NomCom report card for February 2014

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NomCom 2014 essentials

Committee Leadership:
Chair (chosen by the Board): Cheryl Langdon-Orr
Associate Chair (chosen by Chair): Yrjö Länsipuro
Chair Elect (chosen by the Board to prepare for the Chairmanship of the 2015 NomCom):
Stéphane van Gelder

Committee:
Voting members: 5 ALAC; 1 ccNSO; 1 ASO; 1 TLG; 1 IAB; 7 GNSO (RrSG, RySG, NCUC, ISPCP, IPC, CBUC [1 small / 1 large business rep])

Non-voting members: 1 SSAC, 1 RSSAC

ICANN Staff support: Joette Youkhanna, Jia-Juh Kimoto

Current work

NomCom Meeting 11 February

Members in attendance: Chair; Chair Elect; Associate Chair; 2 ALAC, 1 NCUC , 0 ISPCP; 1 ccNSO; 1 ASO; 1 IPC; 0 RrSG, 1 RySG; 1 SSAC; 0 TLG; 0 RSSAC, 2 BC; 1 IAB for IETF. Apologies received from members unable to attend.

Mr John Jeffrey, ICANN's General Counsel attended as invited guest.
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Updates from sub-committees

The Bylaws sub-committee presented their work on two major changes in the Bylaws, relating to the composition of the Nominating Committee and to the length of term of its voting members. The sub-committee is working on the composition requirements to satisfy the request of the NPOC for representation on the NomCom. The sub-committee is mindful of the upcoming review of the GNSO which may change its structure. On the terms of NomCom voting members, the sub-committee feels that voting members do not build enough experience during the current one-year term and proposes a two-year term.

Commenting on the update from the sub-committee, John Jeffrey first explained the various stages of the procedure of a Bylaws change. When proposals are submitted to the Board, they should be accompanied by a rationale. On substance, Mr Jeffrey pointed out that with a two-year term, renewable once, some NomCom members would achieve a tenure of four consecutive years, which would give them influence over the entire cycle of all NomCom-filled seat plus one stage of the next cycle.

The Chair thanked the SOI revisions sub-committee for its work in revising, with the help of an ICANN technical consultant, the SOI form, which is now savable and comes with tabs for different sections. The form had been launched on January 31, together with the call for applications. Joette reported that already 22 applications had been submitted.

Update on recruitment assistance

The Chair Elect reported on his trip to Brussels to meet with Mr Bernard Tobin at Odgers Berndtson (OB), a recruitment firm that had been used by the NomCom in 2011 and 2013, to discuss the NomCom's goals and expectations in its cooperation with OB in 2014.   The NomCom is now looking for more tangible results and expects that at least one of the candidates that OB recruits would be selected. OB Brussels has submitted a full proposal that included pricing. The Chair Elect suggested that Mr Tobin travel to Singapore and meet with the NomCom in a closed session so that he better understands what the committee is looking for.

Outreach activities

The Chair had a speaking slot on ICANN leadership positions on the program of the 2014 Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Internet Technologies (APRICOT) , held in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, February 18-28.

The Associate Chair arranged an outreach reception and presented ICANN's leadrship positions at the IGF open consultations and MAG meeting in Geneva, February 19.

Among coming outreach opportunities are the first French IGF (FGI-France) in Paris on March 10, which the Chair Elect is helping to organize, and the NCUC pre-conference before ICANN 49 on « ICANN and Global Internet Governance » on March 21, which the Chair Elect and the Associate Chair will attend for outreach purposes.

Preparations for ICANN 49

During February, the leadership team and staff were busy preparing the schedule of NomCom meetings (both internal and with various parts of the community) in Singapore. The NomCom will also meet with Mr Bernard Tobin from OB. There will be training sessions for NomCom members in interview techniques, as well as in the procedures of the next phase of NomCom work (Reading and assessing the SOI's, and straw polls on the Wiki).