

18 August 2023

RE: ICANN Board Seat 14

Mason Cole, Commercial Stakeholder Group Executive Committee
Julf Helsingius, Chair, Noncommercial Stakeholder Group
Lori Schulman, Commercial Stakeholder Group Executive Committee

Dear Mason, Julf and Lori,

I write to you in your roles as the leaders of the Noncommercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG) and the Commercial Stakeholder Group (CSG), comprising the GNSO's Non-Contracted Parties House. I understand that your constituencies are currently working to complete the selection for Seat 14 to the ICANN Board of Directors, which, under the Bylaws, was due to be nominated by 26 April 2023. We are now nearly four months past that date, and ICANN's Annual General Meeting is fast approaching. The Bylaws' mandate for timely nomination of Board members is an important way that different parts of the ICANN community remain accountable to the others in supporting good governance at ICANN.

As the Chair of the Board, I want to share my concerns about the impact of any further delay in the NCPH's identification of the nominee for Seat 14. The Board will soon be starting its work to prepare for the upcoming term of the Board. Annually between August and the ICANN Annual Meeting incoming board members have a busy period heading into the beginning of their service by participating in the following important preparatory work, for example: 1) we invite both current and incoming members to participate in briefings, meetings and board workshop sessions (this year's will be held 8-10 September); 2) we provide incoming board members with between 30 and 50 hours of training; and, 3) we require information from them for the annual process of slating the Board's committees.

I implore you to designate the nominee for Seat 14 right away, so that the Board can continue its work without pause after the conclusion of ICANN78 in Hamburg. To be prepared to do so, the ICANN Board must have the name of your designee by the end of August.

Please let me know if there is anything that the Board or ICANN organization can do to support the NCPH's swift completion of this nomination process.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tripti Sinha". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tripti Sinha
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

cc: Sarah Deutsch, Chair, Board Governance Committee
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