

Non Commercial Users Constituency Statement

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by Milton Mueller, Chair

Administrative matters
New elections, transition issues

Whois:

Adopted a draft whois purpose statement for circulation to list.

Gave voting directions to Council members on the notification and national exceptions recommendations.

GNSO Council members N. Klein and R. Gross discussed the process issues that are consuming the attention of the GNSO. These problems have arisen in connection with the .net reassignment. NCUC came to no conclusions about this but agreed that the problem was not raised first by .net but was a recurring and common problem pointing to a structural flaw in ICANN's governance. The role of ICANN in protection of consumers of domain names was discussed. It was agreed that the global nature of the DNS market often made national protection inadequate. Why is it possible to protect TM holders but not individual registrants? Why were TM holders not told to rely on national law? The constituency may make this into an initiative but needs to complete whois and new TLDs first.

Joint ALAC meeting held in the afternoon Discussed whois, where there is common agreement. A lot of time spent discussing new TLDs. The ALAC and NCUC have had similar positions on new TLDs, opposing BC/IP attempts to make all TLDs sponsored and restricted and supporting application driven proposals and nondiscriminatory, objection, scheduled procedures for assignment. Both entities will dig up and adjust 2-year old position papers.

There was intense debate of separate or combined tracks for IDNs. The group agreed to support separate tracks. IDNs should be handled by language groups and not confined to ccTLDs, although ccTLDs should be able to apply for them as gTLDs singly or jointly. GNSO and ICANN need to involve people from the affected language groups.

ALAC and NUCU agreed to appoint official liaisons who will be added to the appropriate email lists.

NCUC agreed to create an award for Task Force work.

A representative of .mobi made a presentation

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