

Marc Rotenberg elected as Chair of the Board at Public Interest Registry

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Reston, VA – October 4, 2004 - The Public Interest Registry (PIR) Board of Directors announced today the election of Marc Rotenberg as Chair of the Board. Mr. Rotenberg served on the founding PIR Board and recently served as Board Secretary.

"Marc's leadership as a founding PIR Board member has been a major asset in our success over the past two years." said Edward G. Viltz, President and CEO of PIR. "His proven expertise on Internet policy issues, understanding of the non-profit sector and commitment to civil society continue to benefit PIR and the .ORG community. I welcome Marc's appointment and look forward to working with him in his expanded role as Board Chair."

"Over the past two years, PIR has made significant strides to become an exemplary registry," according to Marc Rotenberg. "We established an Advisory Council to solicit input from leading representatives of the .ORG community from around the world. We supported the work of the Noncommercial User Constituency to ensure the active participation of civil society organizations at ICANN. We have taken important stands on privacy protection for the WHOIS directory and on Internet security and stability. Our website provides useful information for organizations exploring the potential of the Internet. And the technical support provided to .ORG registrars by our partner Afiliis Limited continues to be first-rate."

"While we have accomplished a great deal, there is more work to be done. We need to ensure that .ORG provides a welcome home for non-commercial organizations around the world. We need to develop the technical standards that will make possible the exchange of more of the world's cultural heritage. We need to continue to promote an open and accessible network. The Public Interest Registry, working together with the Internet Society, will take the appropriate steps to ensure that the global .ORG community's interests are well represented and that PIR continues to play a leadership role in the development of the Internet," said Mr. Rotenberg.

Marc Rotenberg is President of EPIC in Washington, DC. He has worked for more than twenty years to promote public understanding of computer technology. He was the founder of the Public Interest Computer Association, the first organization established in the United States to assist non-profit organizations with the use and policy implications of computer technology. He frequently testifies before the US Congress on emerging technology issues, and has served as an advisor to many national and international organizations, including UNESCO. In 1996, he established the Public Voice coalition to encourage civil society participation in decisions concerning the future of the Internet.

About PIR

Public Interest Registry (<http://www.pir.org>) is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit corporation created by the Internet Society (ISOC) to manage the .ORG domain. .ORG is the Internet's third largest "generic" or non-country specific top-level domain with over 3 million domain names registered worldwide. It is viewed as the home of non-commercial organizations on the Internet. PIR's mission is to manage the .ORG domain in an exemplary manner while educating and empowering the global non-commercial community to more effectively utilize the Internet. PIR is based in Reston, Virginia, USA.

About ISOC

The Internet Society (<http://www.isoc.org>) is a not-for-profit membership organization founded in 1991 to provide leadership in Internet related standards, education, and policy. With offices in Washington, DC, and Geneva, Switzerland, it is dedicated to ensuring the open development, evolution and use of the Internet for the benefit of people throughout the world. ISOC is the organizational home of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), the Internet Architecture Board (IAB), the Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG) and other Internet-related bodies who together play a critical role in ensuring that the Internet develops in a stable and open manner.