

Report  
of the  
Election Manager  
to  
Members of the ccNSO  
on the  
First ccNSO  
Council Elections

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Elections within timeframe
- Councillors elected and their respective regions
- Voting not required
- 3 candidates / 5 geographical areas

# ccNSO LAUNCHING GROUP ELECTION PROCESS

- Arranging a schedule and procedures
- Draft process first members meeting, in Rome in March 2004
- Comments
- Adoption
- Election Manager appointed

# FORMAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 3 ELECTION SUPERVISORS

- Criteria
  - trusted
  - not associated
  - disinterested
- Role of election supervisors
  - provision of guidance to election manager
  - check final candidate list to ensure all candidates are nominated in accordance with the rules
  - receive copies of the ballots to check
  - check final voting tally and sign off on it
  - deal with any complaints arising during the election process

## Election Supervisors:

- Hartmut Glaser
- Ken Fockler
- Jim Higgins

# ccNSO ELECTION PROCEDURE

- ccNSO members in region eligible:
  - nominate/second 3 candidates
  - to vote
- 3 councillors per geographic region
- Voting by secret ballot
- Voting ratified
  - Election Manager
  - Election Supervisors
- Electoral list published
- Time line adopted

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

- 4 weeks - 21 April to 19 May 2004
- On line, easy to complete forms
- Election manager verified by email nomination, second, acceptance
- Nominations Reopened for 72 Hours - 10 June to 13 June 2004
- No new nominations were received
- Discrepancies between members email discussion list and the roll of ccNSO members
- Current nominations, seconds and acceptances remained
- Nominations and archives closed by June 9, 2004
  - all candidates had accepted their nomination by that date

# Nominated Candidates

## No need for election

- **Africa**
  - VICTOR CIZA
  - PAULOS B. NYIRENDA
  - YANN KWOK
- **Asia**
  - HIROFUMI HOTTA
  - CHRISTOPHER DISSPAIN
  - YOUNG EUM LEE
- **Europe**
  - BART BOSWINKEL
  - OLIVIER GUILLARD
  - PETR KRAL
- **Latin America**
  - PATRICIO POBLETE
  - EDUARDO SANTOYO
  - OSCAR ALEJANDRO ROBLES-GARAY
- **North America**
  - DOTTY SPARKS de BLANC
  - BERNARD TURCOTTE
  - FERNANDO ESPANA

# THOUGHTS FOR THE FUTURE

- A new election procedure "manual" should be produced to clarify a number of issues among others: role descriptions and procedures
- The "Approval method" of voting pointed to a PowerPoint presentation which reviewed a number of issues and recommended an approval voting process. The interpretation of certain issues, such as dealing with ties and terms was not clear
- A process for establishing the various terms of each councillor from each region is required by the bylaws, and should be adopted by the councillors early in their terms. This bylaw should be scheduled for revision, as it tends to preclude proportional voting
- Because there was no need on this occasion for balloting, the question of whether proportional voting (which the members wanted) was provided by the Approval method chosen was not tested
- It should be clearly stipulated whether self nominations and self seconds are allowed in the process. The Election Supervisors did not allow them in this election



# THOUGHTS FOR THE FUTURE

## (con't)

- There is an "endorsing of candidates" option which should be deleted as it was neither used nor necessary
- The ccNSO members list should be regularly revised and updated and a clear decision taken as to who is the list administrator.  
The whole question of membership and the "representative" of the member needs to be clarified, documented and archived for future supervisors and election managers as changes take place.
- Apart from the ccNSO members list, there should be a list that shows all the "designated representatives" so that when the process of nominations, seconding and voting is needed, the election manager and the supervisors have a reference to review and see that the right people are participating
- The Election Supervisors should have a clear mandate to act in consultation with the ICANN General Counsel.

# THANKS

- I have appreciated the opportunity to work with members of the cctlid community in this election, and thank them for the trust they reposed in me
- I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the Election Supervisors for their support and guidance throughout the process as well as the ICANN Senior staff, notably Theresa Swinehart and John Jeffrey
- A particular word of thanks to Kent Crispin for the enormous amount of technical work he put into the process.
- I wish the ccNSO, its members, council and all those associated with it very well for the future