

usTLD Policy Council
Meeting 4/12/2002

I. Attendees:

Jim Casey (NeuStar)
Jonathan Hudis (AIPLA)
Michael Palage (Industry)
Larry Singer (NACIO)
Claudette Tennant (ALA)
David Wascher (Delegated Manager)
Joe Rubin (US Chamber of Commerce)
Juan Otero (National League of Cities)
Tom Cunningham (Bulk Register)
Tom McGarry (NeuStar – Technical Liaison -- Non-voting member)

Jeff Neuman (NeuStar) also attended acting as .US Policy Council Secretariat.

II. Introduction of Members

Each of the members introduced themselves and described their backgrounds and areas of expertise. Jim Casey introduced the notion that the Policy Council is not a static group and that feelers are already out for possible additional members -- One from the Consumers Union and another from an association of counties.

II. Election for Chair

Official nominations were taken upon motion from Jonathan Hudis. Jonathan Hudis and Michael Palage were nominated. Mr. Palage declined his nomination and subsequently Jonathan Hudis was elected to the initial chair position unanimously.

III. New Business

A. Role of the Policy Council:

Mr. Casey pointed out that although most of the initial policy decisions regarding the launch of .us had been already determined both in the DOC contract, there will be a number of ongoing issues that will continue to be of interest. The first and very important is what happens to the locality (“pioneer”) space; what is relationship with the expanded space. Discussion by the Council focused on the importance of preserving investment in localities and that the Council should foster communication with those already existing in the locality (delegated) space.

Mr. Casey then pointed out that the three roles of the council would be:

- 1)The Council brings NeuStar concerns as representatives of different communities;
- 2)NeuStar will bring to the Council on occasion questions or issues that we want your feedback on. For example, accuracy of Whois data.
- 3)The Council plays a role in new services proposed by NeuStar. If they have a policy aspect to them, the Council is given an opportunity to review that prior to being given to the DOC. Ex. Services created from names on the reserve list.

B. Procedures for Meetings

1. Roberts Rules of Order

After a brief discussion, the Chair recommended that Roberts Rules of Orders need only apply when the Council takes a formal position, there is a motion put forward, seconded and then a formal vote.

2. Majority vs. Supermajority Votes

It was also decided by the group that since the role of the Council was an advisory role, all decisions by the council should be by a majority vote. However, if there is a minority view in the Council, that view should always be presented in a minority report.

3. Quorum

The group decided that there must be at least 50% plus 1 of the members of the council present in order to have a quorum.

4.ListServ for Members

Mr. Casey indicated that establishing a ListServ along with a Web page where minutes and documents get posted publicly was a very high priority. This can be entirely public or private or mixed.

Mr. Hudis: Made a motion which was later amended, seconded by Mr. Palage and passed unanimously. That motion reads as follows:

MOTION: The US Policy Council requests that NeuStar establish and operate a public website that contains all of the resolutions passed by the Policy Council, and that minutes of the US Policy Council meetings be private and limited to only the members until formally approved by the Council. Additionally, NeuStar is requested to establish a Private List Serv for the members of the council to communicate amongst themselves.

5. Public Comments

The Policy Council recommended that contact information should not be listed on the Public portion of the .us Website. In addition, NeuStar should set up a central place for receipt of comments from the public.

Mr. Casey indicated that NeuStar intended to have a centralized comment space or a public listserv that the members could receive in digest form. In addition, the Charter, membership and public listserv needs to go up on the Website.

C. .Kids.Us

Ms. Tennant raised the issue of .kids.us and where it stood with the Congress as some of them were receiving questions on the proposed bill.

Mr. Casey responded that a .KIDS has passed through a House Markup Committee. It creates a .kids.us space that would be developed by NeuStar to run a safe place for kids on the net. We have been working hard with the staff to address concerns with the language and we still have significant concerns.

Mr. Palage indicated that he did not believe that there was much interest as of yet expressed by the Senate.

Mr. Rubin asked that in our correspondence with the Congress, NeuStar indicates that it is not speaking on behalf of the Policy Council or any of its members when it discusses the bill on the Hill and Mr. Casey indicated that this would be the case.

Adjourned at 2:35 pm. Next meeting set for May 28, 2002 at 1:30 pm. Call-in information to be provided.