

**Minutes of the GNSO Council Meeting 6 November 2019 part II**  
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GNSO Council meeting held in Montreal 15:15 - 16:15 local time  
Coordinated Universal Time: 20:15 UTC: <https://tinyurl.com/y4s22xs5>

**List of attendees:**

Nominating Committee Appointee (NCA): – **Non-Voting** – Erika Mann

**Contracted Parties House**

Registrar Stakeholder Group: Pam Little, Michele Neylon, Darcy Southwell (apologies, proxy to Michele Neylon),

gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group: Maxim Alzoba, Keith Drazek, Sebastien Ducos,

Nominating Committee Appointee (NCA): Tom Dale

**Non-Contracted Parties House**

Commercial Stakeholder Group (CSG): Marie Pattullo, Scott McCormick, Philippe Fouquart, Osvaldo Novoa, John McElwaine, Flip Petillion

Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG): Martin Silva Valent, Elsa Saade (apology, temporary alternate Sam Lanfranco), Sam Lanfranco, Tatiana Tropina, Rafik Dammak, Farzaneh Badii, Farrell Folly

Nominating Committee Appointee (NCA): Carlton Samuels

**GNSO Council Liaisons/Observers:**

Cheryl Langdon-Orr– ALAC Liaison

Julf (Johan) Helsingius– GNSO liaison to the GAC

Maarten Simon – ccNSO observer

**ICANN Staff**

David Olive -Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support and Managing Manager

Marika Konings – Vice President, Policy Development Support – GNSO

Mary Wong – Vice President, Strategic Community Operations, Planning and Engagement

Julie Hedlund – Policy Director

Steve Chan – Policy Director

Berry Cobb – Policy Consultant

Emily Barabas – Policy Manager

Ariel Liang – Policy Support Specialist

Caitlin Tubergen – Policy Senior Manager

Nathalie Peregrine – Manager, Operations Support

Terri Agnew - Operations Support - GNSO Lead Administrator

**[Session recordings](#)**

**Item 1. Seating of the 2018 / 2019 Council**

1.1 - Roll Call

1.2 - Statements of Interest

Statements of interest were received from the new Councillors:

Farzaneh Badii: [SOI](#) Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group

Tom Dale - [SOI](#) Contracted Party House Nominating Committee Appointee

Sebastien Ducos: [SOI](#) Registries Stakeholder Group

Farell Folly: [SOI](#) Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group

John McElwaine: [SOI](#) Intellectual Property Constituency

Carlton Samuels - [SOI](#) Non-Contracted Party House Nominating Committee Appointee

### 1.3 - Review / Amend Agenda

The agenda was accepted without change.

## **Item 2. Election of the Chair**

One nomination was received for this position, Keith Drazek. The GNSO Council held a question & answer session over the weekend with the candidate. The Council proceeded to elect the chair according to the GNSO Operating Procedures.

### **GNSO OPERATING PROCEDURES**

<https://gns0.icann.org/sites/default/files/file/field-file-attach/op-procedures-18jun18-en.pdf>

Section 2.2 Officer Elections: Chair and Vice-Chairs

The vote was by secret ballot which had two options:

Keith Drazek

None of the Above

Berry Cobb and Nathalie Peregrine tallied the votes

The results of the election were:

	Candidate 1	Candidate 2
Results:	Keith Drazek	None of the above
CPH	7	0
NCPH	13	0
	20	0

CPH	<b>100.00%</b>	0.00%
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NCPH	100.00%	0.00 %
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With the 60% threshold attained in both the Contracted Party House and the Non Contracted Party House, Keith Drazek was elected GNSO Chair 2019-2020.

Action items:

- *GNSO Secretariat* to notify ICANN Board and SG/Cs of Chair election results within 2 business days following each election and runoff ballot, whether successful or unsuccessful (As per article 2.2.g of the GNSO Operating Procedures)
- *GNSO Secretariat* to publish election results on GNSO Website

**Item 3. Any Other Business**

**3.1 - Confirmation of Vice-Chairs**

Re-appointed GNSO Council Vice Chairs are: Pam Little (Contracted Party House) and Rafik Dammak (Non Contracted Party House).

**Keith Drazek** praised Pam Little and Rafik Dammak for their continued support and dedication to the role.

**3.2 - GNSO Chair to serve as the interim GNSO Representative to the Empowered Community**

**Administration**

**Keith Drazek** reminded councilors that the GNSO Chair is the interim GNSO Representative to the Empowered Community Administration, until a formal vote takes place.

Action Item

- *GNSO Secretariat* to notify John Jeffrey of interim GNSO Representative to the EC

**Keith Drazek** opened the floor to comments and questions. **Pam Little** suggested the new councilors introduce themselves.

**Sebastien Ducos** mentioned that he works with Neustar, has been part of the RySG for four years as Chair of the geoTLD group.

**John McElwaine**, IPC member for about ten years, has been part of the NomCom and various working groups.

**Farell Folly** works as a cybersecurity research assistant and part of the NCUC for three years.

**Farzaneh Badii** is a research scholar at Yale Law School working on criminal justice and online communities, member of the NCSG since 2013. She shared her vision for the GNSO Council. As previous NCSG Chair, she observed Council activities and expressed concern about GAC overreach. NCSG core principles are value of privacy and freedom of expression

**Carlton Samuels** has been in the community from 2006, mainly with At-Large, has taken part in working groups and review teams.

**Tom Dale**, self employed consultant, is based in Canberra and has been involved in community activities since 2001. He was previously providing independent policy advice to the GAC for five years.

**Farzaneh Badii** added that there was a need to observe ICANN Board decisions and look at rationales in more depth.

**Keith Drazek** agreed and clarified that each community group has their space and remit, better boundaries may need to be defined in an important GNSO Council dialogue. He insisted on the need to keep exchanges collegial and professional. There is a considerable amount of work to be completed during the year, contributing will be essential as well volunteering for tasks. It will be crucial to share the workload.

**Keith Drazek** reminded councilors to book travel to the Strategic Planning Session in January 2020. **Tatiana Tropina** added that she will be unable to attend.

**Keith Drazek** added that the GNSO Council Wrap Up session will take place the following day.

**Sebastien Ducos** announced he was also liaison to EPDP phase 1 IRT, and added that the IRT has asked about updates on recommendation 12. Regarding recommendations 23 and 24, the IRT believes that these are not of their remit and are awaiting further input from other parts of the community. If GNSO Council agrees, the IRT will communicate that they will not meet their initial deadline.

**Keith Drazek** agreed that discussing changes to consensus policies on the above topic was an urgent matter.

**Carlton Samuels** inquired as to the PPSAI IRT and whether there was any input on the matter from the GAC, **Keith Drazek** replied that it is currently on hold pending work from the EPDP Phase 2 team.

**Pam Little** mentioned that in the Council's prior exchange with ICANN org, Council recommended that ICANN org tease out aspects of the PPSAI that are not dependent on the EPDP Phase 2 work. She also added that the small team reviewing the GAC Communique, ICANN66, would be looking into the matter.

**Keith Drazek**, GNSO Chair, adjourned the meeting at 16:10 local time.

The next GNSO Council meeting will take place on Thursday 19 December 2019 at 21:00 UTC