



# A Secretariat for the ccNSO

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A preliminary discussion.....



## Secretariat

- The bylaws ( deliberately) allow an independent secretariat - if we fund it.
- See Art. IX, Section 7; Staff Support and Funding: “Alternatively ( to an ICANN staff member) ...Council may designate, at ccNSO expense, another person to serve as ccNSO Staff Manager.”
- Different than GNSO - staff are “assigned”

# Secretariat: What does it do?

- Supports the work of the council
- Similar to Centr's list for the cctld Adcom Secretariat...purely administrative..reports to the Council...maintain the website and mailing lists...
- maintain essential documents
- draft minutes, publish agendas, arrange teleconferences, liaise with "siblings"

# What might it Cost?

- Depends: how much does Council want ?
- See APTLD eg to follow- US\$ 50k (small]
- See Centr model - US\$ 600k, 4 FTE (large)
- Could be roughly comparable with Adcom secretariat, or APTLD secretariat - a Staff Manager ( Executive Director), webmaster/technical support, and administrative assistant, or about 1.5 FTE
- Co-hosting with a cctld Regional secretariat will save costs..

# Secretariat: What might it Cost?

- ❁ BUT! Independence is important, especially if more contentious matters arise, eg in policy development process.
- ❁ Not all Regional secretariats are ready.
- ❁ Suggest we not co-host with an existing regional secretariat, despite cost savings.
- ❁ Cost savings can come from co-hosting at individual registries.
- ❁ “rotation” - moving from place to place every 2 years is how to prevent “capture”

# How might we pay for it?

- Members have the power to set ccNSO subscriptions ( Section 7, again).
- We can prepare a budget, so we know in advance what likely costs of membership will be.
- **REMEMBER - THESE ARE NOT ICANN "DUES!!"**
- It should be something like we used to pay for the adcom secretariat - only more certain.

# How might we pay for it?

- A set of membership “bands” is fairer than a single “flat” fee.
- If we need, say US\$ 80,000, we could levy say, 40 members \$2000 each.....
- Or, we could have : 15 paying 0.5k = 7,500
- 15 paying 1.0k = 15,000
- 7 paying 5.0k = 35,000
- 3 paying 7.5k = 22,500
- TOTAL 80,000

# Are those contributions likely?

- We have previously had several countries contributing 10k
- InternetNZ expects to pay 5.0k
- As membership goes up, costs don't ( %)
- Some of the costs can still, if we request it, be paid by the board
- Meeting costs, for example, could remain mostly a corporation matter....



# What else do we need to do?

- We need to set up a “legal entity”, to:
  - handle the money
  - employ the secretariat
  - own and insure the assets - laptops,...
- That way, we are independent of the Corporation, for finance and administration.

# Why do want independence ?

- The ccnso has no legal status - it is not an “entity ” in its own right.
- Any money “we” bring in, is owned by the Corporation.
- It has to be: billed by the corporation
- accounted for by the corporation
- can be spent by the corporation

# Why do want \$\$\$\$ independence ?

- Because our experience - of the GNSO, and of the Adcom shows us the necessity.
- Getting the Corp'n to issue bills was a nightmare
- Managing “our” money in the whole set of accounts is another.
- Spending money requires board authorisation, or complex “delegations”

# Why do we want Administrative independence ?

- We want our own “quality control”
- We want to ensure our staff report to our Council, not the CEO
- We need to be able to respond quickly if the circumstances require it.
- We need to employ people we trust, according to our job specifications.



# Would it be hard to set up?

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- No.
- We now have 5 years or more experience among us of international organisation.
- Its not rocket science.
- We have successful models,
- we have a Council to get on with it.

# Would it be hard to set up?

- One possible solution already exists....
- A company, called ccNSO Limited is ready
- with 15 Shareholders, one per ccCouncillor
- and 15 directors, who must be Councillors
- registered in the least corrupt, most socially advanced, tax friendly, most beautiful country in the world!
- All details are visible on-line
- Costs of maintenance are minute



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- Other solutions may be more attractive..
- We just have to start.....
- Lets begin here in KL!