



.ORG ADVISORY COUNCIL CHARTER

1. PURPOSE

The Purpose of the .ORG Advisory Council is to support the Purposes of the Public Interest Registry, which include:

- 1.1** To facilitate and support the continuing evolution of the Internet as a research, education and communication infrastructure, and to stimulate the involvement of the non-profit community, and others, in the continuing growth and evolution of the Internet;
- 1.2** To educate the non-profit community and the public at large about technology and the Internet, and to encourage others to do the same;
- 1.3** To stimulate and facilitate effective use of the Internet by non-profit organizations and others;

2. ROLE

The role of the Public Interest Registry .ORG Advisory Council is to focus on issues unique to the .ORG community, ranging from policy to the introduction of new services. The Advisory Council shall recommend new policies, strategies or services to address the concerns of .ORG users and to advance .ORG as a thriving non-commercial Internet community.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The Public Interest Registry .ORG Advisory Council will consist of twenty-one members representing a broad and geographically diverse spectrum of the non-commercial community. At least two members will be chosen from each of the following six regions: Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, Asia Pacific and Latin America. Members will also be drawn from diverse sectors of the non-commercial community, including, but not limited to, educational, artistic, cultural, human rights, political, religious and scientific sectors. No two members of the Council will be from the same non-commercial organization. Approximately equal representation will be given to small, medium and large organizations. One seat shall be reserved for a member of ICANN's Domain Name Supporting Organization Non-Commercial Domain Name Holders Constituency (NCDNHC) as shall be selected by that Constituency for this purpose.

4. TERM OF OFFICE

The initial members of the Council will serve for staggered terms of up to three years. Seven members will serve for one year, seven members will serve for two years and the

remaining seven will serve for three years. Thereafter, members will serve for equal terms of three years being appointed and retiring in rotation.

5. NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF INITIAL BOARD MEMBERS

5.1 On December 1, 2002, the PIR Board will issue a statement inviting the public to submit nominations, including self-nominations, for twenty of the Council members. A nomination statement shall include details of the nominee's experience in leading a non-commercial organization, commitment to promoting the non-commercial use of the Internet and recommended goals for the .ORG community. The nomination period shall remain open for sixty days. At the same time, the PIR Board will invite the NCDNHC to select, in accordance with its own rules and procedures, its representative to the Council.

5.2 Within thirty days of February 1, 2003, the PIR Board will select and appoint twenty members drawn from the received nominations. At the same time, the PIR Board will confirm the appointment of the NCDNHC representative.

5.3 The nomination statements of appointed members will be made available on the PIR website.

6. FUNCTIONS

The three central functions of the Council shall be to

6.1 Represent the interests of the .ORG community before the PIR Board.

6.2 Provide feedback and advice on specific issues relating to the operation of the .ORG registry including affordability, customer service, security, management, and technical operations.

6.3 Provide recommendations on issues ranging from policy considerations to the introduction of new services. For example, the Council may provide guidance in the following areas:

Defining the noncommercial sphere that forms the core .ORG constituency.

Mechanisms for increasing transparency and accountability to the .ORG community.

Potential educational opportunities for PIR.

Involving the international .ORG community and promoting regional and geographic diversity.

Establishing and promoting public participation mechanisms.

Examining the impact of the WHOIS and UDRP policies on privacy and freedom of expression in the .ORG domain.

The Advisory Council may carry out these functions in response to a request from PIR or independently, based on its own determinations and having regard to proposals from the .ORG community.

7. MEETINGS

7.1 The Council may hold meetings in person or by conference call on at least 30 days notice of such meeting

7.2 An electronic discussion list shall be maintained for communication among Council members.

8. ANNUAL REPORT

The Council shall issue an Annual Report outlining its activities and achievements throughout the year, evaluating the operation of the .ORG registry and providing recommendations for the future. The Annual Report shall provide information about current .ORG practices and issues, as well as statistical information about the .ORG registry, including the number of registrants, regional distribution, and the mean subscription period. The report shall also identify interesting new developments among .ORG registrants.

9. OTHER ACTIVITIES

9.1 The Council shall provide regular updates to the PIR prior to formal meetings of the PIR Board of Directors.

9.2 The Council shall engage in a variety of activities for information gathering and open discussion with .ORG registrants, including for example, surveys, open forums and polling mechanisms.