



.US Policy Council Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2003 10:00 am

I. Present

Jeffrey J. Neuman
Donna McGehee
Michael Palage
Jonathan Hudis
Joe Rubin
Jamie Love
David Wascher

II. Nexus Dispute Policy Update

Mr. Neuman explained that the Policy was submitted to the United States Department of Commerce and we are awaiting their comments which should be received within the next couple of weeks.

III. WHOIS Data Policy (See Attachment 1 to Agenda)

Mr. Palage gave a summary of both proposal. NeuStar currently follows similar procedures for .us as exists for gTLDs under ICANN. Mr. Palage's new proposal is set forth at http://www.neustar.us/policycouncil/pc_resolutions.html#us0003 which provides both a new reporting mechanism regarding fraudulent WHOIS data combined with an enhanced enforcement process.

Discussion was had among Mr. Hudis, Mr. Wascher, Mr. Palage and Ms. McGehee regarding the intellectual property interests supporting the proposal and the feasibility of implementing the solution from a Registrars' standpoint. In addition, the point was made that if NeuStar accepts the policy, that there will be a public comment period which will allow other Registrars and interested parties to provide comments.

Mr. Palage suggested adding a provision at the end of the policy stating that: "Nothing in this policy shall prevent a registrar from taking action (i.e. deleting a domain name) in less than 30 days in appropriate circumstances, including but not limited to fraudulently submitted Whois data." This was recommended by several members of the Intellectual Property community to allow registrars (but does not require them) to take action on a domain name if they believe that the domain name record contains blatantly false contact data.

Mr. Hudis suggested that we conduct an e-mail vote on the policy so that we do not have to wait until the next meeting to vote on this issue. The Council agreed to allowing Mr. Neuman to submit the following motion for a vote to the Policy Council via e-mail:



Proposed Resolution US-0003:

Whereas, the .US Policy Council seeks to address the issue of accurate Whois data;

Whereas the .US Policy Council has developed an initial policy entitled "The Importance of Accurate Whois Data in the .US Top-level Domain" which can be found at http://www.neustar.us/policycouncil/pc_resolutions.html#us0003;

Resolved that in accordance with the .US Policy Council Charter, which can be found at http://www.neustar.us/policycouncil/pc_resolutions.html#us0003, the .US Policy Council requests comments from the usTLD Administrator, NeuStar, Inc. on this proposed initial policy by February 13, 2003.

IV. Successor Councils

Provision in Charter: Initial Board Selection The initial selection of council members will be designed to establish a working council representing a cross-section of the usTLD community. As part of its work with NeuStar the initial council may further consider the issue of additional representatives.

A discussion was held by the members of the Policy Council on different mechanisms to appoint/elect members of successor councils. Mr. Neuman expressed his preference that in order to maintain neutrality and to avoid even the appearance of impropriety, any mechanism whereby each current Policy Council member appoints his or her successor would not be advisable. There was general agreement with this principle.

Mr. Neuman suggested that each member of the Council come to the next meeting with ideas on how successor members within their representative communities would be appointed or elected. Mr. Palage also indicated that additional representatives can be added by the Policy Council at any time if it finds that there are groups within the .us community that are not represented.

V. .US Compliance Report

Mr. Neuman reported that he is in the process of revising the Compliance report based on the discussions of the Policy Council over the last several weeks. In addition, Mr. Neuman will consult with Mr. Wascher prior to the draft going out for public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am EST.

VIII. Next Meeting Schedule

Dates for next meetings:

February 6, 2003: 10:00am EST

March 6, 2003: 10:00 am EST

April 3, 2003: 10:00 am EST