

Board Accountability Mechanisms Committee Activities Report

1 July 2021 – 31 December 2021

Summary:

Completed Activities:

1. Update on .GCC Independent Review Process (IRP)
2. Update on IRP Implementation Oversight Team (IOT) and IRP Standing Panel Progress
3. Litigation Update
4. Legal Invoices for Dispute Matters
5. Status Report on Spending
6. Request for Urgent Consideration of Reconsideration Request 21-3 (Dot Hip Hop, LLC)

In-Progress Activities:

1. Reconsideration Request 21-3
2. Annual Review of Committee Charter
3. Review of BAMC 2022 Work Plan

Section I: Completed Activities

Item	Description of BAMC Activity	BAMC Completion Date	Accomplishments/Outcome
1. Update on .GCC Independent Review Process (IRP)	The BAMC received an update on the status of .GCC IRP.	28 July 2021	On 28 September 2021, the Board authorized the ICANN President and CEO, or his designee(s), to seek a stay of the .GCC IRP and open an information dialogue with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) regarding the rationale for the GAC consensus advice on the .GCC application. (See Resolution 2021.09.12.08)
2. Update on IRP Implementation Oversight Team (IOT) and IRP Standing Panel Progress	The BAMC received briefings on the progress of the work underway in the IRP-IOT and on the establishment of the IRP omnibus Standing Panel.	28 July 2021 & 8 December 2021	In its oversight function, the BAMC will continue to receive regular updates on the progress of the IRP-IOT and the work on the establishment of the IRP Standing Panel.
3. Litigation Update	The BAMC received updates on pending litigation and dispute matters in which ICANN is a party or has an interest.	28 July 2021 & 8 December 2021	The BAMC will continue to receive regular updates on pending litigation matters or disputes in which ICANN is a party or has an interest.
4. Legal Invoices for Dispute Matters	The BAMC approved recommendations to the Board to approve a tranche of money for payment of legal invoices and fees related to certain dispute matters.	8 December 2021	On 16 December 2021, the Board approved a tranche of money to pay existing and upcoming outside counsel fees and IRP fees for certain dispute matters. (See Resolutions 2021.12.01 – 2021.12.04.)
5. Status Report on Spending	The BAMC received a report on expenses incurred related to dispute matters for which the spend amount was previously approved by the Board.	8 December 2021	The BAMC will continue to receive regular reports on spending against the tranche of money previously approved for disputes matters.
6. Request for Urgent Consideration of Reconsideration Request 21-3 (Dot Hip Hop LLC)	Requestor Dot Hip Hop LLC seeks reconsideration of alleged ICANN staff inaction in withholding approval for a request for approval of assignment of the .hiphop gTLD from the current registry operator to Dot Hip Hop LLC	16 December 2021	The BAMC denied the Requestor's Request for Urgent Consideration of Request 21-3 (see BAMC Determination), and determined that Request 21-3 will proceed under the regular time frame of the reconsideration process.

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	<p>(Request 21-3). Requestor asked that Request 21-3 be considered on an urgent basis. On 16 December 2021, the BAMC determined that Request 21-3 does not qualify for urgent consideration, and the Requestor's decision to pursue urgent reconsideration despite acknowledging that the Bylaws preclude its request is an inappropriate use of the Reconsideration process. Request 21-3 will proceed under the regular time frame of the reconsideration process.</p>		

Section II: In-Progress Activities

Item	Description of BGC Activity	Target Completion Date	Status
1. Reconsideration Request 21-3	The BAMC will consider Request 21-3 in accordance with the normal reconsideration process provided under Article 4, Section 4.2 of the ICANN Bylaws	TBD	In progress.
2. Annual Review of BAMC Charter	The BAMC will conduct its annual review of the Committee charter.	TBD	TBD
3. Review of 2022 Work Plan	The BAMC to review and approve its work plan for 2022	TBD	TBD