

Mr. Cherine Chalaby, New gTLD Program Committee, Chair
Mr. Akram Atallah, New Generic Names Division, President
Ms. Christine Willett, New gTLD Program, Vice-President
The Internet Corporation of Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
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RE: Q Center's Position RE: Application ID# 1-1713-23699

July 25, 2015

Dear Mr. Chalaby, Mr. Atallah, Ms. Willet:

This letter is to clarify the correspondence between Q Center and your organization as well as Q Center's position regarding the closed versus open registration models and whether the term "gay" is representative of our LGBTQ communities.

Firstly, former Executive Director Barbara McCullough-Jones was indeed, at that time, authorized to represent Q Center's position as stated in her original letter dated January 8, 2014.

Secondly, the Q Center interim board of directors sent the letter dated April 1, 2015 in response to Mr. Baxter's efforts to have Q Center retract the original letter. During that time Q Center was in a period of major transition and the board could not prioritize Mr. Baxter's concerns. In the letter, the board did not retract Q Center's original stance but instead stated that it would need time to review the situation before issuing an informed response.

Finally, after reviewing the open versus closed registration model and the question of whether the term "gay" represents the breadth of our sexual and gender minority (LGBTQ) communities, the now standing board of directors and Q Center's executive co-directors have determined that we stand by the original letter.

To reiterate: we oppose the closed registration model and advocate that the term "gay," while meaningful and representative of some members of our LGBTQ communities, does not adequately represent the diversity of sexual and gender minority communities and cultures as a whole.

For any further clarification please contact Justin Pabalate, Executive Co-Director, Development and Community Relations, at (503) 234-7837 ext. 100.

Cordially,



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Chair, Q Center Board of Directors