



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

21 December 2015

Members of the At-Large Advisory Committee

Re: ALAC Statement on the Planned Implementation of the New Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP)

Dear Members of the ALAC:

The Board thanks the At-Large Advisory Committee for its statement on the planned implementation of the New Registration Data Access Protocol (Reference AL-ALAC-ST-1115-01-00-EN) and the advice for differentiated access support by registries and registrars.

As you are aware, ICANN has developed a draft RDAP Operational Profile for gTLD Registries and Registrars, which maps current contractual and policy obligations for gTLD registries and registrars to RDAP features. ICANN is currently seeking input on this draft; the public comment period is open until 18 January 2016.¹ The ICANN Board will consider the ALAC's advice during its consideration of the comments received, and we encourage the ALAC to submit any additional comments that should be considered with this topic to the public comment forum.

Additionally, please note that the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) is initiating a Policy Development Process on Registry Directory Services.² As described in the adopted Charter for the PDP working group,³ the PDP will consider the broader issue of access to registration data, including the potential for differentiated access. Since Registry Agreements require registry operators to implement RDAP once fully developed and in their current forms do not permit differentiated access except for three TLDs (.NAME, .TEL, and .CAT), we encourage the ALAC and other interested parties to participate in the PDP as the appropriate path to enable differentiated access across all gTLDs; the call for volunteers is expected to begin in January 2016.

Thank you for your comments on this important topic and your contributions to the multi-stakeholder process. ICANN will carefully consider this comment and all others submitted during the public comment period, as it updates the RDAP Operational Profile for gTLD Registries and Registrars. Additionally, the Board Working Group on Registration Data

¹ See: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/rdap-profile-2015-12-03-en>

² See: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201511>

³ See Annex: <https://whois.icann.org/sites/default/files/files/final-issue-report-next-generation-rds-07oct15-en.pdf>



Directory Services will continue to monitor the progress of the RDAP Policy Development Process and other topics related to Registration Data Directory Services. Should you have any questions about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me or the ICANN staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, which appears to read 'Stephen D. Crocker'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'S'.

Dr. Stephen D. Crocker
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors