

Board Accountability Mechanisms Committee Activities Report

1 July 2020 – 31 December 2020

Summary:

Completed Activity:

- Legal Invoice Approval Payment Process
- Update on Independent Review Process Implementation Oversight Team and IRP Standing Panel Progress
- Litigation Update

Section I: Completed Activity

Item	Description of BAMC Activity	BAMC Completion Date	Accomplishments/Outcome
Legal Invoice Approval Payment Process	The BAMC received a briefing on the revised process for legal invoice approval payment to provide more transparency and predictability. Under the revised process, ICANN org estimated potential upcoming legal fees in a particular matter and presented the estimates to the BAMC, as part of regular briefings provided to the BAMC regarding ongoing matters. ICANN org then asked the BAMC to approve a recommendation that the Board approve a tranche of funds based on the estimate for a particular matter. The BAMC expressed support for the revised process, noting that is a proactive improvement. The BAMC then recommended that the Board approve a tranche of funds to be used for outside counsel fees for a particular matter.	14 Oct 2020	On 9 November 2020, the Board approved disbursement of funds for payment of legal expenses. See Resolutions 2020.11.09.01 – 2020.11.09.02. ICANN org will consider including background information on legal processes as part of the Board onboarding materials.
Update on Independent Review Process (IRP) Implementation Oversight Team (IOT) and IRP Standing Panel Progress	The BAMC received a briefing on the progress on the work underway in the IRP-IOT and on the establishment of the IRP omnibus Standing Panel.	14 Oct 2020	In its oversight function, the BAMC will continue to receive regular updates on the progress of the IRP-IOT and the work on the establishment of the IRP Standing Panel.
Litigation Update	The BAMC received an update on pending litigation and dispute matters in which ICANN is a party or has an interest.	14 Oct 2020	The BAMC will continue to receive regular updates on pending litigations or disputes in which ICANN is a party or has an interest.