

Board Governance Committee (BGC) Activities Report

1 January 2023 – 30 June 2023

Summary:

Completed Activities:

1. IANA and PTI Planning Governance Recommendation
2. Outline for the Consideration of Future ccPDP Recommendations
3. Call for Expressions of Interest for 2024 Nominating Committee (NomCom) Chair and Chair-Elect
4. Update to Organizational Effective Committee Charter
5. Approval of Charter for the ICANN Grant Program Board Caucus
6. Board Members' Summary of Statements of Interest
7. Establishment of Board ccPDP3 Review Mechanism Caucus
8. Board Member Peer Evaluation (Short Term Option)

In-Progress Activities:

1. BGC Questionnaire Exercise
2. ICANN Legitimacy Study
3. Board Member Peer Evaluation (Long Term Option)
4. Board Member Conflicts of Interest and New gTLD
5. Sunsetting Board Operational Priorities
6. Delegation of Authority Guidelines
7. 2024 NomCom Leadership Selection

Completed Activities

Item	Description of BGC Activity	BGC Completion Date	Accomplishments/Outcome
1. IANA and PTI Planning Governance Recommendation	The BGC received a briefing on a proposal from the ICANN org Planning Team to reduce complexity and duplication in the strategic and operating planning process for IANA and PTI while continuing to preserve PTI as a separate legal entity and to preserve the principles of the IANA stewardship transition. The recommendations are: (i) align the PTI Strategic Plan period to the ICANN Strategic Plan Period; and (ii) align the timing of the PTI and ICANN annual operating plan and budget process, which will require a PTI Bylaws amendment. The PTI Board is supportive of opening a public comment proceeding for community input on the proposed recommendations. The Committee noted that the next step would be a briefing of the recommendations to the full Board before the PTI Board initiates the Bylaws amendment process.	15 February 2023	The PTI Board initiated the Bylaws amendment process (See Resolution 2023.05.10.01)
2. Outline for the Consideration of Future ccPDP Recommendations	The Committee received a briefing from the Board Ad-Hoc Working Group on the ccNSO Retirement Recommendations on a proposed process for handling future ccNSO policy development recommendations. The BGC had no concerns with the proposed process being used informally as a template for ccNSO related matters going forward.	11 April 2023	The BGC noted that proposed process for handling future ccNSO policy development recommendations can used informally as a template for ccNSO related matters going forward.
3. Call for Expressions of Interest for 2024 NomCom Chair and Chair-Elect	The BGC reviewed the draft Call for Expression of Interest (EOI) for the 2024 NomCom leadership, and directed ICANN org to proceed with publishing the Call for EOI.	11 May 2023	ICANN org published the Call for Expressions of Interest for 2024 NomCom Chair and Chair-Elect here .
4. Update to Organizational Effective Committee (OEC) Charter	The Committee considered and approved a recommendation to the Board to approve proposed updates to the OEC to align with the OEC's current practices. The Committee noted that the proposed updates do not extend to the standard charter provisions, which will undergo a	26 May 2023	The BGC approved a recommendation to the Board to approve the proposed updated OEC charter.

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	wholesale review by the BGC after all the Board Committees have completed their charter review.		
5. Charter for the ICANN Grant Program Board Caucus	The Committee discussed and approved the proposed charter for the ICANN Grant Program Board Caucus.	26 May 2023	The Committee approved the proposed charter for the ICANN Grant Program Board Caucus.
6. Revisions to Board Members' Summary of Statements of Interest	The Committee reviewed the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Liaison's Statement of Interest. This review was completed now rather than after the Annual Meeting when other Board's member statements are considered by the BGC because Nico Caballero joined the Board several months after the Annual Meeting.	27 June 2023	Updated summary was published on 28 June 2023.
7. Establishment of Board ccPDP3 Review Mechanism Caucus	The Committee considered and approved the establishment of the Board ccPDP3 Review Mechanism Caucus. The BGC also approved the Caucus' membership and Katrina Sataki as the Caucus chair.	27 June 2023	Establishment of the Board ccPDP3 Review Mechanism Caucus.
8. Peer Evaluation Process (Short Term Option)	The Committee considered whether the peer evaluation process should be reviewed and restructured to allow for constructive feedback and less repetition. At the Committee's request, ICANN org consulted with the third-party consultant that administers the evaluations on ways to modify the questionnaires and methods by which they are responded to for the next tranche. Following feedback from the third-party consultant and after discussion, the Committee agreed to proceed with the interview-only evaluation process with the revised questionnaire as the short-term option for the next review tranche.	27 June 2023	Peer evaluation tranche launched on 14 July 2023 under revised process.

In Progress Activities

Item	Description of BGC Activity	Target Completion Date	Status
1. BGC Questionnaire Exercise	The Committee evaluated the responses received from the questionnaire that the BGC issued in October 2022 to Board Committees, Working Groups, Caucuses, and Ad-hoc groups regarding key governance issues. The BGC asked ICANN org to track action items for the Board groups based upon the responses received and to provide regular status updates to the Committee on the completion of the items.	TBD	In progress
2. ICANN Legitimacy Study	The Committee received a presentation on the results of an independent research that was performed on how far and on what grounds does multistakeholderism as a model of global governing gain legitimacy. The research aimed to measure the levels of legitimacy beliefs toward ICANN and to identify what generates or limits those beliefs. The study evaluated possible drivers of legitimacy including organizational, procedural, and societal drivers. The consultants noted that additional follow up research relating to some legitimacy perceptions is still ongoing.	TBD	Additional follow up study will be presented in the future.
3. Board Member Peer Evaluation (Long Term Option)	The Committee acknowledged the value in peer evaluations but noted that the process should be reviewed and restructured to allow for constructive feedback and less repetition. The Committee asked ICANN org to evaluate ways to improve the evaluation process in the long term.	TBD	In progress
4. Board Member Conflicts of Interest and New gTLD	The Committee discussed how Board member conflicts of interest related to the New gTLD Program should be managed. The Committee received a briefing on the conflicts management process that was utilized by the Board for the 2012 round. The Committee was presented examples of past conflicts of interest in the past round of the New gTLD Program and discussed how those conflicts were addressed. The Committee discussed setting up a sub-committee of the BGC to address conflicts.	TBD	In progress

5. Sunsetting Board Operational Priorities	The Committee discussed whether the Board should continue setting Board operational priorities or if it should consider other ways to provide transparency into priorities of the Board. The Committee agreed to continue discussing the matter at a future meeting.	TBD	In progress
6. Delegation of Authority	The Committee discussed whether the Delegation of Authority (DoA) Guidelines (Guidelines) adopted by the Board adopted in 2016 needs to be updated to reflect current practices. The Committee noted that a small BGC team previously evaluated the DoA Guidelines in 2020 and that the small team requested ICANN org to develop a matrix identifying the areas of authority of the Board or ICANN org and the President and CEO based on the Guidelines. The Committee noted that the DoA Guidelines should be evaluated to determine if revisions are needed to clarify what authority the Board has delegated to the President and CEO and the sometimes joint role between the Board and the President and CEO. The Committee agreed to provide feedback through email and to continue the discussion at a future meeting.	TBD	In progress
7. 2024 NomCom Leadership Selection	The Committee reviewed the Statements of Interest and discussed the next steps in the selection process.	TBD	In progress