Revised GNSO Operating Procedures & Bylaws

AKA GNSO Rights & Obligations under Revised Bylaws

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Timeline

June 2016

DT created to “fully identify all the new or additional rights and responsibilities that the GNSO has under the revised Bylaws”;

October 2016

DT submits Final Report, including minority report to GNSO Council

Dec 2016

GNSO Council accepts recommendations and directs ICANN Policy Staff to draft proposed language for any necessary modifications to GNSO OP and/or Bylaws

March 2017

Staff shares questions, assumptions & legal assessment with DT

Apr - May 2016

Consultations with DT to address questions. Legal assessment and confirm assumptions

June 2017

Publication of proposed revisions to GNSO OP and ICANN Bylaws published for public comment

Next Steps
Proposed Changes to implement DT Recs

1. **No Changes**
   No new procedures and/or modifications are needed as the current Bylaws and/or GNSO OP provide sufficient guidance and/or new structures have been created in the meantime.

2. **New Voting Thresholds**
   Additions to the ICANN Bylaws to reflect new GNSO voting thresholds for particular actions related to the GNSO as a Decisional Participant.

3. **Revised Consent Agenda**
   To reflect that certain decisions are to be confirmed “automatically” by the GNSO Council through its consent agenda.

4. **Waiver**
   In specific circumstances, the GNSO Council may waive the timeframes in relation to submission of motions as well as scheduling of meetings to meet its obligations as a Decisional Participant.

5. **Petition by Individuals via SG/Cs**
   Addition to the GNSO OP to clarify that certain petitions submitted by an individual must be submitted through a GNSO SG or C to the GNSO Council for consideration. Each GNSO SG/C must develop clear rules for the submission of such petitions.

6. **Petition by individuals to GNSO Council**
   All petitions concerning a director removal process submitted by an individual must be submitted directly to the GNSO Council. The GNSO Council to develop a clear process and rules for the submission of such petitions.
## Other updates

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Next Steps

Publication of revised documents for public comment (19 June) → Close of Public Comment Forum (10 August) → GNSO Council to review input received and decide on next steps

GNSO Council to (eventually) approve proposed revisions → ICANN Board to consider proposed Bylaw changes → Revised documents enter into force & additional work identified commences
Further information

- ICANN Bylaws: [https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en](https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en)
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