

## **Process for GNSO Endorsement of Nominees to the Affirmation of Commitments Review Teams**

1. Persons from the community who seek the GNSO's endorsement to serve on a given review team must:

- Apply directly to the email address and by the deadline indicated in ICANN's publicly posted call for applications;
- Ensure that the application includes the information specified by both
  - a) the "How to Apply" section of the call for applications, and
  - b) the "Additional GNSO Requirements" (see below).

ICANN will forward the applications received to the GNSO Council as they come in and place them on a web site for inspection by the four GNSO stakeholder groups. As soon as possible and no later than 21 days after the deadline for applications, the stakeholder groups will inform the Council of their endorsements, based on their own internal deliberative procedures.

2. Each stakeholder group may endorse one applicant to serve as a representative in a given review team. Please note:

- A stakeholder group may choose to endorse an applicant who is identified with and has been endorsed by another stakeholder group (in which case the GNSO could be endorsing fewer than four nominees);
- Alternatively, a stakeholder group may choose not to endorse any applicant from the available pool of candidates (which again could mean that the GNSO may be endorsing fewer than four nominees); and
- Each stakeholder group is encouraged to identify in its internal deliberations (notification to the Council would be helpful but is not required) one or two additional candidates whom it could support, if available, in the event that the diversity procedure outlined in item 4 below is to be utilized.

3. In making their selections, stakeholder groups should give due consideration to the following diversity objectives:

- Unless the applicant pool does not allow, no more than half of the GNSO's nominees should come from the same geographical region; and
- Unless the applicant pool does not allow, the GNSO's nominees should not all be of the same gender.

4. The Council will consider the resulting list of up to four nominees at its next teleconference. If the list does not meet the above mentioned diversity objectives, the Council as a whole may choose to endorse up to two additional candidates from the applicant pool who would help to give the list of GNSO nominees the desired balance. In this case, the Council would hold a vote during its teleconference, with sixty percent support of both

houses represented in the Council being required for endorsement. If no candidate obtains that level of support, the list of endorsements obtained via the bottom-up process of stakeholder group nominations will be deemed final and forwarded to ICANN.

### **Additional GNSO Requirements:**

A person seeking GNSO endorsement must include the following information in the application:

- The applicant's full name, title, contact information and employer;
- The ICANN Geographic Region(s) in which the applicant is a citizen and a resident;
- Identification of the GSNO stakeholder group, if any, to which the applicant feels most closely affiliated;
- An attestation that the applicant is able and willing to commit an estimated average of about ten hours per week during the review period, in addition to participating in face to face review team meetings;
- Identification of any financial ownership or senior management/leadership interest of the applicant in registries, registrars or other entities that are stakeholders or interested parties in ICANN or any entity with which ICANN has a transaction, contract, or other arrangement;
- Indication of whether the applicant would be representing any other party or person on the review team and, if so, identification of that party or person;
- A two to three paragraph statement about the applicant's knowledge of the GNSO community's structures and operations and any participation therein;
- A one to two paragraph statement about the applicant's specialized technical or other expertise of direct relevance to the responsibilities of the review team in question.