

Excerpt Roles and Responsibilities Guideline

Chair and vice-chair election

3.2 Chair and vice-chair elections

The ccNSO Council will be governed by one Chair and two Vice-chairs, known as the Council leaders. There is no ranking among the Vice-chairs. Each one of the three ccNSO Council leaders must represent different ICANN Geographic Region. The term of the Council leaders is one year. The term commences at the end of the first ICANN meeting of the year. The ccNSO Council may change any of the Council leaders at any time with a simple majority vote.

3.2.1 Election of the Chair

The part of the meeting during which the Chair of the ccNSO Council is being elected shall be chaired by a Vice-chair or a Councillor who is not standing for the position of the Chair. The Chair election precedes the Vice-chairs election.

After nomination and secondment, a candidate has to accept her/his nomination. If only one candidate stands, the Councillors will appoint the candidate by a public vote. If two or more candidates have accepted the nomination, the Councillors will elect the Chair by a secret vote. The candidate receiving most votes will be elected. In the event two or more candidates receive the most, but equal number of votes, there will be a run-off election between these candidates.

3.2.2 Election of the Vice-chairs

Taking into account that the election of the Chair precedes the election of Vice-chairs, and noting that the three Council leaders must be from different ICANN Geographic regions, remaining Councillors from the Chair's region are automatically restricted from being nominated for a Vice-chair position. Therefore, a valid candidate is a Councillor who:

1. Is not from the Chair's ICANN Geographic region.
2. Has been nominated.
3. Has been seconded.
4. Has accepted her/his nomination.

If two or more valid candidates are from the same ICANN Geographic Region, an election by secret vote among them will be carried out to determine the final candidate for the particular ICANN Geographic Region. In the event two or more candidates receive the most, but equal number of votes, there will be a run-off election between these candidates.

After knowing all valid candidates and ensuring they are from different ICANN Geographic regions, the election procedure is:

1. If there are as many valid candidates as there are open Vice-chair seats and each candidate is from a different ICANN Geographic Region, the Vice-chairs will be appointed by a public vote.
2. If there are more valid candidates than there are open Vice-chair seats, Vice-chairs are elected by secret vote. The candidates receiving most votes are elected. In the event two or more candidates receive the most, but equal number of votes, there will be a run-off election between these candidates.