

Mr. Rod Beckstrom  
President  
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Ms. Heather Dryden  
Interim Chair  
Government Advisory Committee

Re: Letter of Motivation, Whois Review Team

Dear Rod, Heather and the Internet and ICANN Communities,

I would like to submit my name and qualifications for the Whois Review Team. I bring three types of background I believe are important to the upcoming review process:

1. A strong understanding of the ICANN community. I was fortunate to enter the Internet governance arena prior to the founding of ICANN and participated actively in the processes leading to the White Paper and ICANN's founding principles. I joined ICANN at its first meeting, co-founded the Noncommercial Users Constituency (then Noncommercial Domain Name Holders Constituency), and served on some of the earliest drafting teams, working groups and task forces, as well as on the first and second Names Councils. I continue to work on ICANN committees including, most recently, the STI and the Vertical Integration Working Group (the latter still in progress).

2. Deep knowledge of the Whois issues. The Whois policy and implementation issues are complex: multi-faceted, multinational, and multi-layered. They raise unique DNS technical and operational issues. As the Affirmation of Commitments sets out, Whois policy involves a range of issues and groups, including existing policy, applicable laws, Advisory Committees, Supporting Organizations (and their constituencies), global law enforcement and global privacy experts.

I volunteer for this Review Team because I know these layers well. For half a decade, 2000-2005, I worked hard to help the ICANN community examine Whois issues. I served as a member of one of the early Whois committee, Whois Task Force 2, and organized *Building Bridges on ICANN's Whois Issues*, the first cross-supporting organization, cross-constituency meeting to bring together gTLDs and ccTLDs to discuss these issues (Vancouver, 11/2005).

3. Valuable Registry Perspective. In February 2010 I joined .ORG, the Public Interest Registry (PIR) as its first Director of Policy. In so doing, I became involved in the day-to-day technical and operational aspects of managing a thick Whois database. It is an important perspective, and one which, I think, will play a useful and important role in the evaluation ahead.

I welcome the opportunity to assist ICANN in meeting this important obligation under the Affirmation of Commitments.

Very sincerely yours,

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