

# GNSO Activity Update for ccNSO Council: August 2016

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## IST: Selection of Customer Standing Committee

The [motion](#) to approve the liaisons and members of the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) was passed unanimously in the vote that closed on 09 August. The GNSO members (representing the Registry Stakeholder Group) are Elaine Pruis and Kal Feher. The council also approved James Gannon as CSC Liaison.

## Changes to procedure on WHOIS conflicts with national laws

There is a review of [procedures to address conflicts](#) between a contracted party's Whois obligations and local/national privacy laws or regulations. An Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) has [recommended](#) a modification to allowing a party to trigger the procedure by obtaining a written statement from the government agency charged with enforcing its data privacy laws indicating that a particular Whois obligation conflicts with national law. The recommendation is due for a vote at the GNSO council meeting on 1 September 2016 - once passed all affected parties will be notified.

## Board letter on new gTLD round

Steve Crocker [wrote](#) to the GNSO on new gTLD subsequent rounds noting "...it would be helpful to understand whether the GNSO believes that the entirety of the current Subsequent Procedures PDP must be completed prior to advancing a new application process under the current policy recommendations...". The GNSO will discuss a response shortly. Early thoughts from SG/Cs: BC: "...if there is to be a subsequent round or a permanently open application window, it should not be unnecessarily delayed so as to permit the timely submission of .brand applications..". There are two phases, 1. review of all new gTLD RPMs and 2. review of the UDRP. Expect to complete review of RPMs by mid-2017 and deliver final report by late 2017. Then commence the UDRP review in early 2018. BC sees no reason why a subsequent application round would need to await completion of the UDRP review.

## GNSO review of Helsinki GAC communique

The GNSO have reviewed and [made comments](#) on the previous ICANN meeting GAC Communique in relation to items considered relevant to gTLDs. Key items are, future round of new gTLDs, privacy/proxy accreditation, 2 letter country/territory names at second level, use of 3 letter codes as future new gTLDs and protection of IGO names/acronyms.

## Recommendations on GNSO new roles under revised ICANN Bylaws

A drafting team will work with ICANN staff to identify all new or additional rights and responsibilities that the GNSO has under the post-transition Bylaws, including but not limited to participation of the GNSO within the Empowered Community, and to develop new or modified structures and procedures to fully implement these new or additional rights and responsibilities. The Team is expected to provide Council with an implementation plan, no later than 30 September 2016.

## Other

- GNSO Council has [directed](#) staff to develop a survey to assess familiarity the community has with the different newcomer and training tools as well as perceived usefulness.
- Registrar Stakeholder Groups Secretary informed Council that Volker Greimann will resume his term as RrSG Councillor through to the end of ICANN 57.
- [Sophia Feng](#) will join Council as the new representative for Registrar Stakeholder group.
- A [blog](#) ("another government land grab in the name space") on Letter/Letter Two-Character ASCII Labels to Avoid Confusion with Corresponding Country Codes has sparked discussion within the GNSO – they'll will discuss at their meeting on Thurs 1 Sep 2016.