Generic Names Supporting Organisation

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GNSO Purpose

- Responsible for developing and recommending to the ICANN Board substantive policies relating to generic top-level domains

- com, net, org, biz, info, aero, coop, museum, pro, name

Representation

- As of today we have 6 constituencies (2 suppliers and 4 users)
  - 3 representatives per constituency
  - Broad geographic representation
  - Broad outreach and commitment
  - Large work program of important issues
- Bylaws result in drop in participation and representation
  - 2 per constituency instead of 3

GNSO request

- GNSO Council requests that the Board revise the current transition article of the bylaws to allow 3 representatives per constituency until end of annual meeting 2004

- Review the performance of the council in 2004 prior to the annual meeting in 2004, and revisit the decision regarding 3 versus 2 at that time

GNSO Activities

- Registry Services
- WHOIS
- New TLDs
- Contract Enforcement
- UDRP

3 WHOIS Taskforces

- Limit data mining of contact information
- Review data collected and data displayed
- Improve accuracy

Data mining

- Collect information on current needs
  - Volume of queries, data needed per query
- Review approaches to prevent data mining
- Determine best practice solution
- Feed requirements to IETF for new standard protocol (e.g CRISP)

Data collection and display

- Collect information on how registrants are informed about the data at time of registration
- Determine best practice to inform registrants
- Conduct analysis of the purposes for data collected, and determine what is necessary to be collected (balance contactability and privacy)
- Determine what is necessary for public display and review mechanisms to preserve privacy

Accuracy

- Collect information on current techniques used by registrars to verify data at the time of collection
- Collect information on techniques used by other online service providers
- Create best practices document
- Determine how to cost effectively prevent the provision of deliberate false information

Interim Round of Sponsored TLDs

- Council seeks clarification on whether the Board is changing its commitment to go forward with a limited round for sponsored TLDs, prior to development of a new strategy for the creation of new TLDs
- Council notes that a significant change in this policy area should not be made without consultation with the GNSO community