

GNSO Registries Constituency Report & Request for Charter Renewal

27 January 2009

This report from the GNSO gTLD Registries Constituency (RyC) is submitted in response to the following Board resolutions:

- 28 August 2008 GNSO Council Restructure Resolution requesting that existing constituencies confirm their status with the Board
- Resolution 2008.10.01.15 asking existing Constituencies to submit confirmation documents to the Board for review in advance of the February 2009 Board Meeting.

In accordance with ICANN Bylaws Article X, Section 5, Subsection 3, the RyC confirms the following:

- The RyC has continuously elected GNSO Council (previously DNSO Names Council) representatives since its inception and currently has its three seats filled.
- As of the date of this report, there are 16 gTLDs operated by 15 Registry Operators all of whom are RyC members and one pending gTLD for which the operator has not yet executed a registry agreement with ICANN.
 - The RyC operates an email list for which delegates from all members and the pending member are subscribed.
 - The RyC operates a website at <http://www.gtldregistries.org/>.
 - The RyC generally holds biweekly teleconference meetings open to all members and the pending member.
 - The RyC holds all-day in-person meetings complemented by teleconference facilities at every ICANN regional public meeting; these meetings are open to all participants except for infrequent and brief confidential sessions and for the regular lunch meeting with a sampling of ICANN Directors and Staff.
 - In every consensus statement submitted, the RyC clearly reports the level of consensus reached (i.e., the level of representativeness) by providing the following data:
 - Total # of eligible RyC Members
 - Total # of RyC Members
 - Total # of Active RyC Members
 - Minimum requirement for supermajority of Active Members
 - Minimum requirement for majority of Active Members
 - # of Members that participated in this process
 - Names of Members that participated in this process
 - All gTLD registry operators who have registry agreements with ICANN are eligible for RyC membership:
 - Membership fees vary depending on the size of the gTLD

- There is no membership restriction if a registry operator participates in any other GNSO constituency.

The current RyC Articles of Operation were adopted on 30 October 2007 and can be found at http://gtldregistries.org/about_us/articles. The RyC plans to operate under these Articles until the new bicameral GNSO Council structure is implemented. In the meantime, work is well underway on revised Articles for the constituency as needed and on a draft Registries Stakeholder Group Charter. The latter should be ready for submission not later than 27 February 2009.

With this report the RyC respectfully requests renewal of its charter. If the Board has any questions, we will be happy to respond.

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