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# Public Comment Summary Report

## Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency Charter Amendments

**Open for Submissions Date:**

Tuesday, 04 October 2022

**Closed for Submissions Date:**

Monday, 14 November 2022

**Summary Report Due Date:**

Monday, 19 December 2022

**Category:** Governance

**Requester:** ICANN Board

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**Open Proceeding Link:**

<https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/proceeding/not-for-profit-operational-concerns-constituency-charter-amendments-04-10-2022>

**Outcome:**

ICANN org will share this summary report and the submissions with the NPOC for its consideration. The NPOC will then prepare the final version of its amended charter for approval by its members and submit it to the ICANN Board.

## Section 1: What We Received Input On

The Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns (NPOC) Constituency of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) recently amended its charter and notified the ICANN organization (org) of its request for approval by the ICANN Board. This Public Comment proceeding sought input on proposed amendments of the NPOC charter to inform ICANN Board consideration.

NPOC amended its charter to reflect current practices, align with operating procedures, and accommodate its evolving needs. It also accounted for best practices for the GNSO such as the GNSO Operating Procedures, Work Stream 2 Recommendation 6 from the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability), and the ICANN Bylaws. The amended NPOC charter was the culmination of work by the NPOC Charter Drafting Team in partnership with ICANN org.

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## Section 2: Submissions

<b>Organizations and Groups:</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>	<b>Initials</b>
Foundation for Building Sustainable Communities	Glenn McKnight	FBSC
Business Constituency		BC
NIC United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Andrew Hallfamn	NIC UKGBNI
Society for the Advancement of Science in Africa	Sam Lanfranco	SASA

  

<b>Individuals:</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation (if provided)</b>	<b>Initials</b>
Raymond Mamattah		RM

## Section 3: Summary of Submissions

Submissions for the charter amendments fell into three different categories: transparency, membership responsibilities, and leadership responsibilities.

### Transparency

The Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency (NPOC) Charter contains an overarching commitment to transparency. Some submissions echoed this goal while targeting specific areas where transparency could be improved. Posting a defined timeline for application processes is one suggestion to keep the NPOC open to everyone, with a specific goal of promoting diversity within the NPOC (FBSC, BC). Once within the membership, transparency could be improved by clearly stating the hierarchy of leadership as well as the guidelines for the organization (FBSC). Two other improvements for transparency included the creation of a panel for observers outside of membership or leadership to view all actions of the NPOC without any barriers and an audit of the program to ensure the character of the membership and assess the activities undertaken by the organization (NIC UKGBNI).

### Membership responsibilities

Other submissions related to the membership of NPOC. Some submissions requested that the charter ensure members are actively involved in the operations of NPOC (SASA, NIC UKGBNI). Other submissions requested the publication of

- A current list of members (BC).
- The process for removal from membership (FBSC).
- Guidelines for members to also participate in the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (BC).

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## Leadership responsibilities

Some submissions related to leadership. Specific suggestions include term limits for leadership (RM, NIC UKGBNI) and a description of the process of removal and replacement of leadership (NIC UKGBNI). Finally, the role of treasurer should be elected by the NPOC membership (BC).

## Section 4: Analysis of Submissions

ICANN org will work with NPOC leaders and members to review the submissions and determine which suggestions, if any, to incorporate as changes in the final version of the amended charter. The analysis may include understanding the necessary effort and potential impact of accepting and implementing any suggestions.

## Section 5: Next Steps

NPOC leaders and members will consider the submissions and develop the final version of its amended charter for ICANN Board consideration.