: Thank you, Chris. Before we move to the final item we have some comments: we have somebody on the phone and we also have two written comments submitted by previous Councilors that Gabby and Christina will help me with.

Gabriella Schitteck:

Well, Olivier Guillard was supposed to be on the phone and I'm not sure why he isn't because he was supposed to be on the phone. He wanted to say goodbye to you, Chris, in person.

But I have a statement here from Bart Vastenburg which I am going to read to you: "Dear Chris, my friend, I appreciate the opportunity to direct a few words to you during your last moments as Chair of the ccNSO Council. I have really enjoyed the years in which we worked together in building the ccNSO and particularly the time I had the honor of serving with you on its Council.

"Chris, I have seen you bring invariable drive, strategic thinking, and convincingly constructive solutions to an area of complex issues. I very much enjoyed the flair and humor with which you so successfully have been leading this community. Most of all, I appreciated our honest personal contact and friendship. Now, before you move on, I would like to offer a consoling thought which you can cling onto while serving as member of the Board of ICANN.

"As Bart Simpson once said, 'What if you were a really good person but you get into a really, really bad fight and your leg gets gangrene and it has to be amputated? Will it be waiting for you in heaven?' Chris, just take care of your limbs and have fun. Thanks again for everything, I wish you all the best and I do hope we will stay in touch. Warm regards, Bart."

[applause]

Kristina Nordström: And I have a greeting from Eva Frölich: “Dear Chris, when you joined ccNSO the ship barely floated. With you as captain the membership has grown and you sailed from harbor to harbor, safely steering in shallow water, avoiding bays with pirates, dancing the leagues, and made sure ccNSO is a body to count with and on. When you now leave ccNSO and move to other challenges, I will remember you as the British tall guy from Down Under who always was very serious, relaxed, and smiling. Good luck with future challenges, and see you somewhere – Eva Frölich.”

[applause]

Lesley Cowley: So the final resolution is the Council resolves unanimously to thank Chris Disspain, Chair of the ccNSO and ccNSO Councilor for the A/P Region, Chair since December, 2004, elected June, 2004, and stepping down on 18th of March, 2011. Thank you for your outstanding contribution to the ccNSO and we hope that you’ll remain actively involved in the work of the ccNSO. And we’d like to pass that by affirmation.

[break in audio]

Chris Disspain: Great. There you go.

Young-Eum Lee: Okay, I am Young-Eum Lee from Korea, and because you don't understand Korean, I printed out an explanation of the group for you.

[laughter]

[background conversation]

Chris Disspain: It's actually Cm-NIC music according to this, which is quite interesting. It's registry music, oh from the lady playing... Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah – thank you. I have no excess baggage allowance here, I'm in serious trouble, yeah.

Patricio Poblete: Yeah, we also have brought something from Chile, and I'll let my musical advisor explain what it is.

Margarita Valdes: So with all our love for you, this is [Interjmani], which is a very famous group, and we hope you enjoy it and we love you.

[applause]

Chris Disspain: Okay, Sokol. Oh, my goodness, wow.

Sokol Haxhiu: Well, I've got to tell this story. I had this in my suitcase and I didn't know this but US Custom officials apparently had opened this, and they suspected that there was something interesting, but they didn't find anything. So here is Albanian music, the "best of" okay? Be careful when you cross the Customs.

[laughter]

Chris Disspain: Thank you. Where am I going now?

Lesley Cowley: Chris, we have some music in a Nominet bag from the UK, and it's records that I think you'll know very well from the era when you would have been listening to music, pop music from the UK.

Chris Disspain: Thank you, so it's wrapped up in (inaudible), but given that I will actually understand what this one says on the front, I should at least- Oh yes, lovely. "Best of British," double album. Yeah, you're right – full of everything. Thank you very much.

[laughter]

Chris Disspain: Who's next? Becky. That does not look like a CD.

Becky Burr: It is a CD. I've brought you "The Roots of Rock and Roll: The Smithsonian Collection of American Folk Music."

Chris Disspain: Oh my God! Thank you! Is there no Becky Burr bag? Don't I get like some sort of a carrier bag or something? No, no, well thank you, what can I say? I'm really touched in many ways. Is there anyone else? Byron?

Byron Holland: Canadian music, so at least theoretically you should understand at least most of the language... Exactly, and it's Michael Bouble,

one of the smoothest crooners and best-dressed musicians going right now, so I couldn't help but draw the parallel, yeah...

Chris Disspain: Thank you. So bizarrely when I was in London I ordered some CDs and had them sent to my mum, so I picked them up and I've still got them here. So I think I'm now going to go home with more CDs than a man could ever need on one journey. Have I missed anybody? Okay, oh Roelof.

Roelof Meijer: Most Dutch musicians sing in English anyway, so you'll understand bits of it I think. It's my own selection so no guarantees. There's one guarantee – there are no images on it so you can safely take them through Customs.

Chris Disspain: “Dutch Treat,” okay. Yeah. Thank you.

Victor Abboud: Since I haven't heard you speaking Spanish I brought you instrumental Ecuadorian music.

[laughter]

Chris Disspain: Thank you, sir. This is amazing! Okay, we must be coming to the end now, yes? We've reached the end? Okay, well I'm not going to say anything else cause I've said enough already. Lesley, I think the best thing I can say right now is over to you, love, and good luck. Thank you. Thanks everyone.

[applause]

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