

On 11/3/09 10:09 AM, "J. Scott Evans" wrote:

Rod:

First, I want to thank you and the other ICANN Board members who took time from your incredibly busy schedules during the recent ICANN meeting in Seoul to attend the IPC meeting on Tuesday afternoon. I hope you know that the members of the IPC all truly appreciate the herculean effort it must have take to attend this meeting.

During our presentation, Mike Silba made a reference to the recent Congressional hearings held on new gTLDs. Specifically, Mike stated that "one of your members" had instigated these hearings and was the only party to file negative comments on the Affirmation of Commitments that ICANN recently signed with the U.S. Department of Commerce. Later that same day, Nick Wood, a representative of IPC member Marques, quered Mike about his comment. Mike explained that he was referring to the Coalition Against Domain Name Abuse (CADNA) in his comments during the IPC meeting.

I want to clarifiy for the record that CADNA is not now nor has it ever been a member of the IPC. Additionally, I want you and the rest of the Board to know that Yahoo! resigned from CADNA in January 2008, shortly after I joined the company. The IPC has historically worked very hard to present a balanced view of IP protection in the DNS and, for this reason, I felt compelled to correct the public record and to ensure that the other Board members present at the meeting receive this information. To this end, I have copied Gisella Gruber-White, one of the GNSO Sectretriats, so that she may forward this message on to the other members of the ICANN Board.

Again, the IPC appreciates the Board taking time to attend our meeting in Seoul and, as I stated publicly at the IPC meeting and at the Trademark Issues session on Wednesday, the IPC is here to serve as a resource for the community as we strive together to find solutions to the overarching issue of trademark protection in new TLDs.

Kind regards.

J. Scott Evans
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