

GNSO Council update for the ccNSO council

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GNSO Council meeting January 2021

In January 2021, the GNSO Council held one regular meeting and had 2 webinars on specific topics. The first webinar was on the RPM PDP Final Report. The second on the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP WG Final Report.

The following is a short summary of decisions, updates and discussions in the regular meeting. The detailed minutes and more about the webinars will, when final, be published [here](#).

Appointments of liaisons, etc.

The council confirmed following appointments:

- GNSO Non-Registry Liaison to the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) - Milton Mueller
- 2021 GNSO Appointed Mentor to the ICANN Fellowship Program - Farell Folly
- GNSO's Representative(s) to the Community Representatives Group that will nominate the Independent Review Process (IRP) Standing Panel - Heather Forrest

Resolutions

EPDP Phase 1 Rec 7

The Council decided to confirm that the EPDP had the mandate to modify the Thick Whois Transition Policy under the EPDP. This resolves a discussion that came up during the EPDP phase 1 implementation phase and seemed to be overlooked at the time that the Council approved the recommendations from the EPDP WG. The Business Constituency and the Intellectual Property Constituency voted against this resolution after a long debate and extensive attempts to reach an acceptable solution that could be supported by the entire Council. The resolution was still approved as it was supported by the majority of the councilors.

Review of Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP

The Council unanimously approved and recommends that the ICANN Board adopts all thirty-five (35) final PDP recommendations as documented in the RPM PDP Working Group's Final Report.

Updates

New gTLD SubPro PDP WG Final Report

Flip Petillion, Council liaison to SubPro, gave a highlevel presentation on the Subsequent Procedures PDP WG Final Report. A more detailed presentation was held during a separate webinar on 28 January 2021.

Review of ICANN's Strategic Plan and the ICANN Fiscal Year Budget

John McElwaine, Chair of the Standing Committee on Budget and Operations provided an update on the latest activities of the SCBO. The committee is made of councilors and subject matter experts from across the community. They have been meeting weekly and have prepared budget comments on PTI and IANA. The SCBO will meet with the ccNSO counterparts, the ccNSO's SOPC to further discuss issues. A draft comment will be available in February for the GNSO Council.

GNSO liaison between the IDN Policy Track / EPDP and the ccPDP4

Dennis Tan has accepted to take on the role of GNSO liaison between the IDN Policy Track and the ccPDP4. The liaison effort will be done in coordination with the GNSO Liaison to the ccNSO, Sebastien Ducos.

The next GNSO Council meeting is scheduled for 18 February 2021.