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GAC Operating Matters

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GAC Leadership Terms - *Proposals to Align Election Dates and Extend Terms of Chair and Vice Chairs;*

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ICANN Nominating Committee

Election of GAC Officers - Principles Impacted by Proposals

GAC Operating Principle 31

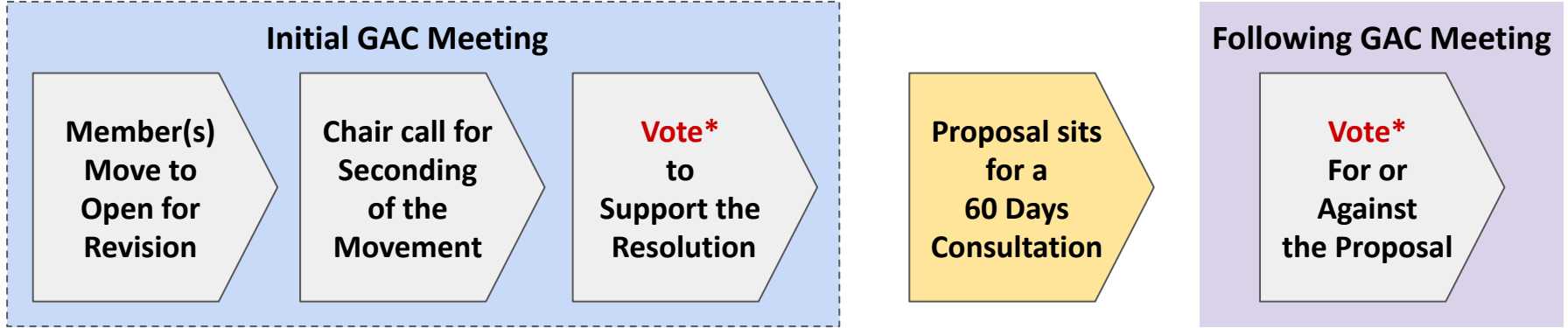
Elections for the GAC Chair shall take place during the final meeting of every second year unless the Chair can no longer perform the functions of the office before the end of a current two (2) year term of office. If the Chair can no longer perform the functions during the first year in office, an election shall be organized for the remaining term in office during the next GAC meeting. If the Chair can no longer perform the functions during the second year in office, the GAC shall decide which of the Vice Chairs should replace the Chair until the regularly scheduled elections are held.

Elections for the Vice Chairs shall take place during the final meeting of the year. If Vice Chair can no longer perform the functions before the end of the term, new elections should be organized, if necessary, for the remaining term in office during the next GAC meeting. The results of each election shall formally be announced at the end of any meeting in which an election has taken place, and shall take effect at the end of the next GAC meeting.

GAC Operating Principle 21

If the GAC moves to require additional officers other than the Chair, then five (5) Vice-Chairs shall be elected from among the Members. To the extent possible, the Vice-Chairs should appropriately reflect the geographic and development diversity of the membership. The Chair shall hold office for a term of two (2) years, renewable once. The Vice-Chairs shall hold office for a term of one (1) year and may be re-elected; however, no person may serve as Vice-Chair for more than two consecutive terms

GAC Operating Principle 53 - Next Steps



*vote by ballot, by the raising o[f] hands, or by roll call - and shall be a simple majority of the Members present at the meeting

Principle 53

A Member or Members may move, at a meeting, for these Operating Principles to be open to revision. If so moved, the Chair shall call for the movement to be seconded. If so seconded, then the Chair shall call for a vote to support the resolution. The deciding vote may be by ballot, by the raising of hands, by roll call, or by using an online voting mechanism and shall constitute a simple majority of the Members who are present at the meeting at which it was moved for these Operating Principles to be revised. Physical presence at the meetings is required for eligibility to vote. If so resolved in favour of a revision of these Operating Principles, then the proposal shall sit for consultation for a period of sixty (60) days. At the next meeting following the sixty days, the Chair shall call for a vote for or against the proposal. The deciding vote may be taken by ballot, by the raising of e[ar]ds hands, by roll call, or by using an online voting mechanism and shall be a simple majority of the Members who are present at the meeting at which the vote takes place. Physical presence at the meetings is required for eligibility to vote.

Proposal to Adjust/Align GAC Election Timing

GAC Operating Principle 31

*Elections for the GAC Chair shall take place during the ~~final~~ **second** meeting of every **XXXX**^[RH1] year unless the Chair can no longer perform the functions of the office before the end of **the Chair's** ~~a current two (2) year~~ term of office. If the Chair can no longer perform the functions during the first **half of their term** ~~year~~ in office, an election shall be organized for the remaining term in office during the next GAC meeting. If the Chair can no longer perform the functions during the second **half of their term** ~~year~~ in office, the GAC shall decide which of the Vice Chairs should replace the Chair until the regularly scheduled elections are held.*

*Elections for the Vice Chairs shall take place during the ~~final~~ **second** meeting of **every XXXX**^[RH2] ~~the~~ year. If **a** Vice Chair can no longer perform the functions before the end of the term, new elections should be organized, if necessary, for the remaining term in office during the next GAC meeting. The results of each election shall formally be announced at the end of any meeting in which an election has taken place, and shall take effect at the end of the next GAC meeting.*

[RH1]depends on OP#21 amendment (e.g. second, third, etc.)

[RH2]depends on OP#21 amendment (e.g. second, third, etc.)

Proposals to Extend GAC C-VC Term Extensions

Chair tenure consecutive term-limit options:

Option 1: ~~No change – 2 consecutive terms, 2 years each term (total – 4 consecutive years)~~

Option 2: Longer terms – 2 consecutive terms, 3 years each term (total – 6 consecutive years)*

Option 3: ~~Longer single term – 1 term, 3 years (total – 3 consecutive years)~~

Option 4: More terms – 3 consecutive terms, 2 years each (total – 6 consecutive years)**

Vice chair tenure consecutive term-limit options:

Option 5: ~~No change – 2 consecutive terms, 1 year each (total – 2 consecutive years)~~

Option 6: More terms – 3 consecutive terms, 1 year each (total – 3 consecutive years)**

Option 7: Longer terms – 2 terms, 2 years each (total – 4 consecutive years)***

* original GAC Chair proposal

** growing consensus

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AOB - Any Other Operating Matters to Raise *(time permitting)*

- Reminder about Attendance Pilot effort here at ICANN82 - please respond to Tally email
- Thank you for delegation updates
- Progress on capacity development - thanks to planners

Thank you!