

Simon McCalla  
Nominet UK, Minerva House  
Oxford Science Park, Oxford  
OX4 4DQ, United Kingdom  
July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Heather Dryden  
Rod Beckstrom  
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers  
Marina del Ray, California

Dear Heather and Rod,

I would like to be considered for inclusion on the Security, Stability and Resiliency review team as one of the two representatives from the ccNSO.

In my role as Technical Director of one of the world's largest country-code registries, I see these very security and resiliency issues on a first hand basis. My position is charged with the responsibility of protecting the Domain Name System of the UK, which in turn, protects and maintains the reputation of Nominet as a registry and .uk as a trusted space on the Internet.

I recognize the challenges presented to the DNS and I can see the escalation of volume and breadth of threats against this system. My team and I have worked on designing, enhancing and championing new technical standards and processes to help tackle these very issues. This review of the operational measures to tackle the problem is both critical and well timed. I believe that a balanced approach, based on evidence, expertise and insight will bring a set of policies and processes that will benefit all stakeholders.

I would bring to the group a fresh pair of eyes from my experience running IT services for both global and small businesses, combined with the experience of running technical services for a large Top Level Domain. From my work as both a consultant and IT director, I would bring experience of auditing and understanding well designed solutions as well as gaps and opportunities in a given approach, seeking to find a proactive solution that involves all stakeholders.

I am currently a member of a number of ICANN working groups and have worked hard to gain the respect and trust of those groups through a consensus building approach. I see the huge value brought from a wide range of opinions, from both the experienced and the new. I believe that allowing all voices to be heard builds the best solution to a shared problem.

I believe I have the right set of skills to serve this review panel well. I have a reputation for balanced and creative thinking and a diplomatic approach to difficult issues. I am keen to see the outputs from this review having a real and tangible impact on the security and stability of the global DNS, helping ICANN together with the wider community to create an Internet infrastructure of which we can all be justifiably proud.

Sincerely,



Simon McCalla  
Director of Information Technology – Nominet UK.