



# **GNSO Council Operations Work Team**

**Ray Fassett**  
Work Team Chair

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# (GCOT) Work Team Members

- Ron Andruff - Commercial and Business Stakeholder Group
- Eric Brunner-Williams - Registrar Stakeholder Group
- Ray Fassett (Chair) - gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group
- Robin Gross - Non-Commercial Users Stakeholder Group
- Tony Holmes - Internet Service and Connectivity Providers Stakeholder Group
- Yoav Keren (Vice Chair) - Registrar Stakeholder Group
- Wolf-Ulrich Knoben - Internet Service and Connectivity Providers Stakeholder Group
- Ken Stubbs - gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group

ICANN Staff Support: Julie Hedlund; Rob Hoggarth

GNSO Support: Gissela Gruber-White; Glen de Saint Gery



# Primary Tasks

- **Report of the Board Governance Committee, GNSO Review Working Group, on GNSO Improvements**
  - Determine what steps are needed to establish the role of the Council as a “strategic manager of the policy process.”
- **Prioritize our work**
  - Approve the Work Team Charter
  - Update GNSO Council Rules of Procedure (time sensitive)
  - Develop “Statement of Interest” and “Declaration of Interest” forms.

# Work Team Schedule

- **Work Team Formed February 28, 2009**
- **Held 17 meetings over 30 weeks, primarily by teleconference**
- **All meetings MP3 recorded and w/transcript (archived at GCOT Wiki page)**
- **Originally a bi-weekly meeting schedule**
- **Became a weekly meeting schedule for the six weeks beginning in August thru mid September**

# Major Challenges

- **Rules of Procedure & changes to ICANN by-laws going on in parallel**
  - Identifying the RoP sections likely not impacted from the work going on with the by-laws
  - Identifying changes to the by-laws likely of material impact to the RoP
- **Getting up to speed as a team on the new bi-cameral structure and the flow of this structure through the new RoP**

# Primary WT Deliverables

- **Updated Council Operating Procedures (formerly known as the Council Rules of Procedure) submitted to GNSO Council on 9/17/09 for vote on 9/24/09 to initiate 21 day public comment period completed prior to the start of ICANN annual meeting in Seoul.**
- **Both a Statement of Interest and Declaration of Interest have been submitted to ICANN counsel for review and input.**

# Council Operating Procedures – Open Points

- How to recognize abstentions in the voting process?
- How to dismiss a Chair (what conditions)?
- Should absentee voting be expanded?
- Requirement of Chair candidate be a member of the Council?

# Ongoing Work

## (from Board Governance Committee)

- Define and develop scope and responsibilities of any other standing “committees” as recommended by the BGC WG (those suggested to date: committee to analyze trends; committee to benchmark policy implementation)
- Develop curriculum for training Council members, constituents, facilitators and others.
- Review the current specifications and recommend rules for the establishment of new constituencies within stakeholder groups, while recognizing that differences exist between stakeholder groups and constituencies.
- Review and recommend amendments as appropriate regarding methods for encouraging, promoting and introducing new constituencies, while recognizing that differences exist between stakeholder groups and constituencies.



# Open Enrollment

- **Anyone can join this Work Team and we encourage you to do so**

Contact: [Julie.hedlund@icann.org](mailto:Julie.hedlund@icann.org)

- **Meeting Sunday: 2:00 pm Sapphire 4**