



# **3. Review SSC assignment in relation to GNSO representative for Empowered Community (EC) Administration**

# Assignment: GNSO Representative for EC Admin

In March 2017, the GNSO Council tasked the Standing Selection Committee to:

- 1) develop the criteria and the process for the selection of the GNSO Representative to the Empowered Community for GNSO Council consideration by its June 2017 meeting, and
- 2) following the approval by the GNSO Council, carry out the selection process.

June 19 is the document deadline for the June 2017 Council meeting.



# **4. Review role of the Empowered Community Administration and GNSO representative**

# Empowered Community Administration

**The Empowered Community** is a nonprofit association consisting of the three ICANN Supporting Organizations (ASO, ccNSO, GNSO), the At Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) — each a Decisional Participant. The five Decisional Participants together comprise the EC. The EC's sole purpose is to exercise its rights and perform its obligations under the ICANN Bylaws, and it may act only as provided in the Bylaws.

**The EC Administration** is the administrative body through which the Decisional Participants act collectively. The EC Administration comprises a designated representative from each of the five Decisional Participants. In representing a Decisional Participant on the EC Administration, the individual representative acts solely as directed by the represented Decisional Participant and in accordance with processes developed by such Decisional Participant.

# GNSO Representative

From a GNSO perspective the representative is primarily a conduit for communicating GNSO Council decisions to the EC Administration. Task include:

- Receiving and sending EC notifications required by the Bylaws
- Moderating Community Forums that may be required to be called under the Bylaws
- Tallying decisions of Decisional Participants related to the exercise of EC powers
- In a Community Mediation initiated where the Board is alleged to have refused or failed to comply with a valid decision of the EC under the Bylaws, designating individuals to represent the EC in the mediation

**5. Review Bylaw provision  
relating to Decisional  
Participant Representative to  
EC Admin**

# ICANN Bylaws Section 6.3 - EC Administration

*(a) The Decisional Participants shall act through their respective chairs or such other persons as may be designated by the Decisional Participants (collectively, such persons are the “EC Administration”). Each Decisional Participant shall deliver annually a written certification designating the individual who shall represent Decisional Participant on the EC. (b) In representing a Decisional Participant on the EC, the representative individual shall act solely as directed by the represented Decisional Participant and in accordance with processes developed by such Decisional Participant in accordance with Section 6.1(g).*

**6. Review / brainstorm questions that will need to be addressed by the SSC in order to decide on a process and criteria**



# Questions



## **GNSO Chair**

The Bylaws provide that the GNSO Chair or another person may be designated. What criteria should be used to decide whether another person should be designated? Is the GNSO Chair the default designation or fallback choice if no other person can be designated?



## **Alternate Rep**

Is there a need to consider an alternate in case the representative is not available or make an interim appointment should the designated representative step down?



## **Qualifying Criteria**

If another person should be designated, what are qualifying criteria? Process to review/evaluate qualified candidates? Who should be considered qualified? Should the call for volunteers be limited (for example to GNSO Councillors) or open call? Can a general process for appointments/nominations be followed?



## **Term and Renewal**

What should be the term for the representative? Annual certification is required by the Bylaws but that does not necessarily need to align with the term. Is there a term limit? What should be the renewal requirements? What is the timeline for the selection / approval process?

# 7. Confirm next steps & next meeting