

GNSO Activity Brief for ccNSO Council

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Most recent GNSO Council Meeting: 30 January 2018

COUNCIL VOTE – Adoption of the Revisions to GNSO Operating Procedures and Recommendations for Amendments to ICANN Bylaws

In June 2016, the GNSO Council created a Drafting Team to identify all the new or additional rights and responsibilities that the GNSO has under the revised Bylaws. Their final report was submitted in October 2016.

The GNSO Council accepted the recommendations and directed staff to draft proposed language for any modifications or additions to the GNSO Operating Procedures and, if applicable, those parts of the ICANN Bylaws pertaining to the GNSO.

The proposed changes were discussed on the GNSO Council's 20 September 2017 meeting and again during the GNSO Council's Strategic Planning sessions on 26 January 2018.

Council voted to accept the changes.

The final Drafting Team report can be found at: <http://mm.icann.org/pipermail/gnsobylaws-dt/2016-October/000145.html>

The changes to operating procedures and ICANN Bylaws can be found at:

<https://gnso.icann.org/en/council/proposed-revisions-gnso-op-procedures-redline-19jun17-en.pdf>

and <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/proposed-revisions-bylaws-article-11-gnso-redline-19jun17-en.pdf>

COUNCIL VOTE – Adoption of the Charter related to the next steps for the ICANN Procedure of Handling WHOIS conflicts with Privacy Law

ICANN made effective the revised [WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law Procedure\[whois.icann.org\]](http://whois.icann.org) on 18 April 2017 to better accommodate issues where WHOIS requirements conflict with applicable laws.

As requested by the GNSO Council, ICANN published a [paper\[icann.org\]](http://paper.icann.org) for [public comment\[icann.org\]](http://publiccomment.icann.org) to and solicited community input on the practicality and feasibility of the triggers identified in the revised WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law Procedure. The public comment period closed on 7 July 2017 and the [staff report of public comments\[icann.org\]](http://staffreportofpubliccomments.icann.org) was published on 28 July 2017.

On 1 August 2017 Akram Atallah provided Council with options for proceeding with the review. On 24 August 2017, Council received an update from GDD staff and discussed possible options for moving forward with the review of the Procedure for Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law.

A small group of Councilors prepared a Charter, guidelines and parameters around scope, deliverables, composition, operating procedures, for a proposed Working Group. During the discussion two principal points emerged: First, the current workload is very high on staff in support of PDP, WG (Working Groups) and IRT (Implementation Review Teams). Capacity for this group may be an issue. Second, there are parallel discussions taking place – most notably on the GDPR – which may impact this effort. Clarity on these other discussions will impact this effort, therefore it might be best to wait for those to reach completion.

The issue will be discussed at the next Council meeting on 22 February 2018.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Update on potential FY19 GNSO Additional Budget Requests

On 5 December 2017, ICANN [launched\[icann.org\]](http://launched.icann.org) the FY19 SO/AC Additional Budget Request Process, with a due date of 31 January 2018 for community requests. During the FY18 cycle, the GNSO requested and was granted two Additional Budget Requests: 1) GNSO Council Strategic Planning Session Pilot Project; and 2) GNSO PDP WG Chairs Support Pilot Project.

For FY19, the GNSO Council is proposing to again request those two successful items, along with a third request to fund a Working Group sign-up and management tool. Councilors will prepare requests based on the

outcome of the Strategic Planning Session.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – GNSO Council Public Comment to the Proposed Incremental Changes to the ICANN Meetings Strategy

On 02 February 2013, the ICANN Board [resolved\[icann.org\]](#) to establish the Multi-Stakeholder Meeting Strategy Working Group (MSWG), allowing community members and the Board to work together to develop a meeting strategy that aligns with community needs. The recommendations of the MSWG led to the current structure now in place (i.e., Meeting A, B, and C).

Many in the community are generally supportive of the new and now existing structure, but still see room for improvement. On 17 August 2017, community leaders and ICANN staff [held a discussion\[community.icann.org\]](#) regarding possible changes to ICANN meetings and the venue selection process. The potential changes envisioned are generally considered adjustments to the existing meeting strategy rather than a wholesale change to that meeting strategy. On 14 December 2017, the Proposed Incremental Changes to the ICANN Meetings Strategy was published for [public comment\[icann.org\]](#).

A small group of Councilors have prepared a draft public comment response.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – GNSO Council Public Comment to the Operating Standards for ICANN’s Specific Reviews

Under [ICANN’s Bylaws\[icann.org\]](#), four specific reviews are required: Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review, the Security, Stability, and Resiliency of the DNS Review, the Accountability and Transparency Review, and the Registration Directory Service Review. [Section 4.6\[icann.org\]](#) of the Bylaws further calls for Operating Standard for these Specific Reviews, which are intended to provide consistency, clarity, and transparency around the reviews.

On 17 October 2017, ICANN published a draft set of [Operating Procedures\[icann.org\]](#) for [public comment\[icann.org\]](#), seeking feedback in particular on scoping and review team composition.

A small group of Councilors have prepared a draft public comment response. Councilors added further comments to this document which will be incorporated.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Review of Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency (SSR2-RT) Letter from GNSO Council to SO/AC leadership

During ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi, the ICANN Board paused the second community-driven review of ICANN’s Security, Stability, and Resiliency Review Team ([SSR2-RT\[community.icann.org\]](#)). Following ICANN60, the SSR2-RT members prepared a matrix of members’ skills and expertise and an evaluation of the scope of the review.

As there is no established process by which to re-start the SSR2-RT, the SO/AC leaders have been collaborating since ICANN60 on the process to re-starting this important review effort. The GNSO Council will discuss the issue with a view to sharing its findings with the SO/AC leaders through the Council Chair. In order to inform the wider community of the GNSO Council’s intentions, a small group of Councilors have drafted a letter to be shared with SO/AC leaders.

Council discussed a draft letter. Based on those discussions, revisions to the letter will be made and it will then be distributed to SO/AC leaders.

The next meeting of the GNSO Council will be 22 February 2018.