INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CONSTITUENCY MEETING
Thursday, June 16, 2005, 10:30 AM EDT

Advance Agenda (6/13/05)

I.   IPC Housekeeping Issues - Update

      A.   Update on IPC By-Laws changes

      B.   Invoicing

      C.   Planning for meeting in Luxembourg (July 11?)

      D.   Planning for meeting in DC (September 14?)

II.   ICANN Related Issues

      A.   DotOrg Changes to Whois.

      B.   new sTLD Process

            1.   DotMobi
            2.   Request for definition of "sponsored" community

      C.   DotInt Issues

      D.   [Approval of VeriSign to continue as dotNet Registry](#)

      E.   Update on Whois Task Force - [New Terms of Reference](#)

      F.   Status of new RAA (mentioned in proposed [ICANN Budget](#))

III.   Other Issues/Next Meeting

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Minutes
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<u>Attendees</u>: J. Scott Evans, Steve Metalitz, Kiyoshi Tsuru, Ellen Shankman, Ryan Lehning, Mike Heltzer, Mark Palermo, Ariel Manoff, Ron Hansell, Shelley Jones

Ryan began with a reminder to the participants that voting on the By-laws closes on June 20 and that, so far, very few votes have been cast. Ryan said he would send an email reminder to the IPC Membership List reminding members to cast their votes. Ryan and J. Scott updated the participants on the status of invoicing following their conference call with the IPC Secretary, Mark Bohannon, on June 15, 2005. Ryan stated that he would post a note to the news section of the new IPC website stating that IPC membership dues would be invoiced in the coming weeks. The fees will remain the same and will cover the year 2005.

Steve Metalitz then discussed the upcoming ICANN meeting in Luxembourg (July 11-15) and noted that an IPC meeting in Luxembourg is tentatively scheduled for July 12. Steve Metalitz is planning to attend, but it is not clear at this point who else from the IPC will attend the ICANN meeting. Steve will draft and circulate an agenda in advance of the IPC meeting in Luxembourg.

The IPC has tentatively scheduled its next in-person meeting for September 14 in Washington, DC. The agenda for that meeting will most likely be set following the ICANN meeting in Luxembourg. One of the items, however, will be upcoming elections for IPC representatives to the GNSO Council and IPC officers. Ryan will shortly circulate a final date for this meeting.

Ryan mentioned recent changes to Whois access in the .org top level domain. Under this new system, the Public Internet Registry (PIR), the registry for .org, will only allow four queries to its Whois database in any given minute. The fifth query will not return a result, and the user must wait until the following minute to submit an additional query. The IPC does not anticipate this causing any problems for individual users conducting one-off searches. However, it may cause problems for value-added services which may conduct searches of Whois differently. Mike Heltzer agreed to contact some of these value-added services to find out how changes to .org may affect them.

Participants discussed the recent release of a draft registry agreement for a new sTLD, .mobi. *See* ICANN Published Proposed Agreement on .Mobi, *at* http://www.icann.org/announcements/announcement-03jun05.htm. There are a number of concerns with .mobi, particularly the broad scope of the sponsored community, which would include anyone who consumes mobile services. The .mobi proposal also includes a domain name auctioning system for second level domain names that may raise some concerns. Finally, it appears that .mobi would include a domain name privacy feature in its Whois database that needs to be more fully clarified. Steve Metalitz offered to contact representatives from .mobi to get more information about these issues.

J. Scott Evans noted that he's received an email notification that the sunrise period for registering names in the .jobs sponsored top level domain will begin on June 19. Participants agreed that if this date is accurate, then .jobs should do much more to publicize it to the relevant community. Ryan is in the process of confirming whether in fact .jobs is accepting sunrise registrations at this point. Ryan will circulate a note to the IPC membership once he has confirmed this information.

Participants discussed the issue of whether the term "sponsored" for purposes of defining a sponsored community in sTLD recognition needed to be more clearly defined. Participants recommended that the IPC's GNSO Council representatives bring this up to the GNSO Council and ask that it be added to the Council's agenda.

Participants on the call also supported a proposal brought forward to have the GNSO Council request an issues report on restructuring registration policies within the .int top level domain to allow for multiple registration by the same international governmental organizations.

Steve Metalitz then gave a summary of the status of the newly reformulated Whois Task Force. The new terms of reference, available at http://gnso.icann.org/policies/terms-of-reference.html, set out the boundaries of the new task force's work. Steve noted that verification of Whois contact information at the time the registration was made was not included in the new terms of reference. During the June 2, 2005 GNSO Council meeting, the IPC put forward a motion to include up-front verification in the terms of reference, but that motion was voted down with 12 votes in favor, 7 votes opposed, and 6 abstentions. The GNSO Council rules require a majority of those present to vote in favor of a motion in order for it to pass. Abstentions effectively count as "no" votes. Thus the 12 votes in favor could not overcome the 13 "against." An MP3 recording of that meeting can be found at http://gnso-audio.icann.org/GNSO-Council-20050602.mp3. Steve noted that the first task the new task force will address is an attempt to define the purpose of Whois. Following that, the task force will examine who should be listed for the various contact points in the Whois database. Unfortunately, all accuracy discussions (except for up-front accuracy verification which is off the table) are being held over until after the ICANN Luxembourg meeting July 11 through 15. Steve noted that the Task Force would be soliciting constituency statements to determine how each constituency uses the Whois database, and to find out what each constituency thinks the purpose of the Whois database is. Those constituency statements would not be due until after the ICANN Luxembourg meeting.

Finally, the participants agreed to hold the next IPC conference at the ICANN Luxembourg meeting on July 11. The next IPC conference call is tentatively scheduled for July 22 at 10:30 AM EDT. Agendas for both meetings will be circulated in advance.