

Board Accountability Mechanisms Committee (BAMC) Activities Report

1 January 2025 – 30 June 2025

Summary:

Completed Activities:

1. Pre-Approval for Legal Expenditures Relating to Dispute Resolutions 1 and 2
2. Selection of BAMC Chair Alternate

On-Going Activity:

1. Litigation Update
2. Status Update on IRP-IOT and IRP Standing Panel

Completed Activities

Item	Description of BAMC Activity	BAMC Completion Date	Accomplishments/Outcome
1. Pre-Approval for Legal Expenditures Relating to Dispute Resolutions 1 and 2	The BAMC reviewed and discussed two requests to approve a tranche of money for certain Independent Review Process (IRP) and dispute-related matters to cover for legal fees and IRP panel fees. The BAMC noted and expressed significant concern regarding the increasing costs and resources required to adjudicate these and similar matters. The Committee also noted its concern that the IRP, in practice, seems to have morphed into a process that does not satisfy the original intended purpose, which is to have an efficient and cost-effective method to obtain independent review of ICANN decisions. Following discussion, the BAMC recommended that the Board approve of a tranche of funds to be used for the matters, and indicated the Committee's desire to continue the discussion about the purpose and effectiveness of the current IRP mechanism.	13 January 2025	The BAMC's recommendation was adopted by the Board on 26 January 2025 (see Resolutions 2025.01.26.04 - 2025.01.26.05).
2. Selection of BAMC Chair Alternate	The Chair informed the Committee that Becky Burr has agreed to serve as the BAMC Chair alternate in the event the Chair is unavailable for a meeting or is otherwise unavailable to fulfill his role as Chair.	13 January 2025	N/A

On-Going Activity

Item	Description of BAMC Activity	Target Completion Date	Status
1. Litigation Update	The BAMC received updates on pending litigation and dispute-related matters in which ICANN is a party or has an interest.	N/A	The BAMC will continue to receive regular updates on pending litigation and dispute-related matters in which ICANN is a party or has an interest.
2. Status Update on IRP-IOT and IRP Standing Panel	The BAMC received a status update on the work of the IRP Implementation Oversight Team (IRP-IOT) and on the IRP Standing Panel.	N/A	The BAMC will continue to receive regular updates on the progress of the IRP-IOT and the IRP Standing Panel.