

GNSO Operating Procedures

Section 2.4 Board Seat Elections

Background:

The ICANN Bylaws, Article X, Section 3, provides the following language concerning the election of Board Seats 13 and 14 by the GNSO:

“6. The GNSO shall make selections to fill Seats 13 and 14 on the ICANN Board by written ballot or by action at a meeting. Each of the two voting Houses of the GNSO, as described in [Section 3\(8\) of this Article](#), shall make a selection to fill one of two ICANN Board seats, as outlined below; any such selection must have affirmative votes comprising sixty percent (60%) of all the respective voting House members:

- a. the Contracted Party House shall select a representative to fill Seat 13; and
- b. the Non-Contracted Party House shall select a representative to fill Seat 14

Election procedures are defined in the GNSO Operating Procedures.”

Article VI provides that the GNSO shall notify the ICANN Secretary of its selection at least one month before the Board Seat member is scheduled begin serving the term.

“4. No later than five months after the conclusion of each annual meeting, any Supporting Organization entitled to select a Director for a Seat with a term beginning on the day six months after the conclusion of the annual meeting shall give the Secretary of ICANN written notice of its selection.”

On 28 January 2010, the GNSO Council approved a transitional procedure, including ANNEX 1, for filling Board Seat #13.

The purpose of the revised language in Section 2.4 below is to provide a generalized election procedure as required by the Bylaws and to replace the provisional ANNEX 1.

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2.4.1 The ICANN Bylaws, Article X, Section [3\(6\)](#) specify that the Contracted Parties House shall select a representative to fill Board Seat 13 and that the Non-Contracted Parties House shall select a representative to fill Board Seat 14 according to procedures contained herein.

2.4.2 Timing

For the purposes of this section and Table 1 below, the date that either Board Seat 13 or 14 will become vacated shall be considered time period “T.” The following activities shall take place according to the generalized schedule in the table below in order to meet the notification requirements provided in the Bylaws, Article VI, Section [8\(4\)](#):

Table 1: Activities Timeline

Not Later Than:	Activity Commences:	Maximum Duration:
T – 5 Months	Call for Nominations	1 Month
T – 4 Months (or 16 Weeks)	Candidate Interviews	2 Weeks
T – 14 Weeks	First Round of Voting	2 Weeks
T – 12 Weeks	Second Round of Voting (if needed)	2 Weeks
T – 10 Weeks	Third Round of Voting (if needed)	2 Weeks
T – 8 Weeks	GNSO Secretariat Reports Election Results	3 Days
Next Council Meeting	Confirmation of Election	3 Days
T – 1 Month	GNSO Chair Notifies ICANN Secretary of Election as prescribed by Article VI, Sections 8(4) and 12(1) of the ICANN Bylaws.	3 Days

At the request of the House, the GNSO Secretariat will develop a specific schedule with actual dates in accordance with the above timeline.

2.4.3 Detailed Election Procedures

Each House is responsible for establishing its own internal procedures for nominations, interviews, voting, and candidate selection; however, those processes must be documented and forwarded to the GNSO Council for inclusion as ANNEXES to the GNSO Operating Procedures. If a House subsequently elects to alter its procedures, such amendments must be submitted to the GNSO Council before becoming effective so that the procedures accurately reflect the actual processes and activities performed by each House in selecting its candidate.

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