

GNSO Council Emergency Meeting 26 March 2012 at 16:00 UTC
Reason for abstention - Mary Wong

(1) I concur with Bill Drake's abstention statement as regards the bypassing of GNSO processes by one of its constituent groups, which never brought the issue before the GNSO either directly or via its Stakeholder Group. Instead, these two groups went directly to the Board and the GAC, such that the GNSO was placed in a tremendously difficult situation and resulted in a last minute change to the Applicant Guidebook after the launch of the application period and less than two weeks before the TLD Application System closes.

(2) My substantive reasons for abstaining today are largely reflected in the public comment filed by the NCSG Policy Committee in response to the Drafting Team's proposal.

(3) Finally, my abstention reflects my role as an elected representative for the NCSG. This issue engendered a long and rigorous debate within the NCSG, and an overwhelming majority of members who spoke up on this issue opposed any changes to the Applicant Guidebook at this stage and to this extent.