

ICANN BOARD SUBMISSION NO. 2014.04.30.3a

TITLE: **Board Member Guidelines Regarding Invitations to Community Events and Accepting Gifts**

PROPOSED ACTION: **For Board Approval**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

ICANN is committed to the highest levels of integrity. The good name of ICANN depends upon the way Board Members conduct business and the way the public perceives that conduct. As Board Members often receive invitations to attend community events and gifts, it is important to establish guidelines regarding Board Members' acceptance of invitations and gifts that are consistent with the guidelines set forth in the Board of Directors' Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest Policy, ICANN Bylaws, Governance Guidelines, and applicable laws and policies. Establishing such guidelines will assist Board Members adhere to the high standard of ethical conduct and to act in accordance with ICANN's Mission and Core Values when considering invitations to community events and gifts. This shall also help event planners and others understand the guidelines under which the ICANN Board is operating as it relates to invitations and acceptance of gifts.

BOARD GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (BGC) RECOMMENDATION:

The BGC recommends that the Board adopt ICANN Board Member Guidelines Regarding Invitations to Community Events and Accepting Gifts as agreed by the BGC. A copy of the Board Training Plan is attached as Annex 1 to this Board Submission.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Whereas, ICANN Board Members are expected to adhere to a high standard of ethical conduct and to act in accordance with ICANN's Mission and Core Values.

Whereas, ICANN Board Members are guided by the Board of Directors' Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest Policy, ICANN Bylaws, Governance Guidelines, and applicable laws and policies.

Whereas, the Board Governance Committee ("BGC") has assessed the importance of an established set of guidelines relating to Board Members' acceptance of invitations to community events and gifts that are consistent with the guidelines set forth in the Board of Directors' Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest Policy, ICANN Bylaws, Governance Guidelines, and applicable laws and policies.

Whereas, the BGC recommends that the Board adopt ICANN Board Member Guidelines Regarding Invitations to Community Events and Accepting Gifts.

Resolved (2014.04.30.xx), the Board approves the recommended ICANN Board Member Guidelines Regarding Invitations to Community Events and Accepting Gifts as found at <INSERT URL>.

PROPOSED RATIONALE:

ICANN is committed to the highest levels of integrity. ICANN Board Members are expected to adhere to a high standard of ethical conduct and to act in accordance with ICANN's Mission and Core Values. Because the good name of ICANN depends upon the way Board Members conduct business and the way the public perceives that conduct, ICANN Board Members are guided by the Board of Directors' Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest Policy, ICANN Bylaws, Governance Guidelines, and applicable laws and policies. A comprehensive Board Member Guidelines Regarding Invitations to Community Events and Accepting Gifts will assist Board members adhere to the high standard of ethical conduct and to act in accordance with ICANN's Mission and Core Values when considering invitations to community events and gifts.

This action will not have any direct financial impact on ICANN, and there will be no impact on the security, stability or resiliency on the DNS as a result of this action.

This is an Organizational Administrative Function that does not require public comment.

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