

fDay 0 – Monday, 13 January 2025

Timing	Topic
18:00 – 19:30	Informal Welcome Reception 🍷 Location: ICANN Washington DC office 1901 L St. NW, Penthouse Level, Washington D.C.

Day 1—Tuesday, 14 January 2025

Themes:


- Introductions, induction, and getting to know each other
- The role of Council and Councilors and the work ahead for this Council
- Considering hypotheticals, where things might not go “according to plan”

Desired outcomes:

- Build personal relationships and ensure a common understanding of the role of the Council
- Mutual understanding of the work ahead
- Identify whether there are gaps in the toolkit

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9:00 – 9:15	Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome: Greg DiBiase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify Overarching Goals of SPS ● Agree on rules of participation and engagement expectations
9:15 – 10:45	Part I: What does it mean to be the “Manager of the PDP”? Introduction & Facilitator: Greg DiBiase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What does it mean to be the manager of the PDP under the various “segments of the Z graphic”? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Request Issue Report / Initiate a PDP / Review and acknowledgement of a project change request. ○ Consideration of a Final Report with full consensus recommendations ○ Consideration of a Final Report with several recommendations that have strong support but significant opposition, or lower. ● What is the role of a Councilor? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Add bullets... Part II:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Better understanding of the role and responsibility of a Council ● Common understanding and agreement on the Council’s role as the Manager of the PDP under identified parts of the policy process (hypotheticals); ● Identify if further improvements / changes need to be made in relation to information that is reviewed by Council when considering PDP recommendations for approval.

	<p>Evolution of the Council’s role in managing PDPs and how the SPS has helped identify those improvements Introduction: Support Staff Facilitator: TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What inspired the need for the SPS and what did the early SPS’ focus on? • What tangible differences / improvements can be seen in the way that the Council and PDPs operate? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of why the Council has convened in DC, and the impact past SPS have had on the effectiveness of the Council and PDPs.
10:45 – 11:00	Email break	
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Council activity - Improv Workshop for Connection & Agility Introduction: Support Staff Facilitator: Instructor from DC Improv</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get ready to embrace the awkward, be present not perfect, and expand your flexible thinking skills in a series of conversation based improv exercises with the DC Improv. (No one is going to be forced to stand up and perform - all our activities are conversational and collaborative.) • We'll start with a few icebreaking warm up games, and then move on to more challenging mental puzzles that we'll solve together. The focus of each game will be on recognizing habits we have in our thinking so that we can replace them with curiosity and a "Yes! And..." approach to problem solving. • Expect to walk out with a more mindful and specific appreciation of your unique operating system and how to leverage your strengths with more agility. And expect to laugh. A lot. Because we're going to make mistakes - and they're going to be hilarious. 	<p>Takeaways & Benefits ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Connection • For the group ~ Communication skills practice • For each individual ~ Self-awareness and Emotional Regulation practice
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch Break	

13.30 – 15.30	<p>Part I: Overview of Council tools available and a high-level review of the Council’s work ahead Introduction & Facilitator: TBD Presentation: Support Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review tools for onboarding, preparation for monthly Council meetings, and preparation for ICANN meetings ● Review of the Program/Project Mgmt Tools ● Targeted review of select projects from the Projects List and Action Decision Radar (ADR) <p>Part II: Being prepared for challenges: considering real examples Introduction & Facilitator: Paul McGrady</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discuss real examples that have presented challenges to the Council. ● Hypothetical #1: Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues (PPSAI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understand the current suite of tools available to the Council and if applicable, identify any gaps in the toolkit. ● If there are gaps in the onboarding toolkit in particular, Paul McGrady and Jennifer Chung volunteered at ICANN81 to develop additional materials. ● Mutual understanding of the work ahead. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understand the nature of the issue in the hypothetical and discuss whether the Council has a clear path forward and the procedural flexibility needed. ● Take note of any gaps identified.
15.30 – 16.00	Email break	
16.00 – 17.00	<p>Being prepared for challenges: considering real examples, Part II Introduction & Facilitator: Paul McGrady</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discuss real examples that have presented challenges to the Council. ● Hypothetical #2: EPDP on Registration Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understand the nature of the issue(s) in the hypothetical and discuss whether the Council has a clear path forward and the procedural flexibility needed. ● Take note of any gaps identified.
Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Group outing – Dinner  	

Day 1 Required Reading:

Day 2 – Wednesday, 15 January 2025

Proposed Theme: Reviewing expected portfolio of upcoming work

Desired outcomes: Identifying pain points and possible solutions with the goal to facilitate Council work

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9.00 – 10.30	<p>Part I: Summary of Previous Day Introduction: Greg DiBiase</p> <p>Part II: Addressing Gaps Introduction & Facilitator: TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is currently no known mechanism for the Board to be able to course correct after it has adopted a Council recommendation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review the draft proposal to determine if it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides the needed functionality ▪ Is adequately simple and flexible ▪ Provides reasonable guardrails ● Discuss any other procedural gaps, if any, and consider the path forward. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General agreement on the path forward to close the gap(s).
10.30 – 10.45	Email Break	
10.45 – 12.00	<p>Addressing Gaps, cont. Introduction & Facilitator: TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is currently no known mechanism for the Board to be able to course correct after it has adopted a Council recommendation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review the draft proposal to determine if it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides the needed functionality ▪ Is adequately simple and flexible ▪ Provides reasonable guardrails ● Discuss any other procedural gaps, if any, and consider the path forward. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General agreement on the path forward to close the gap(s).
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13.00 – 15.00	<p>GNSO Commitment to Continuous Improvement Introduction & Facilitator: TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council is tackling continuous improvement primarily through its newly minted Standing Committee on Continuous Improvement (SCCI). • The Council initiated an effort to help promote “board ready” recommendations. • Here, the Council will have a comprehensive discussion about continuous improvement work anticipated and whether it meets expectations (e.g., including ATRT3 and the draft 5-yr Strategic Plan). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness of the portfolio of continuous improvement work anticipated • Discussion and agreement on whether additional work is necessary.
15.00 – 15.30	Email Break	
15.30 – 17.00	<p>Council Engagement With the New ICANN CEO and Board Chair [Pending availability] Facilitator: Greg DiBiase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council will have the opportunity to meet with [TBD] <p>Wrap-Up Facilitators: Greg DiBiase</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the SPS helpful? • What can we do better? <p>Complete survey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement on actions coming out of SPS • Discussion of what can be approved going forward
From 17:00 onward	Departures 