

Report of Public Comments

Title:	Proposed Bylaws Amendments to Align Board Terms		
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Comment Period:		Important Information Links	
Open Date:	18 September 2012	Announcement	
Close Date:	13 November 2012	Public Comment Box	
Time (UTC):	23:59 UTC	View Comments Submitted	
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Section I: General Overview and Next Steps			
<p>Two comments were received regarding these proposed Bylaws amendments, and neither expressed an objection to the proposed amendments. One, from the At-Large Advisory Committee, was in favor of the recommendations. The other, from Kieren McCarthy, cautioned against frequent changes to the Bylaws, identified some areas where he was not clear as to the effect of the Bylaws change, and noted the import of advance communication with the groups within ICANN that will be most affected by the alignment of the terms. As no changes to the proposed Bylaws revisions were identified as necessary to address the comments, the next step is to provide the Bylaws to the Board for potential adoption.</p>			
Section II: Contributors			
<p><i>At the time this report was prepared, a total of two (2) community submissions had been posted to the Forum. The contributors, both individuals and organizations/groups, are listed below in chronological order by posting date with initials noted. To the extent that quotations are used in the foregoing narrative (Section III), such citations will reference the contributor's initials.</i></p>			
<u>Organizations and Groups:</u>			
Name	Submitted by	Initials	
At-Large Advisory Committee	At-Large Staff	ALAC	
<u>Individuals:</u>			
Name	Affiliation (if provided)	Initials	
Kieren McCarthy		KM	
Section III: Summary of Comments			
<p><i>General Disclaimer: This section is intended to broadly and comprehensively summarize the comments submitted to this Forum, but not to address every specific position stated by each contributor. Staff recommends that readers interested in specific aspects of any of the summarized comments, or the full</i></p>			

context of others, refer directly to the specific contributions at the link referenced above (View Comments Submitted).

The ALAC noted its full support for the proposed Bylaws changes.

KM identified some areas he wished to see clarified, such as whether Board members will have longer or shorter terms in order to give effect to the alignment, as well as the extent of communication with those entities that are responsible for selecting the Board members. KM also discussed the care that should be taken prior to changing the Bylaws, as they should be changed as infrequently as possible, and changes should be made that will have lasting effect. KM also requested that information on arguments for and against changes such as this be presented to the community.

Section IV: Analysis of Comments

General Disclaimer: This section is intended to provide an analysis and evaluation of the comments received along with explanations regarding the basis for any recommendations provided within the analysis.

The comments received do not reveal any changes to the proposed Bylaws revisions prior to presentation to the Board for consideration. Some of the suggestions for information that could be provided to the community when Bylaws revisions are posted for comment are well-taken and will be considered upon future posting. Notably, some of the issues identified for further information (such as a request for information on the historical reason for the dual selection schedule) were included in the information accompanying the public comment posting.