

Dear Registrars,

I am scheduled to present an update on the RrSG Bylaw Revision effort during the RrSG Constituency Meeting tomorrow at 1:30-2:00. I am providing my notes in advance of the meeting to help facilitate the discussion.

Summary of Effort:

- I. The RrSG Bylaw review effort was begun in mid-2012 when a working group formed comprised of: Tom Barrett, Bob Connolly, Mason Cole, Susan Presser, Matt Serlin and Volker Greimann.
- II. A survey was conducted of members in December, 2012. 36 members initiated the survey with 30 completing it.
- III. Six proposed amendments were drafted and circulated to members on July 2. Preliminary comments were received from 7 members: Rob Hall, James Bladel, Tim Ruiz, Michele Neylon, Volker Greimann, Mason Cole and Jeff Eckhaus.
- IV. Four endorsements have been received to “proceed to formal discussion” from: Bob Connolly, Mason Cole, Susan Prosser and Benny Samuelsen (as of July 15).

Next steps:

(starting from step 3 of Rules of Procedure (<http://icannregistrars.org/legal/rules-of-procedure.php>))

3. The Registrar Stakeholder Group Secretary will publish the motion and call for discussion no later than 48 hours after receiving the motion from the proponent and the three endorsements.
4. Discussion of the motion will be held open on the Registrar Stakeholder Group list for no less than 14 days. The Chair will moderate the discussion on the list or at any meeting or call, as applicable.
5. During such time, amendments may be put forward by electronic communication to the Secretary. The Secretary will accept and publish any amendment formally to the Registrar Stakeholder Group list for the Registrar Stakeholder Group's consideration only if such amendment is endorsed by a second Member, and such endorsement is communicated by electronic communication to the Secretary and to the Registrar Stakeholder Group list.
6. During this period of consideration, the proponent of the motion may accept one or all of the amendments as friendly, and modify her or his motion accordingly. Any friendly amendments will be withdrawn and not considered separately.
7. Any Member can call for a vote after the 14-day period post-publication.
8. The Secretary will create and publish the ballot. The ballot will remain open for inspection and possible amendment or correction for 72 hours prior to the vote.
9. The ballot will allow for a vote on each of:
 - a. the original motion; and
 - b. any unfriendly amendments (as deemed by the proponent).

10. The Secretary will call the vote no less than 2 days after the end of the ballot inspection period and keep it open for no less than 7 days, but no more than 21 days. In exceptional circumstances as determined by a majority vote of the Registrar Stakeholder Group Executive Committee, however, the Secretary may shorten or extend the period to vote upon proper notice to the voting members via the Registrar Stakeholder Group mailing list or other similar means. Other than as stated in Section II below, in no event will a vote be open less than 3 business days or longer than 30 days.

11. All Members who are eligible to vote pursuant to Section 4.5.1 of the Bylaws and are registered to vote prior to the call for the vote are eligible to cast a ballot.

12. The motion and any unfriendly amendment will be deemed as adopted by an affirmative vote of more than 50% of the votes cast. In case of a tie the motion or any unfriendly amendment shall be deemed to be defeated.

13. In case of a motion with multiple choices or options, the choice or option receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed adopted.

14. Notwithstanding Sections 12 and 13 above, if in any vote fewer than the larger of (a) 10% of those Members registered to vote or (b) 10 Members registered to vote actually vote (which total shall include votes cast for and against the motion, and any abstentions), such vote will be deemed defeated. In such cases, upon a majority vote of the Registrar Stakeholder Group Executive Committee, a revote on the same ballot shall take place.

15. For all votes, the results of specific ballots cast by Members shall not be made visible to other Members until the ballot has completed and the vote is closed.