Agenda Items

1. **Introduction**
2. **Report from Council (Heather & Paul)**
3. **Open Public Comments and Other Requests for Input/Volunteers (Brian Scarpelli)**
   a. FY18 Budget Call with ICANN staff: 8 or 9 May
4. **ICANN59 Public Meeting (June 26 – 29 Johannesburg)**
   a. ICANN Planning
      i. IPC Planning team meets on Weds., 19 April
   b. IPC Meetings
      i. What meetings does the IPC need?
      ii. *IPC "No-Host" Dinner*
   c. CSG Meetings
5. **Bylaws Review**
6. **Board Seat #14 Discussion**
7. **AOB**
8. **Adjourn**
1. Introduction – Greg Shatan

2. Report from Council – Heather Forrest & Paul McGrady
GNSO Council meeting is Thursday, 20 April, and Heather shared the Council agenda link, which can be viewed here: https://gnso.icann.org/en/meetings/agenda-council-20apr17-en.htm.

Heather highlighted two significant items that will be discussed:

**1. Council’s review of the GAC Communique** – This is a result of better relations between the two bodies within ICANN. It will be the fourth review of the communique by the GNSO Council, which brought up two topics of ongoing issues:

a. *Current status of the GNSO’s efforts in relation to IGOs and INGOs.* Heather noted that Council is finalizing some text noting that the IGO INGO Curative Rights PDP is reviewing feedback that it received at ICANN58 and is looking ahead to the distribution of comments received during the public comment period and an analysis of those comments. They acknowledge described level-setting discussion that happened during ICANN58.

b. *Role of the GAC.* Paul noted that the discussion is related to recent advice regarding second character domain names. They are still upset with the Board. Their consensus advice is for the Board to deal individually with the country on a topic where the GAC cannot reach a consensus.

Other items on the GNSO agenda of interest to the IPC include the following:

**1. Board’s request for the GNSO to initiate a process within the PDP manual,** There has been discussion in regards to a PDP that was once closed, which could be reopened. The Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG) has discussed this, noting the intention was for Council, on its own volition, reopen a PDP if they felt the need to do so, but it was not the intention for the Board to reopen a PDP. There are concerns that this sets a dangerous precedent of what could come.

Heather and Paul would like IPC feedback on what the position should be. They will circulate a draft on the list for further consideration.

**2. Voting on nominees for the GNSO RDS Review Team.** This is the first task of the GNSO’s Standing Selection Committee. They have reached full consensus on a slate of 7 nominees. A complete list of the RDS RT 7 GNSO recommended members can be found here https://community.icann.org/x/wsbRAw.

**3. CCWG on Internet Governance.** The GNSO Council expressed a concern in the lack of reporting back, as it isn’t clear what the group is doing for the GNSO. Greg noted that the group is trying to identify ways to have more deliverables and more goals that the group is working towards, being periodic or non-periodic.

**ACTION: Volunteers needed for the following**
- GNSO Council liaison needed for: Translation & Transliteration of gTLD
3. **Invoices**

Greg announced that dues have been sent out. Please contact Lori if you haven’t received your dues notice.

4. **Open Public Comments and Other Requests for Input/Volunteers – Brian Scarpelli**

Brian Scarpelli reviewed the Public Comments and IPC members who have currently volunteered.

He highlighted the draft on Geo names that is due by the end of the week, and encouraged IPC members to review on the list. Brian thanked Kiran Malancharuvil, Susan Payne, Colin O’Brien, and Heather Forrest for their draft.

For IPC Engagement, Brian noted that Lori Schulman is the IPC’s representative for the GNSO Review Working Group, and the IPC is seeking an alternate. Please email Brian, Greg, and Chantelle if you are interested.

**ACTION: Volunteers needed for the following** -
GNSO Review Working Group Alternate Candidate

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Greg opened the discussion by announcing that the IPC would lead the CSG for ICANN59 because there are fewer meetings at the policy forum. The IPC plans to have one meeting, closed, and focused on preparation for the policy forum. Heather Forrest suggested that the IPC support the Geographic Names Webinar. Greg announced that there is an IPC planning meeting for ICANN59 on Wednesday.

6. **Bylaws Review – Vicky Sheckler**

Vicky announced that the IPC Bylaws group is looking at a set of questions that ICANN Consultant, Ken Bour, had suggested. They are requesting for Ken to redraft the IPC Bylaws based on the IPC’s answer to various questions.

7. **Board Seat Discussion #14 – Greg Shatan**

Board Seat 14 - the IPC and CSG as a whole are supporting Matthew Shears. A follow-up communication with the NCSG is the next step.

8. **AOB**

   a. **Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs).** Paul McGrady announced that alternative positions for the RPM Working Group are due on Wednesday, one of which are Geographic Indicators (GIs) (e.g. Champagne, Scotch, Whisky). Paul circulated a
position on GIs on the list. Which states that unless the GI is also protected by a trademark registration at the national level it should not have been included in the Trademark Clearinghouse and therefore should not be renewed. Further, to the extent that GIs are protected by national trademark registrations they therefore should have the same use requirements as traditional trademarks.

There being no other business, Greg adjourned the meeting at 14:00 UTC.

9. List of Participants
   Staff: Chantelle Doerksen

12. Adjourn