Generic Names Supporting Organisation

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GNSO Purpose

• Responsible for developing and recommending to the ICANN Board substantive policies relating to generic top-level domains
• com, net, org, biz, info, aero, coop, museum, pro, name
Representation

• As of today we have 6 constituencies (2 suppliers and 4 users)
  – 3 representatives per constituency
  – Broad geographic representation
  – Broad outreach and commitment
  – Large work program of important issues

• Bylaws result in drop in participation and representation
  – 2 per constituency instead of 3
GNSO request

- GNSO Council requests that the Board revise the current transition article of the bylaws to allow 3 representatives per constituency until end of annual meeting 2004
- Review the performance of the council in 2004 prior to the annual meeting in 2004, and revisit the decision regarding 3 versus 2 at that time
GNSO Activities

- Registry Services
- WHOIS
- New TLDs
- Contract Enforcement
- UDRP
3 WHOIS Taskforces

• Limit data mining of contact information
• Review data collected and data displayed
• Improve accuracy
Data mining

• Collect information on current needs
  – Volume of queries, data needed per query
• Review approaches to prevent data mining
• Determine best practice solution
• Feed requirements to IETF for new standard protocol (e.g. CRISP)
Data collection and display

• Collect information on how registrants are informed about the data at time of registration
• Determine best practice to inform registrants
• Conduct analysis of the purposes for data collected, and determine what is necessary to be collected (balance contactability and privacy)
• Determine what is necessary for public display and review mechanisms to preserve privacy
Accuracy

- Collect information on current techniques used by registrars to verify data at the time of collection
- Collect information on techniques used by other online service providers
- Create best practices document
- Determine how to cost effectively prevent the provision of deliberate false information
Interim Round of Sponsored TLDs

- Council seeks clarification on whether the Board is changing its commitment to go forward with a limited round for sponsored TLDs, prior to development of a new strategy for the creation of new TLDs.
- Council notes that a significant change in this policy area should not be made without consultation with the GNSO community.