

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

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Dear ccNSO colleagues,

In 2019 I was honored to be selected by the ccNSO to join the ICANN Board of Directors, and in 2022 I was honored again to be selected for a second term. Now, in 2025, I have accepted the nomination for a third term, submitted by my colleague Demi Getschko (.br), and seconded by Nigel Roberts (.gg), Clara Collado (.do) and Eberhard Lisse (.na). My gratitude to all of them, and also to the colleagues that have encouraged me to continue serving on the Board.

Newcomers to the Board must absorb a huge amount of information in a short time, in a process sometimes described as “drinking from the firehose”. This is necessary because of the wide variety of matters the Board members have to understand to be able to perform their duties. Having been through that process and with the experience of a full first term, and already part of the second, I feel that I have an accumulated experience that will allow me to continue being an effective Board member for the remainder of my second term and for the coming third one.

During my time on the Board, I have been a member of several committees: Board Accountability Mechanisms Committee, Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee, Board Technical Committee, Board Risk Committee, Board Finance Committee and Board Audit Committee. I have also been an active observer in several other committees and caucuses.

I was also the Chair of the Ad-Hoc Group tasked to consider the proposed policy on Retirement of ccTLDs. We completed this task with the Board adoption of the policy and also designed a mechanism to handle future policy proposals coming from the ccNSO, that provided the basis for the creation of the Caucus that handled the proposed ccPDP3 policy on the Review Mechanism. This caucus was chaired by Katrina Sataki and later by Becky Burr, but as a member I was able to help bringing this process to a successful conclusion, despite the unexpected change in leadership. Currently, I am the Chair of the Caucus that is considering the ccPDP4 proposed policy on IDN ccTLDs, where we are making good progress in doing all the necessary work to prepare a solid recommendation to the full Board.

I would like to take this opportunity, where I am addressing my friends and colleagues in the ccNSO community, to express my deep appreciation for my friend Katrina and my sadness when she departed the Board. I still miss her energy and good nature. As a community, we were lucky to have two very good candidates to replace her, and I am happy to report that Byron has hit the ground running and is already making strong contributions to the work of the Board. Even though we Board members have a fiduciary duty to ICANN, irrespective of which part of the community we come from, we have a knowledge about

the ccTLDs, our history and our issues, that we can contribute to the Board allowing it to understand our community better. I am glad that there are again two of us to do this task.

Many of you already know my background, but I will summarize some of it for completeness and for colleagues who might have joined the ccNSO recently.

I am a computer scientist by training. I obtained a Mathematical Engineering degree from the University of Chile and a Master's and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Waterloo in Canada, where I have twice been an Adjunct Visiting Professor.

In 1975, I was one of the founders of the Department of Computer Science of the University of Chile, the first such department in the country, and I have been a professor there ever since, having now reached the rank of Full Professor. As an academic, I have a long list of scientific publications, most of them in the field of Analysis of Algorithms. As part of the work in this department, we pioneered the connection of Chile to the global network, and in 1987 we took on the responsibility of managing the registry for .CL, the domain name registry for the Republic of Chile. Over the years, this grew and became **NIC Chile**, one of the oldest and largest registries in Latin America. I have led NIC Chile since its founding, and I am now the longest serving ccTLD administrator in the world.

Representing NIC Chile, I became involved in the International Forum of the White Paper, which led to the creation of ICANN. I have been active in ICANN since then, and over the years I have held many leadership positions. For my involvement in ICANN and the multistakeholder model I had the honor of receiving the **ICANN Multistakeholder Ethos Award** in 2017, jointly with my colleague Hiro Hotta.

I was also one of the founders of LACTLD, the Latin American and Caribbean ccTLDs Organization, and have contributed to its development, both personally and through the participation of NIC Chile staff. At NIC Chile we are also aware of the increasing need for supporting the multistakeholder model, and we have taken a leadership role in organizing IGF Chile, supporting LACIGF and joining the TCCM, initiative.

In parallel with NIC Chile and ICANN community work, I am a leading engineering educator in Chile. For 14 years I served as Director of the School of Engineering and Science of the University of Chile, and for my work in improving engineering education I received awards from the Chilean Society for Engineering Education, the College of Engineers of Chile and the Institute of Engineers of Chile, and I was made a member of the Academy of Engineering of Chile.

In 2019, the College of Engineers of Chile honored me with their Management Award, in recognition of my leadership role in NIC Chile, and of NIC Chile's contribution to the digital development of the country.

As I have said before, this is my experience, and this is what I bring with me to the Board.

I thank you for your support.

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