

30 September 2016

**Interim appointment of the GNSO Representative on the Empowered Community Administration**

John Jeffrey  
ICANN Secretary

Dear John,

We are pleased to inform you that the GNSO Council passed a motion, copied below, at the Council meeting on 29 September 2016 for the interim appointment of the GNSO Council Chair, currently James Bladel, as the GNSO Representative on the Empowered Community Administration.

**WHEREAS**

1. As stated in Section 1.1(a) of Article 6 of the new ICANN Bylaws, concerning the composition and organization of the Empowered Community (EC), “The Empowered Community (“EC”) shall be a nonprofit association formed under the laws of the State of California consisting of the ASO, the ccNSO, the GNSO, the ALAC and the GAC (each a “Decisional Participant” or “associate,” and collectively, the “Decisional Participants”).”
2. The sole purpose of the EC is to exercise its rights and perform its obligations under ICANN’s Articles of Incorporation and the ICANN Bylaws, and the EC shall have no other powers or rights except as expressly provided in the ICANN Bylaws. The EC may only act as provided in these Bylaws. Any act of the EC that is not in accordance with these Bylaws shall not be effective.
3. As outlined in section 6.3 of the new ICANN Bylaws, the GNSO, as a Decisional Participant, shall act through its respective chair or such other person as may be designated by the GNSO (collectively, such persons from all communities are the “EC Administration”). Each Decisional Participant shall deliver annually a written certification from its chair or co-chairs to the ICANN Secretary designating the individual who shall represent the Decisional Participant on the EC Administration.
4. The GNSO created a Drafting Team (DT) on 30 June 2016 to identify the GNSO’s new rights and obligations, and work with ICANN staff to prepare an implementation plan to address any needed changes by 30 September (see [http://gns0.icann.org/en/council/resolutions\[gns0.icann.org\] - 201606](http://gns0.icann.org/en/council/resolutions[gns0.icann.org] - 201606)).

**RESOLVED**

1. The GNSO Council hereby confirms that the GNSO Chair (currently James Bladel) will represent the GNSO as the Decisional Participant on the Empowered Community Administration on an interim basis.
2. The GNSO representative shall act solely as directed by the GNSO Council in accordance with the ICANN Bylaws and other related GNSO Operating Procedures.
3. Within three months after the completion of the work of the GNSO Rights & Obligations under Revised ICANN Bylaws Drafting Team and adoption of its recommendations by the GNSO Council, the GNSO is expected to finalize its decision on the appointment of the person designated to represent the GNSO as the Decisional Participant on the Empowered Community Administration and will communicate this accordingly to the ICANN Secretary.
4. The GNSO Council requests the GNSO Secretariat to communicate this decision to the ICANN Secretary which will serve as the required written certification from the GNSO Chair designating the individual who shall represent the Decisional Participant on the EC Administration.

Thank you.  
Respectfully submitted

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