WHOIS Board Resolution
Update to GNSO Council

Denise Michel and Jean-Francois Baril
• Board launched comprehensive effort to tackle WHOIS challenges in response to WHOIS RT Final Report/SSAC

• Two Track Approach:
  – Fully enforce current contractual obligations & increase communication/outreach to ensure compliance
  – Re-examine purpose of collecting, maintaining and providing access & provide a proposed model that addresses related data accuracy and access issues, while considering safeguards for protecting data

• CEO tasked to go beyond the existing WHOIS protocol and start a new initiative
  – Expert working group to help lay the foundation for new policy development work

• Issue Report requested to commence a board initiated GNSO PDP on WHOIS purpose, access and accuracy
  – Output of Expert Group to feed into Final Issue Report
Lead Facilitator- Jean-Francois Baril

• Background in standards setting at RosettaNet & experienced in consensus building among diverse interests

• Type of volunteers sought:
  – Significant operational experience & knowledge of registration data collection, access, accuracy, use, privacy, security, law enforcement, standards and protocols
  – Not intended to be comprised solely of Community representatives- ICANN outsiders to be considered
  – Ideal candidate:
    • Open to new ideas and willing to forge consensus
    • Think strategically and navigate conflicting views
    • Record of fostering improvements and delivering results
    • Desire to create a new model for gTLD directory services
    • Commitment 12-20 hours per month (Jan - April ’13)
Expert Working Group Launched

• Announcement calls for volunteers of experts willing to participate - **Deadline: Dec 31**
• Work during Jan- April ‘13
  – Conference calls & 2 FTF meetings, travel costs provided
  – Periodic updates to the ICANN Community
  – Community discussion to be sought online and in Beijing
• Board Liaisons to Expert Group-Steve Crocker and Chris Disspain
• Volunteers to email Bio/CV to: mailto:expertworkinggroup@icann.org
• For more information, see:
Thank You