Minutes of the GNSO Council Meeting 21 October 2020 part II
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Coordinated Universal Time: 13:15 UTC: https://tinyurl.com/yyor7bfj

06:15 Los Angeles; 09:15 Washington; 14:15 London; 16:15 Moscow; 22:15 Tokyo; (Thursday 22 October) 00:15 Melbourne

List of attendees:
Nominating Committee Appointee (NCA): **– Non-Voting** – Olga Cavalli
Contracted Parties House
Registrar Stakeholder Group: Pam Little, Kristian Ørmen, Greg Dibiase,
gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group: Maxim Alzoba, Kurt Pritz, Sebastien Ducos,
Nominating Committee Appointee (NCA): Tom Dale
Non-Contracted Parties House
Commercial Stakeholder Group (CSG): Marie Pattullo, Mark Datysgeld, Philippe Fouquart, Osvaldo Novoa, John McElwaine, Flip Petillion
Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG): Juan Manuel Rojas, Stephanie Perrin, Tatiana Tropina, Wisdom Donkor, Tomslin Samme-Nlar, Farrell Folly
Nominating Committee Appointee (NCA): Carlton Samuels
GNSO Council Liaisons/Observers:
Cheryl Langdon-Orr– ALAC Liaison
Jeffrey Neuman– GNSO liaison to the GAC
Maarten Simon – ccNSO observer

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

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

Julie Hedlund – Policy Director

Steve Chan – Senior Director

Berry Cobb – Policy Consultant

Emily Barabas – Policy Manager

Ariel Liang – Policy Senior Specialist

Caitlin Tubergen – Policy Director

Terri Agnew - Operations Support, Lead Administrator

Andrea Glandon - SOAC Collaboration Services

Nathalie Peregrine – Manager, Operations GNSO

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Item 1. Seating of the 2020 / 2021 Council

1.1 - Roll Call

1.2 - Statements of Interest

Statements of interest were received from the new Councillors:

Kurt Pritz - SOI Registries Stakeholder Group

Kristian Ørmen - SOI Registrars Stakeholder Group

Mark Datysgeld - SOI Business Constituency

Stephanie Perrin - SOI Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group

Wisdom Donkor- SOI Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group

Tomslin Samme-Nlar - SOI Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group

Juan Manuel Rojas - SOI Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group

Olga Cavall- SOI - Non-Voting NomCom Appointee

Jeffrey Neuman - SOI - GNSO Council Liaison to the GAC

Pam Little, Contracted Party House Vice Chair, chaired the first portion of the call, and welcomed all incoming councilors to the 2020-2021 Council.

1.3 - Review / Amend Agenda

The agenda was accepted without change.

Item 2. Election of the Chair

One nomination was received for this position, Philippe Fouquart. The GNSO Council held a question & answer session during the September GNSO Council meeting.

Pam Little reminded councilors that given the virtual aspect of the GNSO Chair election, voting via closed ballot, as is tradition during face-to face sessions, had been discarded by Council leadership in favour of an open roll call vote. This procedure had received no objection on the GNSO Council mailing list.

The Council proceeded to elect the chair according to the GNSO Operating Procedures.

GNSO OPERATING PROCEDURES

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

Section 2.2 Officer Elections: Chair and Vice-Chairs

The roll call vote was done by open ballot which had two options:

[] Philippe Fouquart

[] None of the Above

Nathalie Peregrine, ICANN Org, tallied the votes. At time of the vote, **Carlton Samuels**, Non Contracted Party House NomCom Appointee, was absent. He submitted his absentee ballot via email before the end of the Council Meeting Part 2.

The results of the election were:

	Candidate 1	Candidate 2
Results:	Philippe Fouquart	None of the above
CPH	7	0
NCPH	13	0
	20	0

CPH	**100.00%**	0.00%
NCPH	100.00%	**0.00 %**
	200.00%	00.00%

With the 60% threshold attained in both the Contracted Party House and the Non Contracted Party House, **Philippe Fouquart** was elected GNSO Chair and GNSO Council Chair 2020-2021.

Philippe Fouquart, GNSO Chair, thanked councilors and both Houses for their support, and promised he would do his utmost. He encouraged all feedback, including the negative.

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
Appointed GNSO Council Vice Chairs are: Pam Little (Contracted Party House) and Tatiana Tropina (Non Contracted Party House).

Both **Philippe Fouquart** and **Pam Little** expressed their content at being part of the GNSO Council leadership team, and acknowledged the work the Council would have to face in the upcoming months.

3.2 - GNSO Chair to serve as the interim GNSO Representative to the Empowered Community (EC) Administration

Philippe Fouquart, GNSO Chair, reminded the GNSO Council that the GNSO Chair is interim GNSO Representative to the EC Administration until the November Council meeting at which point the Council will confirm the appointment via vote on the Consent Agenda.

Pam Little, GNSO Council Vice Chair, RrSG, clarified that the term "interim" was used here as a formal motion was needed to confirm the GNSO Representative.

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

Philippe Fouquart, GNSO Chair, then invited incoming councilors to introduce themselves to the rest of Council.

Kurt Pritz, **incoming RySG councilor,** works for the .art domain name registry, after working for ICANN Org. He emphasized he would be listening to both the RySG and the GNSO Council for input.

Kristian Ørmen, **incoming RrSG councilor,** previous RrSG Secretary, works for a Danish registry, has worked with domain names for all his professional life and currently focuses on domain policy registry contacts, compliance and abuse.

Mark Datysgeld, from the LAC region, **incoming BC councilor**, runs an Internet Governance consultancy focused on SMEs. He was part of the NextGen program in 2015, and is delighted to now be on the GNSO Council. He has been very active in Universal Acceptance efforts as well as in policy making.

Stephanie Perrin, **incoming NCSG councilor**, served on Council from 2014 - 2018, after retiring from the Canadian government in 2013 shortly after joining the Experts Working Group on the RDS policy. She's worked on data protection issues working in the Privacy Commissioner's office and now provides consultancy services.

Wisdom Donkor, incoming NCSG Councilor, works for the African Data and Internet Research Foundation, he currently focuses on ensuring data protection policies are adopted and thanked the NCSG for electing him to the GNSO Council.

Tomslin Samme-Nlar, incoming NCSG Councilor, He was a GNSO co-chair of the IANA function review team. He works for NTT in Australia.

Juan Manuel Rojas, **incoming NCSG Councilor**, based in Colombia, is a journalist by trade but passionate about internet governance since 2010. He has worked as an e-governance consultant and director for an e-cluster in Colombia, He will bring the civil society perspective from Latin America to the GNSO Council.

Olga Cavalli, incoming NomCom Appointee, congratulated Philippe, Pam and Tatiana for their leadership roles. She used to be a NomCom Appointee from 2007 - 2011, and has been a GAC Vice Chair and co-chair of SubPro WT5. She has been involved in ICANN since 2006 but focuses primarily on capacity building activities and investigations about public policy related to the Internet.

Jeffrey Neuman, **incoming GNSO Liaison to the GAC**, served on the GNSO Council twice, is SubPro PDP WG co-chair and has been involved with ICANN from before it was ICANN. He is therefore very familiar with the policy development process. Thanks to his work as SubPro Chair he has gained newfound respect and admiration for the GAC, the way they operate, and how they have tried to become better familiarized with the GNSO policy development process.

Philippe Fouquart, GNSO Chair, reiterated how delighted he was to be working with the new Council and the new Council leadership, with an emphasis on delegation and small team efforts.

ICANN Org support staff then organised an informal Zoom picture of the new 2020- 2021 Council.

Philippe Fouquart, **GNSO Chair,** adjourned the meeting at 15:52 local time.

The next GNSO Council meeting will take place on Thursday 19 November 2020 at 21:00 UTC