

Registrar Constituency Update

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What Is The Registrar Constituency*?

Representative body for ICANN-accredited registrars in ICANN community and participant in GNSO.

Structure:

» Members, consisting of ICANN accredited registrars who meet requirements and pay membership fees of \$500/year.

» Executive Committee

Chair, Vice Chair/CTO, Secretary, Treasurer

GNSO Council Members

Nominating Committee Member

Support Staff (Secretariat, Legal Advocate)

Currently 72 members.

Meet 3x/year at ICANN meetings

*Soon-to-be-Stakeholder Group

What

Positives

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- » Collaboration on issues of like interest
- » As providers closest to registrant, we bring their voice to ICANN process
- » Opportunity to learn from one another
- » Continue to foster innovation and marketplace competition
- » Fun happy hours
- » One area of limitation:

Strictly prohibited from areas that venture into anti-trust. Most often pricing.

Current Areas of Activity

Policy

- New Registrar Accreditation Agreement
Likely to be further amended
- New TLDs
Hundreds to be applied for/granted – Separation issue
- GNSO restructuring
Getting used to new structure
- Registration “abuse” effort
Several policy proposals that seek to regulate aspects of our business
- Post-expiration domain name recovery
Policy development under way
- Whois studies
Proxy, misrepresentation, etc.

Concerns / Future Areas of Activity

- Volume of work facing ICANN community
 - Starting to overwhelm community ability to consider and act; lack of prioritization is a problem
- Volume facing registrars
 - Besides issues in front of community, lots of issues facing registrars, who are ultimately responsible for implementing them
- New TLDs
 - Registrars will participate either as purveyors of new TLDs, or also as registry operators
- Registrar failures
 - Mike Zupke alluded to this yesterday; need to have a proactive method in place to help ensure registrant security
- Security
 - Working with SSAC, ICANN's security staff, law enforcement to identify areas where registrars can help thwart online crime

Issues

Join Us

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