Proposed time table for election of the GNSO Council Chair 2014

Nomination Process – September to October 2014

Per the GNSO Operating Procedures (Section 2.2.b):

"Each house will be allowed to nominate one candidate for GNSO Council Chair. Each house is responsible for determining how to nominate its candidate."

A candidate for GNSO Council Chair does not need to be a member of the house nominating the candidate. Further, should the non-voting Nominating Committee appointee (NCA) be elected as chair, he/she would be a non-voting chair. The two houses may separately select the same candidate from the pool of available candidates if they so wish.

To allow for the possibility of a timely Council election process at the annual meeting in Los Angeles, each house of the Council is asked to submit its nominee for the GNSO Council Chair, for the term commencing at the end of the 2014 ICANN Annual Meeting, not later than 23h59UTC on 19 September 2014.

House nominations for Council Chair should be sent to (gnso.secretariat@gnso.icann.org). The GNSO Secretariat will transmit each House's nomination to the Council list as soon as it is received.

Nominees shall then submit a candidacy statement in writing to the GNSO Secretariat (gnso.secretariat@gnso.icann.org) as soon as possible after they have been selected by their house and not later than 23:59 UTC on 03 October 2014.

Procedure in Los Angeles – October 2014

Each candidate will have the opportunity of meeting with the GNSO Council during the open GNSO working sessions in Los Angeles over the course of the weekend of 11/12 October 2014 (remote participation possible).

Election of the chair by voting of the Council will take place during the Council meeting in Los Angeles on Wednesday, 15 October 2014.

In order for the vote to take place, the Council meeting will be split in two parts:
- Standard, open and public Council meeting with the current Council.
- Adjourn the meeting
- Re-seat the Council with the new Councilors.
- Re-start new meeting, with one specific agenda item:
  Election of the Chair

The current chair term ends at end of 2014 Annual General Meeting (AGM). The current Chair will therefore run the public council meeting and the Thursday wrap-up. The new Chair's first meeting will be the first teleconference immediately following the 2014 AGM.