



Call for Expressions of Interest: PICDRP Standing Panel

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The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) is seeking expressions of interest for additional panelists to serve on the PICDRP Standing Panel.

Background

1. As part of the New gTLD Program, ICANN has put in place the **Public Interest Commitment Dispute Resolution Procedure** (PICDRP) to address reports of a Registry Operator's non-compliance with one or more of the public interest commitments included in Specification 11 of its Registry Agreement with ICANN.
2. During the compliance review and investigation process for a report submitted to ICANN under the PICDRP, ICANN may call upon the Standing Panel to review one or more reports in order to evaluate whether the Registry Operator was or was not in compliance with Specification 11 of the Registry Agreement.

Composition of Standing Panel

1. The Standing Panel shall consist of a minimum of three members, with more members to be added as deemed necessary. Not all members of the Standing Panel are necessary to the consideration of each report referred to it by ICANN.
2. The Standing Panel members should have diversity in geographic and cultural representation as well as experience. Diversity will be considered in completing the selection and composition of the Panel.

Proposed Qualifications of Standing Panel Members

1. In consideration of the scope and areas of expertise required, that Standing Panel members, in the aggregate, should have expertise and significant knowledge in the following (or similar) aspects/areas.
 - a. Contract interpretation experience
 - b. Cultural studies
 - c. Cybersecurity
 - d. Domain Name System technical experience
 - e. International dispute resolution
 - f. Judicial and/or legal experience
 - g. Licensing experience



- h. Online content
 - i. Public policy
 - j. Regulatory background
 - k. Social research experience
 - l. Trademark protection
2. Panel members should have demonstrated recognition of expertise and knowledge through high-level positions, peer group recognition, and/or history of publications/presentations on relevant topics.
 3. Panel members must be fluent in English communication.

Conflict of Interests

All Panel members must be independent from ICANN (i.e., not an ICANN employee; not a member of any ICANN Sponsoring Organization or Advisory Committee; not affiliated with any registrar or registry holding a contract with ICANN). Further, all Panel members must adhere to ICANN's conflicts of interest policy and annually complete a Conflicts of Interest Disclosure Form.

Time Commitment

1. To keep the costs and burdens of evaluation as low as possible, absent exceptional circumstances, the Standing Panel is expected to conduct its proceedings by email, by telephone and otherwise via the Internet.
2. It is anticipated that Standing Panel members may start to have matters referred to them following selection to the Standing Panel, and immediately following Standing Panel on-boarding and training. The members of the Standing Panel will be required to review and reference training materials prior to receiving matters such that the Panel members understand the Public Interest Commitment Dispute Resolution Procedure. For each matter referred, the Standing Panel will be expected to evaluate compliance by the Registry Operator and report its evaluation results to ICANN. The Standing Panel is expected to deliver its evaluation results to ICANN within 15 days of reference by ICANN.
3. At present it is unclear how many matters will be referred to any given Standing Panel member; over time this may become more predictable based on the nature and number of the reports submitted.

Compensation for Service on Standing Panel

Compensation will be in the form of an annual stipend for each Panel member. There will also be a per matter fee paid to each Panel member selected to serve on a Panel.



Terms of Standing Panel Member

The terms of new Standing Panel members shall be two (2) years at a time, with the potential for renewal.

Timing

It is anticipated that the additional Standing Panel members selected through this Expression of Interest process will be announced by June 2015.

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest, which will be maintained as confidential, should be sent to PICDRP-SP-EOI@icann.org no later than 2 February 2015. Respondents are urged to read the [PICDRP](#) prior to submitting an expression of interest.