**RySG Consultation with the Registry & New gTLD Applicant Community**

The following are the highlights of the gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) consultations and outreach efforts within the community of gTLD registry operators regarding the IANA Stewardship Transition Cross Community Working Group (IANA CWG).

The RySG first created an Accountability WG with a focus on the IANA transition and ICANN Accountability efforts to facilitate collaboration and the development of shared RySG positions. A special email list was formed and several teleconference calls were held. Both the calls and the email list were open to all interested RySG or New gTLD Applicant Group (NTAG), an observer group that is a part of the RySG and is open to all new gTLD applicants, members or observers. Further, this group discussed options for contacting and involving gTLD registry operators and new gTLD applicants who had not yet joined the RySG or NTAG. A plan for doing this was agreed to during the ICANN 51 Public Meeting and is in the process of being implemented as described at end of this document.

Next the RySG formed a small team comprising participants in the IANA CWG. One of the primary purposes for this small team was to act as liaisons to the RySG and the NTAG,. In addition to its members participating actively in the IANA CWG, they also meet twice a week to discuss and coordinate their efforts in the CWG and to plan ways to involve the broader RySG and NTAG memberships in the IANA CWG. Additionally, on the RySG email list and meetings, the small team actively encouraged participation by registry operators that would provide geographic diversity and representation from interest groups within the community of gTLD Registry Operators.

The RySG Secretariat team obtained contact information for the following groups: registry operators who had signed a registry agreement with ICANN but had not joined the RySG or NTAG and new gTLD applicants who had not yet executed a registry agreement. A message was sent to over 500 representatives for these organizations: 1) informing them of the pending IANA Stewardship Transition and the associated CWG; 2) describing the RySG efforts in the CWG; and 3) inviting them to participate in the RySG CWG efforts. Finally, a special email list was created that allows all those who wish to join in the RySG CWG work to join in discussions with RySG members and observers, without requiring them to join the RySG or NTAG. The small team of CWG participants has deployed this list and the main RySG and NTAG list servese to communicate key developments of the RySG IANA Stewardship Working Group, as well as provide updates on the CWG on the biweekly calls of the RySG. All communications have welcomed and encouraged input from any gTLD registry operator, whether or not he or she participates directly within the CWG.

The RySG is also planning to conduct a webinar shortly following the publication of the draft Proposal on Naming Related Functions (“draft proposal”). The goals of this webinar are:

* To explain and answer questions regarding the draft proposal;
* To provide greater clarity into the evolution of discussions within the CWG, and the process undertaken to arrive at the draft proposal;
* To seek comments and other feedback from any interested gTLD Registry Operator to form possible RySG public comments on the draft; and
* To ensure that the work of the small team of participants continues to align with the interests of the community of gTLD registry operators as a whole.

Webinars will be open to any gTLD Registry Operator, and will be publicized using the channels described above. To foster broad participation across geographic regions the RySG hopes to hold multiple webinars in different time slots.