The 2018 Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Nominating Committee (NomCom) has continued work following its constitution at ICANN 60 in Abu Dhabi in late 2017.

The NomCom is tasked to fill the following positions by the Annual General Meeting in October 2018:

- Three (3) members of the ICANN Board of Directors
- Two (2) representatives to the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) – one from Europe and one from the North America region
- One (1) member of the Council of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)
- Two (2) members of the Council of the Country-Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

At the close of the application period, on March 19, the NomCom had received a total of 109 completed applications distributed as follows: 19 from Africa; 25 from Asia Pacific; 21 from Europe; 13 from Latin America and the Caribbean; and 31 from North America. There were 33 female and 76 male applicants. Several applicants applied for more than one position.

In early April, the NomCom held a 3-day meeting in Washington DC to evaluate the applications. The result of this meeting was a “first-cut” list of 37 individuals who were subsequently interviewed by telephone by members of the NomCom.

The NomCom has concluded these telephone interviews and are now conducting background checks and interviews with references. A small number of candidates for the Board will be invited to in-person interviews during ICANN 62 in Panama City where the NomCom will make its final selection of candidates for the Board, GNSO, ALAC and ccNSO.

Since our last update, the NomCom had the pleasure of receiving Danny McPherson as its new Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) non-voting liaison. He was appointed and took office on April 23rd, 2018. Though entering the cycle at a later stage, Danny has been a source of much welcome renewed energy and support for the NomCom.

For more information about the 2018 ICANN NomCom and the application/selection process, visit the NomCom website: https://www.icann.org/nomcom2018