

5 May 2017

**Notification of Board Seat 14 Selection**

To:  
Empowered Community Administration

CC:  
ICANN Board Secretary  
Decisional Participants (ALAC, ASO, ccNSO, GAC, and GNSO)

Dear Empowered Community Administration,

As required under Section 7.2 of the ICANN Bylaws, please accept this letter as formal notification from the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) that the Non-Contracted Parties House (NCPH) has nominated **Matthew Shears (UK)** to succeed Markus Kummer for Seat 14 on the ICANN Board of Directors.

On behalf of the GNSO, I ask that the Empowered Community confirm its Designation of Mr. Shears to the Board. Matthew's term is scheduled to begin when Markus's term ends, at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in November 2017, in Abu Dhabi.

Thank you,

James Bladel  
GNSO Chair