WHOIS Board Resolution Update to GNSO Council

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Background

- Board launched comprehensive effort to tackle WHOIS challenges in response to WHOIS RT Final Report/SSAC
- Two Track Approach:
  - Fully enforce current contractual obligations & increase communication/outreach to ensure compliance
  - Re-examine purpose of collecting, maintaining and providing access & provide a proposed model that addresses related data accuracy and access issues, while considering safeguards for protecting data
- CEO tasked to go beyond the existing WHOIS protocol and start a new initiative
  - Expert working group to help lay the foundation for new policy development work
- Issue Report requested to commence a board initiated GNSO PDP on WHOIS purpose, access and accuracy
  - Output of Expert Group to feed into Final Issue Report

Lead Facilitator- Jean-Francois Baril

- Background in standards setting at RosettaNet & experienced in consensus building among diverse interests
- Type of volunteers sought:
  - Significant operational experience & knowledge of registration data collection, access, accuracy, use, privacy, security, law enforcement, standards and protocols
  - Not intended to be comprised solely of Community representatives- ICANN outsiders to be considered
  - Ideal candidate:
    - Open to new ideas and willing to forge consensus
    - Think strategically and navigate conflicting views
    - Record of fostering improvements and delivering results
    - Desire to create a new model for gTLD directory services
    - Commitment 12-20 hours per month (Jan – April '13)

Expert Working Group Launched

- Announcement calls for volunteers of experts willing to participate – Deadline: Dec 31

- Work during Jan- April '13

  - Conference calls & 2 FTF meetings, travel costs provided
  - Periodic updates to the ICANN Community
  - Community discussion to be sought online and in Beijing

- Board Liaisons to Expert Group-Steve Crocker and Chris Disspain

- Volunteers to email Bio/CV to: mailto:expertworkinggroup@icann.org

- For more information, see:

http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-2-14dec12-en.htm
http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/resolutions-08nov12-en.htm

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