

## **Minutes of IPC Meeting**

**Hong Kong Convention Centre, Wednesday 14 May 2014**

Meeting held during the INTA Annual Meeting

### **Attendees:**

Kristina Rosette, Covington (President)  
Michael Adams Mayer Brown (Treasurer)  
Brian Winterfeldt (GNSO Councillor)  
Petter Rindforth (GNSO Councillor)  
Sylvain Hirsch  
Don Moody  
Chris Mackey  
Anne Aikman Scalese  
Paul McGrady  
Martin Sutton (Observer)  
Jonathan Cohen  
Leonard Laura  
Jamie Nafziger  
Shane Lunceford  
Philip Barendolts  
Stacey Foltz  
Michael Graham  
Luca Barbero  
Dick Downing  
Arthur Silverstein  
Josh Bourne  
Taylor Frank  
John McElwaine  
Russ Pangborn  
Dennis Prahl  
Adam Scoville  
Marc Trachtenberg (Membership Secretary)  
Kate Badura  
Sheldon Klein  
Ty Gray  
Jannik Skou  
Jessica Flores  
Sarita Joglekar  
Nick Wood

By phone: Steve Metalitz, Mitchell Silberberg (Vice President); Greg Shatan, Reed Smith

### **Agenda**

1. Updates on IPC Business
2. London ICANN Meeting Preparation
3. Public Comments
4. New gTLD Issues
5. AOB

## **1 Updates**

### *A Board Seat Selection*

The Non Contracted Parties' nominee on the ICANN Board has yet to be selected. Neither Bill Graham, selected by the Commercial Stakeholder Group nor Avri Doria, selected by the Non Commercial Stakeholder Group, has succeeded in attracting 60% of the vote of the GNSO Councillors which is the threshold for election.

An alternative solution of the NPOC is that each candidate should withdraw in favour of a Consensus Candidate identified by the NPOC, Dr Sam Lanfranco, an academic from Canada.

It was agreed that IPC members need to meet with Sam before the possibility of endorsement can be properly considered. IPC GNSO Rep. Brian Winterfeldt of Katten Muchin Rosenman will host a meeting at the Katten offices (2900 K Street NW, Washington DC) on 21 May 2014 at 12 noon for members to question Sam. Remote access will be provided.

Members stated support for having Bill Graham continue to serve. John McElwaine who serves on the Nominating Committee commented on Diversity Issues: "We are looking for Board Members from all regions".

Kristina Rosette suggested that a possible alternative to Sam Lanfranco from the NPOC was for Avri Doria to withdraw, for Bill Graham to serve for half the term then to resign and for Avri to step up and replace him. Thus each side of the house would have a candidate for half the term. Jonathan Cohen spoke in support of this model and suggested appointing a candidate from either side of the house by rotation would be a very acceptable long-term solution.

### *B GNSO Council Meeting Update*

Brian Winterfeldt gave an update on recent GNSO business including Specification 13.

There was a short discussion on how the motion that was approved acknowledged a conflict with GNSO policy. Kristina Rosette said that she had researched transcripts of earlier GNSO calls and meetings and could not see a factual basis for the Specification 13 motion being inconsistent with policy: "The discussions in the past on discriminatory access to registries is very limited. If this is taken by the Board as gospel we may have problems in the future" she pointed out.

Paul McGrady said, "We must run this to ground but let's wait until it is across the finish line". There was support for this approach.

### *C Membership*

Marc Trachtenberg reported that all applications have been reviewed and only two are outstanding, pending requests from the Membership Team for further information.

The Membership Team will be reporting back to the IPC on recommendations for a new process and timelines "in the next few weeks".

## **2 London ICANN Meeting Preparation**

Kristina Rosette reported that it is the turn of the ISP Constituency to lead on the planning for the Cross Constituency activities (the IPC takes the lead for Los Angeles). She appealed for volunteers and Paul McGrady, Marc Trachtenberg volunteered. Nick Wood volunteered Sue Payne to help. A

key task is to collect issues that members wish to raise with Bill Graham at the closed meeting on the Sunday.

Kristina Rosette also explained that the IPC leadership is taking applications from four members for travel support. Up to \$1500 is available to applicants after the event on submission of receipts. All beneficiaries must attend all IPC events.

Nick Wood gave a summary of the shape of the London meeting which will be different from most ICANN meetings because ICANN is hosting both a High Level Government Meeting and Atlas 2 (a major conference by the At Large constituency). Furthermore a conference of Commonwealth countries involved in ICANN is being planned for the end of the week. One immediate impact of this is that security is likely to be tighter.

### **3 Public comments**

IPC GNSO Councillor Petter Rindforth volunteered to keep the IPC informed of open Public Comment periods. This started a discussion on whether the IPC must always comment on everything. Paul McGrady said, "Should we leave some things on the table where there is no connection to IP?" It was agreed that in the June meeting the IPC should talk about what is commented on, when and why in order to be more strategic and effective. The concept of submitting "bullet point comments" in some circumstances was supported.

### **4 New gTLD Issues**

The meeting agreed that whilst the new gTLD programme is running very quickly and causing significant disruption to IP owners, there were no specific issues open for the meeting to discuss.

### **5 Any Other Business**

#### *A Operating Principles*

Kristina Rosette started a discussion on the need for the IPC to adopt Operating Principles in addition to the By Laws. These might cover, for example, minimum time requirements for the membership application process or for the publishing of minutes. With the GNSO review forthcoming it is important for the IPC to continue improving efficiencies.

#### *B Appointment of Secretary of IPC*

Kristina Rosette reported on the resignation of Claudio Di Gangi from INTA which places his role as Secretary to the IPC in jeopardy. The IPC leadership have asked him to consider continuing to serve, at least in a temporary basis. This idea was unanimously supported.

In the absence of Claudio, Kate Badura introduced herself to the meeting as the new INTA designee to ICANN.

#### *C Membership Dues*

Mike Adams reminded members that as Treasurer he has begun to issue subscription notices to members. All dues are due to be paid by 31 July 2014. The previous very generous grace period for overdue subscriptions is being wound back. All members are encouraged to pay in a timely fashion.

#### *D List Serve*

Marc Tractenberg reported that following the acquisition of the company that maintains the IPC's List Serve, members might experience some delays in service but this was being remedied.

ENDS

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Minutes taken by Nick Wood: [nick.wood@comlaude.com](mailto:nick.wood@comlaude.com). Any errors or omissions are those of Nick Wood.