Call for PDP Working Group Members:
Inter-Registrar Transfer Policies (Part B)

In Brief

The GNSO Council seeks volunteers to serve on a Working Group that will address issues related to the transfer of domain names between registrars. After investigating and considering specific issues (detailed below), the Working Group should recommend how to handle these issues, which could include proposals for changes to the existing Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (a consensus policy adopted in 2004). The GNSO Council expects the group to provide an initial report for public comment 170 days after the Work Group forms.

Background

The Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) is a consensus policy adopted in 2004 to provide a straightforward procedure for domain name holders to transfer domain names between registrars. An overall review of this policy identified areas that require clarification or improvement. At its meeting on 23 July 2009, the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council passed a resolution chartering a Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group (WG) to address the topic of Inter-Registrar Transfer Policies (IRTP). Because the overall review identified a wide range of issues related to transferring domain names, the issues have been categorized into subsets. This Working Group will tackle the issues (listed below) referred to as "Part B."

What This Group Will Do

The initial tasks of the group will be to consider the following questions[1] and make recommendations to the GNSO Council:

1. Whether a process for the urgent return or resolution of a domain name should be developed (for context, see the SSAC hijacking report PDF)

2. Whether additional provisions on undoing inappropriate transfers are needed

3. Whether special provisions are needed for a change of registrant when it occurs near the time of a change of registrar.

4. Whether standards or best practices should be implemented regarding use of a Registrar Lock status (e.g. when it may/may not, should/should not be applied)

e) Whether to clarify (and if so, how) denial reason #7: A domain name was already

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[1] Questions abbreviated for this announcement; for full details, see the charter at https://st.icann.org/irtp-partb/index.cgi .

in "lock status."

How This Group Will Work

ICANN Working Groups use transparent, open processes. The meetings of this WG will be recorded, and the recordings will be available to the public. The mailing list for the IRTP (Part B) WG has been created, and is [archived publicly](). The group will collaborate using a public [SocialText wiki]().

How to Join

The Council invites each GNSO constituency, and the liaisons, to provide names of expected participants who can then be added to the WG mailing list. The GNSO Council may also invite stakeholders and experts to join. Participants in the Working Group that addressed IRTP Part A are especially encouraged to apply. Community members who wish to be invited to join the group should contact the [GNSO secretariat](). The GNSO Council will then review the applications. This WG is already forming; please apply promptly. ##