

IPC Leadership Call
Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Attendees: J. Scott Evans, Pres.; Stacey King, Sec.; Brian Windterfeldt, Treas.; Kristina Rosette, GNSO Rep.; David Taylor, GNSO Rep.

Absent: Steve Metalitz, VP (with apologies)

1. 2011 Budget:

The 2011 draft budget was discussed at some length. The group discussed the current rate structure for dues. It was decided that membership dues should be increased for 2011 since there has been no increase in the last several years. The group decided that the draft budget should be circulated to the entire IPC Listserv with a cover email highlighting the proposed dues increases in the very near future.

2. Category 1 and 2 members posted to our web site.

J. Scott volunteered to coordinate with the Membership Committee and our web master to have the Category 1 and 2 applications posted on our web site.

3. Finalizing our Membership Rolls Audit.

Stacey advised that she has sent out a further reminder to the members in our rolls to confirm the contact information so that we can then send out the necessary invoices to membership. Stacey will reconcile the responses with the records she has received and we may assign officers to contact those members for which we do not receive a response to ensure we are making every effort to contact our members before we begin the invoicing process.

4. Second Call for Committee Volunteer Circulated.

Stacey advised that she posted a second call for committee volunteers to the IPC Listserv. This call for volunteers is open until April 19, 2011.

5. URDP Issues Report

ICANN Staff has identified numerous possible issues surrounding a possible UDRP review. Accordingly, Staff asked the GNSO Council for guidance in narrowing down the possible issues. A group of GNSO Councilors was put together to assist Staff. This group held a conference call and the following is a summary of the outcomes from that call:

Members of the group will work with Staff to put together a questionnaire that will be sent to all UDRP Providers in order to gather factual information.

The group plans to schedule an initial webinar for late/early March, for 90

minutes, organized as follows:

Each UDRP provider will be allocated five minutes to address how to make the UDRP more efficient, and to discuss/rank their top issues for improvements the UDRP (total of 20 min).

Each UDRP provider will be asked to recommend two panelists, from which a few speakers would be selected (for a total of 20 min) to discuss their issues.

Each UDRP provider will also be asked to recommend two attorneys- one that regularly represents complainants, and one that regularly represents respondents, from which a few speakers would be selected (for a total of 20 min) to discuss their issues.

Remainder of the webinar for audience input:

The purpose of the initial webinar is to help frame the issues for the drafting of the Issue Report. There will be additional opportunities for providers/panelists to provide information throughout this process, including, through scheduling a session in Singapore and additional webinars, and during the PDP itself should one be commenced.

It was suggested that a "Preliminary Issue Report" be published after the initial webinar, in time for the Singapore Meeting, and the opening of a public comment period that would run through and after the Singapore Meeting. After that, a "Final Issue Report" would be presented to the Council, which would incorporate comments received during the Singapore session and the public comment period.

Regarding additional documents to review- the IRT/STI comments filed during the public comment period for references to issues related to the UDRP, and WIPO's recently published annual report on its UDRP cases.

After some discussion, it was decided that the IPC needed to have a group dedicated to organizing a position on these issues. Under the new Committee structure, it was determined that this project would fall to the RPM/Security to Committee.

Currently, 7 members have volunteered to serve on this Committee. Given that the second call for committee volunteers does not close until April 19th, the Leadership decided that an email turning this matter formally over to the Committee will be sent directly after the 19th.

6. WHOIS Motion Before GNSO Council

David raised the issue of an amended motion on WHOIS studies that will be put before the GNSO Council in its meeting on April 7, 2011. The group determined that

the motion was fairly nuanced and that the IPC would request that the action on the motion be deferred until the next GNSO Council meeting in order to give our membership more time to consider this motion and provide feedback. J. Scott will circulate a copy of the motion to the listserv.

7. Motion on Single Character IDN TLDs

Kristina also raised the issue of a motion submitted to counsel on single-character IDN TLDs. Here again, it was determined that a copy of the motion would be sent to the listserv asking for feedback. In the meantime, our GNSO Council representatives will request that a vote on this motion be deferred until the next council meeting to allow the IPC more time to poll its membership on this motion.

NOTE: *Subsequently, however, Leadership was advised that a request to defer this motion would hamper the inclusion of single character IDNs in the April 15th version of the Applicant Guidebook. For this reason, our GNSO representatives abstained on the issue.*

Meeting adjourned.