



Registrars Stakeholder Group 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 Members

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, all Stakeholder Group members must: (a) commit to fully support the Mission of the RrSG; (b) commit to principles of fairness, openness, and transparency in all policies, practices, and operations; (c) include service standards for leadership positions (if proposed) that include impartiality, accountability, and conflicts of interest declarations; (d) commit to and require of its members adherence to ICANN Bylaws/Policies and support of the consensus model; and (e) 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 Registrars Stakeholder Group will be open to and comprised of ICANN accredited registrars. The Registrars Stakeholder Group will be open to the voluntary formation of Interest Groups comprised of ICANN accredited registrars who are also members of the RrSG as defined in Section 2.3 below.

2.2 Interest Group Structure

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

2.3 Interest Group Rights and Responsibilities: Interest Groups do not have voting rights within the RrSG, however, its members may participate in:



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- (a) the election of the RrSG's Executive Committee (EC);
- (b) the nomination of candidates and the election of GNSO Council Members;
- (c) the development and issuance of policy and position statements with particular emphasis on ICANN consensus policies that relate to interoperability, technical reliability and stable operation of the Internet or domain name system;
- (d) the GNSO policy development processes; and
- (e) the election of Nominating Committee delegate(s).

3.0 Leadership

3.1 Registrars Stakeholder Group Leadership Structure

The RrSG will be led by an Executive Committee (EC) consisting of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

3.2 Selection of Leadership

The RrSG leadership will be elected by SG wide elections of its members as contained in the RrSG's Bylaws.

3.3 Responsibilities

(a) Hold Meetings.

1. The Registrars Stakeholder Group EC will schedule itself 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 Registrars Stakeholder Group will take place at the discretion of the EC, but will typically occur at the full ICANN meetings. Such meetings will generally be open to observers with the availability for remote participation. The EC Chair shall call other meetings as necessary and shall:
 - a. Develop meeting agendas;
 - b. Schedule and conduct EC meetings;
 - c. Provide notice of meeting.
2. Staff Support: At the request of the EC, ICANN Staff may:
 - a. Record EC meetings and decisions;
 - b. Make publically available on the RrSG website or other public communication vehicle information regarding the EC meetings, and decisions; and



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- c. Maintain a private communication vehicle (e.g. mailing list, wiki, etc.) for administration purposes, which shall be archived and available to members of RrSG.
 3. EC meetings may be conducted face-to-face, or through teleconference, email, wiki, or other online mechanisms.
- (b) Facilitate Policy Coordination Meetings. Upon request from a Constituency, the EC may invite all RrSG Members to join in a meeting, held via whatever means is most convenient and allows all participants to communicate on an equal basis, to discuss GNSO policy development issues.
- (c) Manage and Administer Elections. When required according to the provisions in this Charter, the EC shall be responsible and accountable, with appropriate ICANN Staff assistance, for organizing, announcing, supervising, and operating elections for GNSO Council representative vacancies as prescribed in Section TBD. All ICANN accredited registrars that are members of the RrSG may vote in such elections on an equal basis. The EC will assess/evaluate the slate of GNSO Council nominees/candidates for consistency with broader ICANN Bylaw factors/requirements including interest group representation and geographic diversity. In order to promote broad representational diversity in accordance with principles contained in the ICANN Bylaws, no more than one (1) of the elected RrSG Council Representatives may come from the same geographic region as defined in the ICANN Bylaws.
- (d) Support the GNSO Council and the ICANN Board. The EC shall cooperate with and support the GNSO Council and the ICANN Board.
 1. If requested by the ICANN Board, select Nominating Committee delegate(s);
 2. Encourage and support recruitment, outreach, and training efforts targeted at expanding the RrSG through identification and introduction of new participants; and
 3. Request ICANN staff assistance when necessary to facilitate the goals, objectives, and duties of the RrSG.
- (e) Decision Making Process. All members of the RrSG EC will participate in making decisions.
 1. Due to the small size of the EC, all significant decisions, whether by consensus or vote, require the participation of the full membership.
 2. Decisions will be made by consensus whenever possible.
 3. If the EC cannot resolve a decision by consensus, the Chair shall conduct a vote (TBD). All members of the EC, including the Chair, have a vote.



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(f) Announcement/Reporting of RrSG Meetings/Decisions. Wherever practicable, EC or other RrSG meetings will be recorded and posted in an easily accessible and identified manner on the RrSG's public communication vehicle.

1. EC decisions will be reported/published within 24 hours;
2. Each report will clearly reflect the EC members who participated in the process, their votes, and any supplemental statements they submitted for the record.

4.0 GNSO Council Representatives (CR).

4.1 RrSG Allocation. The RrSG is assigned three (3) Council seats by the ICANN Board.

4.2 CR Terms. In order to promote continuity of CRs elected to the GNSO Council from the RrSG, CRs shall serve staggered terms such that two CRs will be elected in odd years and one CR will be elected in even years. GNSO Council Representatives are subject to terms limits as specified in Article X, Section 3 of the Bylaws.

4.2 Responsibilities and Duties of CRs. A CR elected or appointed pursuant to this Charter shall be subject to the rules, principles, responsibilities, and duties as set forth in the Charter of the Constituency which originally nominated him/her for election to the Council.

4.2.1 Participation. Each CR shall actively and faithfully participate with his/her Constituency Members, the EC, and the RrSG in considering policy issues and in advancing the goals of the RrSG in every aspect of the GNSO Policy Development Process.

4.2.2 RrSG Representation. Each CR shall represent in the GNSO Council the goals and priorities of the organization to the best of his/her ability and in accordance with the principle of consensus building.

5.0 Bylaws.

The Registrars SG has adopted a set of Bylaws which are consistent with this Charter document and the ICANN Bylaws (see <http://icannregistrars.org/legal/bylaws.php>).

6.0 Rules of Procedure.

The Registrars SG operates according to a set of Procedural Rules, consistent with this Charter document and the ICANN Bylaws (see <http://icannregistrars.org/legal/rules-of-procedure.php>).

