



Academy of Country Music  
American Academy of Teachers of Singing  
American Composers Forum  
American Federation of Musicians  
American Guild of Musical Artists  
American Guild of Organists  
American Harp Society  
American Music Center  
American Orff-Schulwerk Association  
Artists Against Hunger & Poverty  
ASCAP  
BMI  
Chopin Foundation of the United States  
Conductors' Guild  
Country Music Association  
Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity  
Early Music America  
Interlochen Center for the Arts  
International Alliance for Women in Music  
International Federation of Festival  
Organizations  
International Music Products Association  
(NAMM)  
Mu Phi Epsilon International Music Fraternity  
Music Critics Association of North America  
Music Performance Fund  
Music Publishers Association of the United  
States  
Music Teachers' Association of California  
Music Teachers National Association  
National Academy of Popular Music  
National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences  
National Association for Music Education  
National Association of Negro Musicians  
National Association of Recording  
Merchandisers  
National Association of Teachers of Singing  
National Federation of Music Clubs  
National Flute Association  
National Guild for Community Arts Education  
National Guild of Piano Teachers/  
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To the ICANN Board Governance Committee:

We are writing to clarify in a very significant way the intentions of NMC regarding its [last letter](#) dated March 28, 2016 to the ICANN Board Governance Committee concerning DotMusic Limited's Request for Reconsideration (16-5). This is especially important since this letter was subsequently referenced in DotMusic Limited's more recent Request for Reconsideration (16-7).

It has become increasingly clear to NMC that several of its members were confused by the trade name "DotMusic," thinking they were supporting the concept of an on-line designation for music, and the principle that a music community-friendly group should oversee such a .music designation, rather than supporting the company DotMusic, Limited. We greatly regret this misunderstanding and any confusion it may have caused, but ask the ICANN Board Governance Committee to understand that it is quite understandable given the name chosen by the company in question.

From the beginning of the application process, NMC—along with the International Music Council -- has supported the .music LLC/Far Further (application 1-959-51046), not DotMusic. NMC can now conclude definitively that there was no intention of our members to change that position.

Again, we apologize for any confusion, and hereby rescind as error the NMC endorsement of DotMusic contained in the above-referenced letter.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Sanders  
Director

