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# GAC Operational Matters

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# Agenda

- IGO Protection List Process (Chair)

- 2019 Vice Chair Elections (Rob and Julia)

- GAC Public Comments Assessment Process (Rob)

- New Membership Management Practices (Rob)

- Attendance at ICANN Meetings (Rob)

- Efforts to Facilitate Participation in GAC Working Groups (Rob)

- Implementation of New Privacy Policies at ICANN Org  (Rob)

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# GAC Operational Matters

- IGO Protection List Process
  (Identification and Discussion)

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**2019 GAC Leadership Elections**

# Introduction

o  GAC leadership elections process begins here at ICANN65 and concludes at ICANN66 in Montreal (2-7 November 2019)

o  Open seats: 5 GAC Vice Chairs

o  Two of the current Vice Chairs are eligible for re-election

o  Nomination period open from ICANN65 until 18 September

o  Nominations as well as self-nominations are possible

o  More than five nominations for Vice Chairs will require a voting period

o  If voting is needed - online tool utilized (Tally)

# Nominations

o Nominations should be made by email to gac@icann.org

o Staff will send an email confirmation to the nominator that the nomination has been recorded

o If third party nomination, staff will also verify that the nominee is willing to stand for election

o GAC Web site election page will track all nominations

o When the nomination period has closed, staff will inform the GAC by email about the list of nominees for the open positions – and clarify whether balloting is necessary.

# Balloting

- o  If balloting needed - online "Tally" system will be used
- o  Used by GAC for the 2017 election and GNSO for more than 6 years for elections and voting on documents
- o  Tally system is based on the electorate being identified by email addresses
- o  Default assumption that the <u>first named representative (and email address)</u> on the website entry for the GAC Member will be the voting delegate
- o  Important that all GAC Members check their entries and notify [gac-staff@icann.org](mailto:gac-staff@icann.org) <u>if another listed individual and/or another email address</u> should be used
- o  Staff will confirm receipt of such notifications by email

# Timelines and Important Dates

- Nomination period ICANN65 (27 June) ending 18 September

- Balloting period – if necessary 19 September – 5 November (ending during ICANN66)

- New Term begins – 12 March 2020 (after ICANN67)

# GAC Public Comments Assessment Process

- C-VC Leadership advised of Upcoming Public Comments

- Leadership team discusses topic and potential GAC interest

- GAC alerted by email for GAC and individual Member consideration

- If interest drafting conducted

- GAC Web Page developed and updated to record decisions and track process, if necessary

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# New Membership Management Practices

- Changes in Privacy Culture, need for metrics and strategic planning driving GAC to enterprise membership tool

- Salesforce

- Basic effort now complete

- Features ability to track membership info

- Features ability to "forget" participants but retain aggregate data

- Many opportunities to leverage for reporting and communications management

- Staff to follow-up to build up database – pre 2013 records need updating

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# Attendance at ICANN Meetings

- RSVP process gaining acceptance (began only for ICANN63)

- Useful for planning and preparations

- Helpful for accountability and transparency (e.g., HRIL)

- Potential applicability for Operating Principles

- Intention to professionalize the attendance taking process

- Experimentation with Use of improved technologies (ICANN 64, 65, 66)

# Efforts to facilitate Participation in GAC Working Groups

- GAC stabilized at annual ~24-26 % participation change rate

- Opportunities for new participants

- Leadership connection with Working Group leadership

- Leadership encouragement to volunteer

- Guidelines development by GOPE WG impacting Operating Principles

- Improved Working Group record keeping (Salesforce attendance)

- Improved framework will improve efficacy

- Another reminder in about a month

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# Implementation of New Privacy Policies at ICANN Org

- GAC tradition of confidentiality

- GAC Support staff asked to implement ICANN org policies to protect participant privacy

- Efforts began last year

- Requires staff to ask new participants (members and observer delegates) to provide filled in consent forms

- Forms necessary to complete records updates

- Please complete forms at earliest convenience

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