

Specific Requirements for the NomCom appointee to the ccNSO Council

Background Information

The ICANN Bylaws do not set any specific requirements for NomCom appointees to the ccNSO Council. During a call between the Nominating Committee (NomCom) and the Chair of the ccNSO, leadership of the NomCom reiterated the need for regular information exchange and closer collaboration between the two groups in order to explore the needs of the ccNSO with respect to positions filled in by the NomCom. The NomCom stressed the value of ccNSO input on additional requirements from a ccNSO perspective for appointing NomCom appointees to the ccNSO Council.

The country code Names Supporting Organisation (ccNSO) is a body within the ICANN structure created for and by ccTLD managers. The ccNSO provides a platform to nurture consensus, technical cooperation and skill building among country code Top Level Domain registries (ccTLDs) and facilitates the development of voluntary best practices for ccTLD managers.

It is also responsible for developing and recommending global policies to the ICANN Board for a limited set of issues relating to ccTLDs, such as the introduction of Internationalised Domain Name ccTLDs (IDN ccTLDs).

The ccNSO Council is an inherently diverse and well balanced body as a result of its representative makeup: 15 Councillors are elected by the ccNSO membership (3 from each ICANN Geographic Region) and the ccTLD Regional Organisation (CENTR, APTLD, LACTLD and AFTLD) actively participate in the work of Council through (non-voting) observers.

The ICANN Bylaws prescribe a further three ccNSO Councillors to be appointed by the Nominating Committee.

NomCom appointees are intended to provide a non-ccTLD perspective to the work of Council.

Requirements for NomCom Appointees

In order to preserve the balance and diversity of Council, the ccNSO needs the Nominating Committee to refrain from appointing to the Council any persons who are directly or indirectly associated with a ccTLD Manager (whether that Manager is a ccNSO Member or not).

For the same reason, the ccNSO needs the Nominating Committee to refrain from appointing a Board Member or employee of a ccTLD Regional Organisation to the Council.

Councillors appointed by the Nominating Committee are expected to take a full and active part in the work of Council, including participation in ccNSO Working Groups and Committees. The expected time commitment is, on average, 3 hours per week.

Accordingly the following skills are highly desirable.

- Previous experience with non-for-profit organisations or membership organisations (of all sizes)
- Previous experience with policy work
- Experience with evaluating staff or candidates for various functions
- Knowledge of the role and perspective of country-code Top Level Domains and their position within the global ICANN community
- General knowledge about ICANN, its mission and structure
- General knowledge about the architecture and functioning of the internet.

We also encourage the NomCom to consider geographical and gender diversity as important criteria for making its selection of appointees.