

**IPC Monthly Membership Call
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2013**

1. Public Comments

a. New gTLD Registry Agreement (RA)

- Kristina Rosette noted that the public comment period remains open and IPC formed a project team to develop Reply Comments.
 - Kiran M. provided an update on the IPC's comment, which focuses on the following issues
 - Article 7 schedule of reserved names
 - Special Amendment process
 - Public interest specifications
 - .brand issues
 - Reserved names - David Einhorn provided update on the IPC's comment, which focused on two issues:
 - Registries and ICANN given right to reserve names for any reason acceptable (w/ 10 days written notice), IPC comment recommends ICANN clarify this applies to IOC/RC names only.
 - Jim Bikoff- expressed IPC viewpoint comports with ICANN's legal counsel interpretation of this provision, and he will send follow-up correspondence to IPC listserv for confirmation.
 - New RA agreement proposes to allow Registry Operator to reserve up to 100 names at the second level necessary for the operation or promotion of the TLD.
 - Anne Aikman-Scalese - noted that some gTLD registry reps have expressed desire to reserve name for commercial business purposes, and not be constrained by the TMCH.
 - Claudio suggested adding a sentence regarding ICANN's lack of consultation with IPC on the issue, and IPC's concern with how the reserved names will interplay with the TMCH.
 - Kristina R. supported the clarifying language.
 - Kieran M. noted the submission deadline was close of business; supported Claudio's suggestion and volunteered to add a additional line of text and circulate final copy to listserv.

b. Other topics

- .BIZ & .INFO Registry Agreement renewals
 - Claudio noted IPC submitted public comments on .COM registry renewal agreement, which focused on THICK WHOIS and a placeholder provision for RPMs (i.e. for those currently applicable in

new gTLDs only). It was noted that .BIZ and .INFO are existing THICK WHOIS registries. Another issue that was spotted for potential IPC comment was regarding the removal of cross-ownership restrictions in .INFO and .BIZ, and the Registry Operators should have to conform with the same cross-ownership requirements that new gTLD Registries will have to comply with.

- Claudio indicated he will circulate some draft language to the list for a potential IPC public comment submission.
- ICANN's FY14 Budget and Operating Plan
 - JUNE 21- Public comment deadline for Reply Comments
 - Steve Metalitz indicated IPC submitted comments during the initial comment round with the Commercial Stakeholder Group (CSG), and a teleconference call with the IPC project team was scheduled to develop Reply Comments for IPC submission by June 21.

c. Other anticipated upcoming public comment periods

- Thick WHOIS PDP Working Group is finishing up its initial report and a call for public comment can be expected soon.
- IGO-INGO group initial report is out for public comment
- Expert Working Group on WHOIS (after June 24)
- RPM implementation document (for new gTLDs)

2. GNSO Council Update

- Petter provided an update on the GNSO Council's intention to initiate a Policy Development Process (PDP) on the "Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information "
 - Staff is now recommending that a PDP be initiated to inform the deliberations of other efforts that are looking into gTLD registration data services such as the Expert Working Group (EWG) and the subsequent PDP.
 - The Final Issue Report recommends that ICANN should commission a study on the commercial feasibility of translation or transliteration systems for internationalized contact data, which is expected to help inform the PDP Working Group in its deliberations
 - Final Report to be presented at Durban
 - Petter recommends supporting the PDP, and no objections were raised on the call.
- Other Motions up for Vote on GNSO's Agenda
 - Motion to adopt modification of GNSO operating procedures.
 - Revised rule requires specific times for submission of reports and motions in the current GNSO Operating Procedures; the GNSO Council proposes a modification of the GNSO Operating Procedures that reports and motions should be submitted to the GNSO Council for inclusion on the agenda as soon as possible, but no later than 23h59 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) on the day, 10 calendar days before the GNSO Council meeting.
 - Brian Winterfeldt recommended voting "yes" and there were no objections.

- Discussion regarding NCSG reconsideration request on trademark clearinghouse.
 - It was noted that on May 16, the Board Governance Committee decided that the addition of up to 50 previously abused strings was implementation and that no further reconsideration was needed.
 - Brian W. has talking points in response on this issue and they will be circulated to the IPC listserv for discussion purposes.

3. New gTLD Developments

- Ellen Shankman requested an update on the Board response to the GAC Beijing Communiqué
 - Steve Metalitz provided an update that the Board New gTLD Program Committee accepted all elements of the GAC’s “Non-Safeguard Advice”, including:
 - Singulars & Plurals- The GAC asked the ICANN Board to reconsider its decision that these aren’t in contention sets together. The Board said it would re-consider.
 - Geo names: Board accepted GAC Advice that .amazon and .patagonia strings are not to proceed further to delegation at this particular stage in time.
 - Safeguard advice (including closed generics) - new gTLD program committee starting meetings on this today (6/10).

4. Planning for next ICANN Meeting in Durban, South Africa (July)

- a. Current schedule
 - Sunday morning session @ 8am- topics still under consideration
 - Stakeholder Groups will be meeting for 2 hrs on Sunday afternoon from 4-6pm. This time will be used to prepare for the IPC’s meeting with the ICANN Board.
 - Tuesday Morning, there will be a breakfast meeting with the GAC. Anyone conversationally fluent in French was asked to come forward.
- b. Requested Briefings
 - The IPC meeting on Tuesday will be used mainly to receive staff briefings. Kristina noted the planned speakers (Compliance, SSAC, etc) and stated that any further requests for briefings should be taken to the list.
- c. Travel support
 - The IPC can grant up \$1500 stipend- x4
 - If interested, IPC members were encouraged to send an email requesting travel support, whether they have received support in the past, and note their level of participation in IPC activities. Decisions will be based on these criteria.

5. Operational Projects

- a. Website review

- A call for volunteers was issued to review the IPC's website in terms of both form and substance
 - Form- identify non user-friendly sections and any sections that may need additional information
 - Substance- ensuring accuracy of information and that all comments submitted by the IPC are posted

b. GNSO Review

- Discussion to form an IPC project team to identify issues and where action may be needed.

6. Membership Update

- Membership matters were not discussed due to time constraints, however the following issues were noted as being under consideration:
 - Membership criteria
 - Whether it is appropriate to adopt a participation requirement?
 - Any changes would have to be changes to bylaws, which will have to go for public comment and to Board.
- There will be an IPC call on June 18. The dial-in information will be sent around shortly.

7. NomCom

- It was noted that Yahoo has resigned as an IPC member and thus, J.Scott Evans is no longer able to participate on the IPC's behalf.
- John McElwaine volunteered to represent the IPC on the NomCom for the remainder of this term.
- There is, however a call for volunteers for next term, which Kristina will send out to the list shortly.

8. Call on 6/18

9. AOB

- Greg noted that the drafting team has undertaken to draft a charter for the Policy and Implementation Working Group
 - The goal is to have the draft ready for approval at the Durban meeting.
 - If it is not prepared by then, it would have to wait until September to be presented.