

**Brian Winterfeldt's statement to the GNSO Council on the motion to approve a charter for the Privacy & Proxy Services Accreditation PDP WG**

The Registrar Accreditation Agreement ("RAA") is the contract that governs the relationship between ICANN and its accredited Registrars, as well as the terms of maintaining accreditation to register domain names. Although the RAA has been the subject of substantial negotiation and revision between ICANN and the RrSG, a final 2013 RAA was finally approved on June 27, 2013 by the ICANN Board of Directors.

However, the ICANN Board resolution that initiated the RAA negotiations also initiated a GNSO Issues Report and PDP on any remaining issues now that negotiations are concluded. On September 18, 2013, ICANN policy staff delivered that report, clearly identifying any high-priority unresolved RAA issues, namely privacy and proxy services accreditation. Indeed, during ICANN 47 in Durban, South Africa, ICANN's Director of Registrar Programs opined, "Most of the issues that we felt were better subject to a PDP were related to the privacy and proxy service specification" in the RAA. Upon review of the report and consideration during the October 10, 2013 GNSO Council teleconference, the Council debated options for adopting or amending a draft working group charter provided by ICANN policy staff.