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TOP STORY



ICANN's New President and CEO Göran Marby Starts 23 May

Göran Marby, an experienced business executive and government leader, [joins ICANN](#) as its President and Chief Executive Officer on 23 May. He will be based at our Los Angeles headquarters. Marby sat down with ICANN's Brad White to talk about his new appointment. "I'm very happy to be coming to this role right now. I see it as an important role, but it's a role within a community. I feel that I am part of an interesting and good team."

You can find the full interview on [ICANN's YouTube channel](#) or click [here](#) to watch. [Read more about Marby.](#)



IANA STEWARDSHIP NEWS

It's now been roughly two months since the [submission](#) of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Stewardship Transition Package to the U.S. Government. Work is progressing to ensure that if the package is accepted, ICANN can implement any changes required by the proposals. The [planned implementation work](#) has been mapped across 14 projects and grouped into 3 tracks.

A focal point for ICANN and the community is the updating of ICANN's Bylaws. A draft of the new Bylaws has been posted for a [30-day public comment](#) period, which ends on 21 May 2016. After the comments are analyzed and incorporated, the ICANN Board can consider adopting the new Bylaws by the end of May. Once the ICANN Board adopts any changes to the Bylaws, the U.S. National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) can complete its anticipated 90-day review.

ICANN is also continuing joint planning efforts to remove NTIA's administrative role from the root zone management system. ICANN and Verisign completed system code changes and began a [90-day "parallel testing" period](#) on 6 April 2016. This is a key step in ensuring the continued security and stability of the Root Zone Management System operation after the successful completion of the transition. Over a month has passed since the start of parallel testing, and everything is going smoothly.

Additionally, ICANN hopes to complete three other critical agreements this month:

- Service Level Agreement for the IANA Numbering Services
- Memorandum of Understanding Supplemental Agreement with the Internet Engineering Task Force
- Root Zone Maintainer Agreement

ICANN will make these documents publicly available when they are final.

To keep everyone informed on all these strands of implementation planning, ICANN has begun publishing weekly updates. We encourage anyone who is interested in the transition's implementation planning details to [read the inaugural update](#).



POLICY UPDATE



Learn about Multistakeholder Policy Development

Policy recommendations are developed and refined by the ICANN Community through its Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. These groups are composed entirely of volunteers from across the world - working in a bottom-up, open and transparent process. Each Supporting Organization has its own specific policy development process. Learn more about this work in the new "Multistakeholder Policy Development" [infographic!](#)

GNSO Council Unanimously Adopts Review Feasibility and Prioritization Analysis

The GNSO Review Working Party reviewed the GNSO Review Independent Examiner's Final Report. The report presented recommendations for improving GNSO processes. The reviewers gave detailed feedback on the priority and feasibility of all 36 recommendations. The Working Party Council adopted the assessment unanimously. It sent a [letter](#) to the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee, which will oversee the implementation process.

ccNSO Council Promotes Transparency

The Country Codes Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council recently adopted a resolution making all ccNSO, ccNSO Council or ccNSO-chartered working group meetings open to observers. This practice will apply unless a majority of the voting members present at the meeting resolves to close the meeting due to the confidential nature of agenda. Recordings, transcripts, notes and minutes are made publicly available after meetings. Consult the [draft agenda of ccNSO sessions](#) for ICANN56.

GAC Prepares for ICANN56

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) recently finalized its agenda for ICANN56. Each morning will begin with a GAC working group session. The working group will then report back to the GAC plenary.

Discussions will follow; issues could include:

- Preparations for future rounds of new generic top-level domains (gTLDs)
- Use of two-character country codes as second-level domains
- Protection of acronyms for intergovernmental organization

Afternoons will be dedicated to cross-community topic sessions. The GAC is also considering whether to present formal advice to the ICANN Board in a communiqué or in a letter. In view of the limited meeting time available, a letter may be more feasible, but the GAC has not yet made a final decision.

GNSO Council Formalizes GNSO Liaison to the GAC

The GNSO Council decided that beginning 1 July 2016, the role of GNSO Liaison to the GAC will become permanent. The decision came after a successful trial period with Mason Cole serving as GNSO Liaison. The GNSO Council also adopted a [request for candidates](#) to fill the role, and will issue a call for volunteers soon.

ALAC Advises on Draft Budget and Updates to the Five-Year Operating Plan

In a [statement](#), the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) noted the improvements in the FY17 Operating Plan & Budget. The ALAC highlighted several areas in need of further clarification, including:

- Operational responsibilities of the Post-Transition Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA)
- Expenses related to strategic and operational planning
- Programs and projects categorized as "Support Operations"

Furthermore, the ALAC suggested ways to improve data presentation related to community support requests and variance analysis of the New gTLD Program. In addition to this statement, the ALAC also submitted a formal [proposal](#) requesting ICANN to establish a multiyear budget to facilitate the forward planning of Regional At-Large Organization General Assemblies and At-Large Summits.

ccNSO SOP Working Group Submits Comments on Draft Budget

The ccNSO Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group (SOP WG) submitted public comments on the Draft FY17 Operating Plan and Budget. Their views do not necessarily represent the views of the ccNSO or country codes top-level domain (ccTLD) community at large. The ccNSO SOP WG looks forward to a discussion leading to further improvements to the document. Read their [comments](#)!

ARIN 37 Concludes

The American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) held its 37th Public Policy and Members Meeting from 17-20 April 2016 in Montego Bay, Jamaica. [Four draft policies](#) (proposals) were presented and discussed during the first two days of the meeting. Leslie Nobile, Senior Director of Global Registry Knowledge, spoke about the importance of [updating WHOIS information](#) as a way of protecting resources from hijacking. ARIN staff also provided departmental reports and organizational updates on a new Services Working Group. This group will assist in considering proposed changes to ARIN services and a new fee schedule being implemented 1 July 2016. The [report](#) for this meeting is available - it includes presentations, summary notes, webcast archives, and transcripts of the entire meeting.



SPOTLIGHT

NPOC Announces Elections for Executive Committee Positions

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The Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency (NPOC) will be holding elections for all positions on its Executive Committee:

- **Chair**
- **Vice Chair**
- **Secretariat**
- **Membership Committee Chair**
- **Policy Committee Chair**
- **Communications Committee Chair**

NPOC focuses on the impact of Internet and Domain Name System (DNS) policies on not-for-profit and non-governmental organizations with registered domain names. NPOC is the organization through which these groups can engage on how existing and proposed policies affect them.

Any member of NPOC who is in good standing may apply to become a nominee for a position. Position terms are not limited, so current members of the Executive Committee may also apply.

Nominations are open from 26 April to 26 May.

Read about the [election process and timeline](#).

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ICANN NextGen Candidates Selected for ICANN56

Fifteen individuals from universities in Europe have been selected to participate at the ICANN56 Policy Forum in Helsinki, Finland, from 27-30 June 2016. These individuals are engaged in studies that encompass policy, business, technical, security, law and communications. Five additional selectees who attended a previous ICANN Public Meeting as NextGeners will serve as ambassadors. [Read the full announcement](#).



GDD UPDATE



New gTLD Delegation Deadlines

There are about 200 TLDs with New gTLD Program delegation deadlines approaching between now and the end of August 2016. The ICANN team is here to help registry operators navigate the final few steps toward the shared goal of delegation.

For more information about delegation deadlines and tips on how to stay on track, [read the blog](#).

IANA Functions, DNSSEC Audits: ICANN Systems Have Appropriate Controls

For the sixth consecutive year, ICANN has achieved Service Organization Control (SOC) 3 certification for its management of the Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) Root Key Signing Key. Additionally, a SOC 2 audit of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) registry maintenance systems confirms that ICANN has the appropriate controls in place to ensure the security, availability and processing integrity of these systems.

[Learn more](#).



Twenty Three New gTLDs delegated in April 2016

progressive
mutual
teva

baby
kpmg
statebank

For the full list of new gTLDs delegated in April 2016, click [here](#).

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