

**ICANN BOARD SUBMISSION NO. 2015.09.28.2h**

**TITLE:** **Appointment of 2016 Nominating Committee Chair and Chair-Elect**

**PROPOSED ACTION:** **Board Action**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Board is being asked to consider the Board Governance Committee's (BGC) recommendation with respect to the 2016 Nominating Committee (NomCom) Chair and Chair-Elect.

Following the call for expressions of interest (EOI), which was once extended, the BGC reviewed and discussed the received EOIs and oversaw the completion of a 360-degree review of the 2015 NomCom leadership as input into the selection of 2016 the NomCom leadership positions. After the results of the 360-degree review were considered, and interviews of candidates were completed, the BGC agreed on recommendations to the Board for the 2016 NomCom Chair and Chair-Elect.

**BOARD GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The BGC recommends that the Board appoint Stéphane Van Gelder as the 2016 NomCom Chair and Hans Petter Holen as the 2016 NomCom Chair-Elect.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**

Whereas, the BGC reviewed the Expressions of Interest from candidates for the 2016 Nominating Committee ("NomCom") Chair and Chair-Elect, considered the results of a 360-degree evaluation of the 2015 NomCom leadership, and conducted interviews of candidates.

Whereas, the BGC has recommended that Stéphane Van Gelder be appointed as the 2016 NomCom Chair and Hans Petter Holen be appointed as the 2016 NomCom Chair-Elect.

Resolved (2015.09.28.xx), the Board hereby appoints Stéphane Van Gelder as the 2016 Nominating Committee Chair and Hans Petter Holen as the 2016 Nominating Committee Chair-Elect.

**PROPOSED RATIONALE:**

ICANN's Bylaws require the Board to appoint the Nominating Committee (NomCom) Chair and NomCom Chair-Elect. *See* Article VII, sections 2.1 and 2.2 at <http://www.icann.org/en/general/bylaws.htm#VII>. The Board has delegated the responsibility for recommending the NomCom Chair and Chair-Elect for Board approval to the Board Governance Committee. *See* BGC Charter at <http://www.icann.org/en/committees/board-governance/charter.htm>. The BGC posted a call for expressions of interest (EOI) on 4 June 2015 seeking EOIs by 30 June 2015 (see (<https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2-2015-06-04-en>)). The call for EOIs was later extended through 20 July 2015 (see <https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2015-07-01-en>). The BGC received and reviewed several EOIs, oversaw a 360-degree evaluation of the 2015 NomCom leadership and conducted interviews with candidates before making its recommendations. The Board has considered and agrees with the BGC's recommendation for the 2016 NomCom Chair and 2016 NomCom Chair-Elect. The Board also would like to thank all who expressed interest in becoming part of the 2016 NomCom leadership.

Appointing a NomCom Chair and Chair-Elect identified through a public EOI process positively affects the transparency and accountability of ICANN, as well as supports the public interest. Adopting the BGC's recommendation has no financial impact on ICANN that was not otherwise anticipated, and will not negatively impact the security, stability and resiliency of the domain name system.

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