



Stakeholder Group Petition and Charter

Petition Form

Important Notices:

(1) *The purpose of this document is to formally petition the ICANN Board for approval to form a GNSO Stakeholder Group (SG) consistent with the recent Board decisions regarding GNSO Council restructuring. Its submission, receipt, acceptance, or acknowledgement should not be construed as implicit or explicit Board approval of the proposed SG.*

(2) *In addition to the Board, this submission will be publicly posted [Note: phone and fax numbers supplied below are for contact purposes only and will not be shared publicly].*

Submit to ICANN Board at [...] *[Note: If you do not receive a confirmation after submittal or have questions, please contact policy-staff@icann.org].*

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Purpose and Assumptions

This template model was assembled by ICANN Policy Staff to guide and assist (not prescribe) new Stakeholder Groups in the construction of their charter documents. It is organized into major thematic headings with individual sections containing keywords/phrases intended to suggest specific content that, when completed, would describe the SG's rules, procedures, and/or practices for that element.

This particular template model assumes that, over time, there will be multiple constituencies per Stakeholder Group.

The Stakeholder Group (SG), as an entity made up of formally recognized constituencies, would only concern itself with matters relevant to the interaction of those constituencies (e.g. SG membership and GNSO Council seat allocation) and would not, as a general practice, prescribe activities inside or within constituencies that are otherwise the province of those constituencies and the ICANN Board.



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Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG) Transitional Charter

1.0 Mission and Principles

1.1 Mission

The purpose of the Registrar Stakeholder Group is to represent the views and interests of ICANN accredited registrars within ICANN's Supporting Organizations and other relevant ICANN bodies in all matters and issues of its responsibility according to the procedures set forth in the ICANN Bylaws. The RrSG will create a process by which GNSO Council members can be seated in a manner consistent with the bicameral voting structure approved by the ICANN Board and that serves the collective interests of the members of the RrSG.

1.2 Principles for Leaders and Member Constituencies

Registrar Stakeholder Group leaders must: (a) conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the mission of this charter; (b) act fairly and in an open and transparent manner; (c) adhere to ICANN's bylaws and applicable policies.

At a minimum, member Constituency charters and/or bylaws: (a) must commit to fully support the Mission of the RrSG; (b) must commit to principles of fairness, openness, and transparency in all policies, practices, and operations; (c) must include service standards for leadership positions (if proposed) that include impartiality, accountability, and conflicts of interest declarations; (d) must commit to and require of its members adherence to ICANN Bylaws/Policies and support of the consensus model; and (e) must encourage its members: (i) to treat others with dignity and respect; (ii) to listen attentively to understand others; act with honesty, sincerity, and integrity; and (iii) maintain community good standing.

2.0 Organization and Membership

2.1 Composition

The Registrar Stakeholder Group will be open to and comprised of ICANN accredited registrars. The Registrar Stakeholder Group will be open to Constituencies that are formally recognized groups of ICANN accredited registrars approved by the ICANN Board. Constituency participation in the RrSG is defined in Section 2.4 below.

2.2 Constituency Qualification and Recognition

(a) Qualifications for RrSG Constituencies



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All Constituency Groups under the Registrar Stakeholder Group must be comprised of a group of ICANN accredited registrars. Any such Constituency Group of ICANN accredited registrars must be recognized and approved by the ICANN Board and must commit to the principles stated in sub-section 1.2 of this charter.

(b) Process for New Constituency Recognition

- i. Submit a “Notice of Intent to Form New Constituency” (NOIF) to the ICANN Board. The NOIF will be distributed to the GNSO Council, all GNSO constituencies, and will be publicly posted on the GNSO website.
- ii. Following the NOIF, submit a “New Constituency Petition and Charter” to the ICANN Board for formal recognition, approval and assignment to the SG. This application also will be distributed to the GNSO Council, all GNSO constituencies, and will be publicly posted on the GNSO website.

2.3 Constituency Structure

The internal structures, leadership positions, and operations of each Constituency under the Registrar Stakeholder Group will be left to its membership and the charter it creates. Each Constituency under the Registrar Stakeholder Group will be expected to conform to the general principles set forth in the Section 1.2 of this Charter.

2.4 Constituency Member Rights and Responsibilities: *Members of* Constituencies may participate as individual members of RrSG in:

- (a) the election of the RrSG’s Executive Committee (EXCOM);
- (b) the election of GNSO Council Members;
- (c) the development of policy and position statements;
- (d) GNSO policy development processes;
- (e) the election of Nominating Committee delegate(s), and
- (f) performing any other activities identified by the RrSG leadership as constituency responsibilities.

2.5 Constituency Rights and Responsibilities: Constituencies under the RrSG may elect their own leadership and act independently of the RrSG.

3.0 Leadership

3.1 Registrar Stakeholder Group Leadership Structure

The RrSG leadership will be by Executive Committee (EXCOM) consisting of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Chair of any approved Constituency

3.2 Selection of Leadership



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The RrSG leadership will be elected by SG wide elections of its members. Any approved Constituencies will have guaranteed representation on the RrSG leadership team, as the Chairs of any Constituency will be included in the Executive Committee.

3.3 Responsibilities

- a) Coordinate elections of RrSG officers, Nominating Committee representatives, and GNSO Council seats. All ICANN accredited registrars that are members of the RrSG may vote in such elections on an equal basis.
- b) Assess/evaluate slate of GNSO Council nominees/candidates for consistency with broader ICANN Bylaw factors/requirements including interest group representation and geographic diversity.
- c) Request ICANN Staff to assist with:
 - Recruitment/outreach efforts targeted at expanding the organization through identification and formation of new participants; and
 - Organization and coordination of SG meetings.

3.4 Decision-Making Processes

RrSG leadership decisions will be made based on full consensus.

3.5 Meetings/Conferences

The Registrar Stakeholder Group leadership will schedule to meet on a monthly basis via teleconference. Face to face meetings may be arranged in place of a teleconference, but are not required.

Meetings of the entire Registrar Stakeholder Group will take place at the discretion of the EXCOM, but will typically occur at the full ICANN meetings. Such meetings will generally be open to observers with the availability for remote participation.