**Minutes of the GNSO Council Public Meeting Part 2, Hyderabad, 7 November 2016**[Agenda and Documents](https://gnso.icann.org/en/meetings/agenda-council-2-07nov16-en.htm)  
  
Coordinated Universal Time: 09:45 UTC

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Meeting Times 09:45 UTC

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**List of attendees:**   
**NCA – Non Voting** –Erika Mann – absent, apologies  
**Contracted Parties House**  
Registrar Stakeholder Group: James Bladel, Michele Neylon, Darcy Southwell  
gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group:

Donna Austin, Keith Drazek, Rubens Kühl  
Nominating Committee Appointee (NCA):

Hsu Phen Valerie Tan - remote participation  
**Non-Contracted Parties House**   
Commercial Stakeholder Group (CSG);

Philip Corwin, Susan Kawaguchi, Wolf-Ulrich Knoben, Tony Harris, Paul McGrady, Heather Forrest   
Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group   
(NCSG): Amr Elsadr – absent, Temporary Alternate Matthew Shears, Stephanie Perrin, Rafik Dammak, Stefania Milan, Edward Morris, Marilia Maciel – absent, Temporary Alternate Sarah Clayton

Nominating Committee Appointee (NCA):

Julf (Johan) Helsingius - remote participation  
**GNSO Council Liaisons/Observers:**   
Cheryl Langdon Or– ALAC Liaison   
Patrick Myles - ccNSO Observer   
Carlos Raúl Gutierrez – GNSO liaison to the GAC

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[Recording](http://audio.icann.org/meetings/hyd57/hyd57-OPEN-2016-11-07-T0951-hall6-Olldj1FgNukWEG7f12P5zxT6OswBDV5r-en.m3u)  
[Transcript](https://gnso.icann.org/en/meetings/transcript-gnso-council-public-2-07nov16-en.pdf)

**Item 1: Seating of the 2016 / 2017Council**

1.1 – Roll call

1.2 – Statements of interest

Darcy Southwell – [SOI](https://community.icann.org/display/gnsosoi/Darcy+Southwell+SOI) Registrars Stakeholder Group

Michele Neylon– [SOI](https://community.icann.org/display/gnsosoi/Michele+Neylon+SOI) Registrars Stakeholder Group

Rafik Dammak– [SOI](https://community.icann.org/display/gnsosoi/Rafik+Dammak+SOI) Non Commercial Stakeholder Group

Erika Mann - SOI Nominating Committee Appointee – not yet available

1.3 – Review/amend agenda

**Add: Update from ICANN Ombudsman  
  
Herb Waye**, the ICANN Ombudsman's background is in law enforcement and education.

The Ombudsman’s short term focus is outreach - developing and building on existing relationships and creating new ones to assist in the Ombudsman function.

The office of the ombudsman should not only be a complaint intake mechanism but more of a community resource for when relationships break down.

The community is encouraged to read the ‘Expected Standards of Behavior’ manual and to visit the Ombudsman's office to introduce themselves.

**Herb Waye** thanked the GNSO Chair, and the council for the opportunity to address them.

**Item 2: Election of the Chair**

**James Bladel handed the chair to Heather Forrest who chaired this section of the meeting.**

One nomination was received for this position, James Bladel from the Contracted Parties House. The GNSO Council held a question & answer session with the candidate on Friday, 4 November 2016 during the GNSO Working Session.

There were no questions or comments from the floor.

As approved by the Council, the vote was conducted by a show of hands and those participating remotely, namely Valerie Tan and Julf Helsingius, voted verbally.

[Voting results](https://gnso.icann.org/en/meetings/gnso-council-motion-recorder-2-07nov16-en.pdf)

* **James Bladel** was elected unanimously as GNSO Council Chair for the one-year term ending at the 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

**No GNSO Council vice-chair announcement was made.**

**Heather Forrest** congratulated **James Bladel** on being elected GNSO Council Chair for a second term of office and handed the chair back to him to continue the Council meeting.

**Item 3: Any Other Business**

The following action items arose from interventions from the floor.

**Action Items:**

* Council to review and provide feedback on the proposed limited scope for the upcoming Whois Review
* Council to finalize response to Board letter on IGO/Red Cross protections (note: this may be covered by the Council’s response to the GAC Communique)

**James Bladel** adjourned the GNSO Council meeting and thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:00 IST (11:45 UTC)

The next GNSO Council Meeting will take place on Thursday, 1 December 2016 at 21:00 UTC.  
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