

Government Advisory Committee Chair

Rod Beckstrom,
ICANN President and CEO

Letter of motivation

I am writing to you to apply for membership of the Security, Stability and Resiliency Review Team. I wish to represent the GNSO.

I am a member of the executive committee of NCUC, and obviously my strongest affinity within the GNSO is with NCSG. I am a resident and citizen of Australia, within ICANNs Asia/Australia/Pacific geographic region. I attest that I am willing and able to commit the estimate average of 10 hours per week during the review period.

I wish to serve on the review team because I believe that security, stability and resiliency of the DNS system are essential parts of ICANNs mission, and I wish to contribute to ensuring and improving its achievement of these goals. In addition, I feel strongly that ICANN policy structures, such as the GNSO, need to have continued engagement with these (often very technical) issues, and the review process is important in ensuring that this takes place. I am a resident and citizen of Australia, within ICANNs Asia/Australia/Pacific geographic region.

I would not be representing any other party or person on the review team. My participation in NCUC/NCSG, and therefore GNSO, is currently as a representative of Electronic Frontiers Australia, a non-profit civil liberties organisation, but my participation in the review team would not be dependent on representing that organisation. I have no financial interest, or senior management interest, in any registry, registrar, or other entity that is a stakeholder, interested party, or contracted party as regards to ICANN. I am currently employed variously as a sessional academic at the Curtin University Department of Internet Studies, as a lecturer (in Internet studies) at Curtin International College, and I also work as a self-employed software developer and technical consultant.

I believe I have an appropriate combination of skills to be a useful team member. I have significant policy review experience, in particular via several years experience on the board of Electronic Frontiers Australia, an organisation which regularly contributes to Australian national policy review and debate, via mechanisms such as formal submissions to parliamentary committees and government public policy review processes. Besides involvement in ICANN and EFA, I have also been involved in domain name policy as a member of the Australian Domain Name Authority (auDA) second level domain policy panel. I believe my experience as a civil society contributor to security policy debates can bring a valuable perspective to the review process. I also have significant board level experience in several organisations, and I am experienced in cooperative team work in a formal environment.

I have dealt with security and resiliency issues from a technical perspective in my career as a freelance technology expert, including security reviews and dealing with security

breaches, and I have some specialist security experience and skills, such as knowledge of network packet level analysis. I have a very strong professional technical background. I think this combination of skills will enable me to contribute effectively to the range of issues that the review team will deal with. Of course, the review team will also involve learning new skills, and I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to learn.

I am currently employed teaching students to think about internet institutions and policy issues in a logical, evidence based, and critical manner. I hope that I can bring some of these same skills to the review team.

Yours Sincerely

David Cake