

Community Priority Evaluation Teleconference – 10 September 2013 Additional Questions & Answers

We often receive questions during teleconferences that go unanswered due to time constraints. Because all participant questions are important, we've provided responses to these additional questions below.

Clarifying Questions

Q: Can you define the scope of what the panel might ask Community applicants when issuing Clarifying Questions?

A: The expectation is that clarification questions may be issued by the CPE Panel to provide applicants with the opportunity to:

- Address any application comments that may impact the CPE scoring of their application.
- Address any objection determinations not in their favor.
- Address any letters of opposition.
- Contact supporting organizations and ask them to provide validation for letters of support.

Q: When an applicant responds to a Clarifying Question, will the Panel make the response public?

A: Consistent with Initial Evaluation, responses to clarifying questions are not expected to be posted publically.

Eligibility

Q: Must a community applicant wait for other applicants in the same contention set to complete prior application phases before entering Community Priority Evaluation (CPE)?

A: All members of the contention set must pass evaluation, and have no pending objections or GAC Advice in order for the community application to be eligible for CPE. Additionally, the community applicant must not have a pending change request or be in the 30 day change request comment window.

Letters of Support or Opposition

Q: Regarding verification: if an individual submits a letter of support/opposition, but it's on an institution's letterhead (ex. an employee), will the panel verify whether support is being granted by the institution or the individual?

A: An investigation will be performed by the CPE panel to validate that the individual who has signed the document has the authority to speak on behalf of their institution. This is similar to the Geographic Names Panel process of validating letters of support or non-objection.

Objections & Public Comments

Q: During evaluation, will comments in the public forum carry the same weight as official objections? If not, how will comments be factored into the score?

A: All comments and objections will be considered. Applicants will have the opportunity to address any comments or objection determinations that could impact the scoring of the application.

Q: Will community objection determinations affect how panelists score Community Priority Evaluations (CPE)? If an applicant won an objection dispute resolution case, can we expect a consistent/similar ruling by the CPE Panel?

A: Objections will be one factor in determining the score for “Opposition.” According to language in section 4.2.3 of the AGB, under Criterion 4 Guidelines, objections will be taken into account in the assessment and there will be no presumption that objections would prevent a score of a 2 or lead to any particular score for “Opposition.” It should be noted that CPE and objection are two separate and distinct processes with different criteria. The outcome of one process does not necessarily dictate a similar outcome for the other process.

Q: In addition to the determinations, will the panel review the content of objections during evaluation?

A: The CPE panel will consider the publicly available objections materials as part of their review.

Pilot Results

Q: Will ICANN disclose Community Priority Evaluation pilot results? These results could help applicants determine whether it's in their best interest to spend \$22,000 on CPE or use the money in another manner.

A: The pilot was conducted in order to inform and calibrate the CPE panel's processes and procedures, as well as their evaluation guidelines document. The results have not been shared with ICANN and will not be shared publicly.

Q: Will pilot results be used as a baseline for determining whether an applicant represents a community?

A: The pilot was conducted in order to inform and calibrate the CPE panel's processes and procedures, as well as their evaluation guidelines document. There is no "baseline" established based on results of the pilot. Each application will be evaluated against the criteria in the Applicant Guidebook.