Here's a Policy Calendar for the BC member open meeting in San Juan on 13-Mar-2018 (PDF version is attachment x)

Channel 1. BC participation in ICANN Public Comment process

On 11-Mar we filed a [comment](#) on ICANN's [proposed FY19 budget](#) (ICANN comments page [here](#)).   We submitted ours 3 days after the closing date to give BC members adequate time for review of revisions circulated close to the deadline. Thanks to Jimson, Denise, Marilyn, and Steve.

On 10-Mar the [BC and IPC filed a joint letter to ICANN](#) on ICANN's published Proposed Interim Model for GDPR compliance. This included suggestions for "Self-Certification Plus," where a party desiring to "self-certify" would specify third-party credentials that it has received consistent with the stated purpose.

On 27-Feb the BC joined the IPC [letter to ICANN](#) on the anticipated draft interim model to achieve GDPR compliance for Whois. After BC agreed to the letter, IPC members added a section regarding self-certification/accreditation, so that section is attributed only to the IPC. That said, the section on self-certification (pages 5-6) has merit and should be reviewed by BC members.

On 2-Feb we [filed comment](#) on ICANN's proposed changes to operating standards for specific reviews. (ICANN comments page [here](#))   Thanks to Faisal Shah, Steve DelBianco, Susan Kawaguchi, Marilyn Cade, and Lawrence OlaWale-Roberts.

On 1-Feb we [commented](#) on ICANN's proposed changes for Meetings Strategy. (ICANN comments page [here](#)) Thanks to Marilyn Cade, Michelle Chaplow, Arinola Akinyemi, Christian Bope, and Tola Sogbesan.

On 1-Feb the BC and IPC sent a [letter](#) to EU's Article 29 Working Party regarding GDPR and Whois, designed to help DPAs understand how businesses use Whois to protect consumers and thwart cybersecurity threats.

Current ICANN Public Comment page is [here](#). Selected open comment opportunities below.

1. Plan to Restart the Root Key Signing Key (KSK) Rollover Process ([link](#)). Comments close 2-Apr. In Sep-2017, ICANN postponed the planned rollover and sought comments acceptable criteria for proceeding with the KSK rollover. The [new plan](#) is now open for comment. In 2015 the BC [commented](#) on ICANN's plan for KSK rollover.   Thanks to volunteers Denise Michel, Susan

Kawaguchi, and to Stephanie for seeking advice from her colleague on the SSAC.

2. [Draft procedure](link) for Community gTLDs to broaden registrant eligibility and/or name requirements (link). Comments close 2-Apr.   In Oct-2017 the BC [commented](link) on .MUSEUM request to change its community designation, and we suggested some general concerns that can inform the present comment period. This [Draft procedure](link) is only 5 pages long, and we need volunteers to draft a BC comment.

3. Proposed Screening Process for Board Member Integrity (link). Comments close 17-Apr. This would call on all SO/ACs to consider using an integrity screening process similar to the NomCom for its voting Directors on the ICANN Board (such as GNSO Board Seat 14, now held by Matthew Shears).

4. SSAC Draft plan for Name Collision Analysis Project (NCAP). (link) Comments close 18-Apr. SSAC will study name collision in response to the ICANN Board's request from Nov-2017. The study will facilitate development of policy on Collision Strings to mitigate potential harm posed by delegation of such strings.

5. ICANN proposed strategy to replenish its Reserve Fund. (link) Comments close 25-Apr.   The ICANN Board confirmed the target level of a minimum of 12 months of Operating Expenses during its Feb-2018 meeting.

Note: The BC selects topics based on member interest. Members are also encouraged to file their own comments.

Developing a GDPR-complaint model for Whois.   The BC and IPC are cooperating to preserve Whois functionality to support consumer protection and thwart security and malware attacks in the DNS. An updated summary of **GDPR and Whois** key documents is available for BC members [here](link).

As discussed in San Juan, we need to move very quickly on a draft model for accrediting users to access non-public Whois. Please immediately review the attached draft (attachment 1), from our colleagues in the IPC. We will discuss today during the open BC meeting and try to reach some level of consensus on this model by 6pm San Juan time today, so we can submit this to ICANN in Puerto Rico on Wed 14-Mar.

Channel 2. Support for discussion and votes of our representatives on GNSO Council
Susan Kawaguchi and Marie Pattullo are our GNSO Councilors.

Previous GNSO council call was 22-Feb-2018.   See [agenda](#) and [transcript](#). Two [resolutions](#) were adopted:

> 1. Adoption of charter for the Procedure For Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law Implementation Advisory Group (WHOIS Procedure IAG).
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> 2. Nomination of GNSO Replacement Candidate for Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency of the DNS (SSR2) Review Team. This motion was made by our Councilor Susan Kawaguchi, and designated Rao Naveed bin Rais to replace James Gannon on the SSR2-RT.

Next Council meeting is 14-Mar at 13:00 in San Juan (17:00 UTC). See Agenda [here](#).   There are no motions scheduled for vote. All documents referenced in the agenda are gathered [here](#).

Council agenda highlights include:
> Item 2: discussion of ICANN FY19 proposed budget
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> Item 5: updated charter for Cross community Engagement Group on Internet Governance. See [draft charter](#).
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> Item 6: discussion of Fellowship Program
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> Item 7: review of Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy
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> Item 8: AoB. Susan Kawaguchi notes there may be a Council discussion of how to more evenly space the 7 Organizational and 4 Specific Reviews. It would be good to discuss BC view point on this issue, and whether to explore revisions to ICANN bylaws.

Other relevant work of the GNSO Council includes:

> A Cross-community working group on new gTLD Auction Proceeds ([wiki](#)). Participants from BC include Marilyn & Waudo.
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> The **PDP on Subsequent Rounds of New gTLDs** will make policy recommendations regarding the rules for Geo names.
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> **Next Generation gTLD Registration Directory Services (RDS) PDP working group. ([link](#))**   BC members on this WG: Susan Kawaguchi, Andrew Harris (Amazon), Tim Chen, Alex Deacon (MPAA), Geoff Noakes (Symantec).   Looking at requirements for gTLD registration data and

directory services, and whether a new policy framework and next-generation RDS are needed to address these requirements.

Channel 3. Supporting discussion/voting on matters before the Commercial Stakeholders Group (CSG)
Barbara Wanner is the CSG Liaison for the BC.

Barbara coordinated BC work at the Intersessional meeting of the Non-Contract Party House (NCPH) in Los Angeles Feb 1-2.   A summary doc prepared by session moderators is here.

As a follow-up from the intersessional, CSG is meeting with NCSG here in San Juan at 7:30 a.m. Thu 15-Mar to discuss proposed process for Board Seat 14 -CSG/NSCG.

Mark Datysgeld volunteered to represent the BC on a cross-community session here in San Juan at 10:30 Wed 14-Mar:
Open Data & Information Transparency at ICANN: Developing Avenues Forward.
In our Jan-2018 comment on CCTRT, we said:

The BC, along with other constituencies and advisory committees, has long called for ICANN to make the collection, analysis, and publication of data a reality. We renew our call to provide public access to DAAR, the Open Data Initiative data, and related efforts. We recommend community-wide involvement in their implementation.

In Sep-2017 we commented on Statistical Analysis of Abuse in gTLDs:

The BC recommends that ICANN commits to publicly posting relevant abuse data on an ongoing basis as part of its "Open Data Initiative," and to conducting a DNS Abuse Study every two years, to include practical suggestions for improvement. The design of future reports should be improved with additional information, to inform future policy work.

IANA Transition and Enhancing ICANN Accountability:
Work Stream 2: The CCWG-Accountability has 9 Work Stream 2 projects underway (see documents and Dashboard). BC members include:
Alex Deacon: Human Rights, jurisdiction
Andrew Harris: jurisdiction
Andrew Mack: Human Rights
Barbara Wanner: Jurisdiction, Transparency
Jimson Olufuye: Diversity, Ombudsman
Ellen Blackler: Human Rights, jurisdiction
Steve DelBianco: SO/AC Accountability (Rapporteur), Jurisdiction, Human Rights
Denise Michel: Jurisdiction, Human Rights