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SCI Scope of Work

Revised Charter approved 31 October 2013 by the GNSO Council:

- SCI reviews and assesses the effective functioning of the GNSO Procedures and Working Group Guidelines:
 - On request, for those procedures and guidelines that have been identified as presenting immediate problems
 - On a periodic timescale for all procedures and guidelines in order to identify possible issues and/or improvements (subject to a clear definition by the SCI on which procedures and guidelines should be reviewed)
- SCI considers requests identified either by the GNSO Council or a group chartered by the GNSO Council as needing discussion.



Potential Work Items – "Immediate Problems"

Friendly amendments to motions:

- Not currently addressed in the GNSO Operating Procedures.
- Currently placed on hold by the GNSO Council (as of 15 January 2015).
- Discussed in January 20 SCI call, on the SCI list, and via "straw poll".

Interplay of 10-day waiver rule with resubmission of motion rules:

- Council approved 10-day waiver on time limit for submission of motions under certain circumstances (including unanimous agreement by Council members.)
- Discussed in January 20 call, on the SCI list, and via "straw poll".



Work Items – "Periodic Timescale" Review

Periodic Review of GNSO Council Operating Procedures, which may include:

- Voting Thresholds (currently placed on hold by the GNSO Council as of 15 January 2015).
- GNSO Working Group Consensus Levels (GNSO Council has agreed to consider initiating work).
- Full review of GNSO Operating Procedures (including PDP Manual and WG Guidelines).
- SCI has noted possible impact of GNSO Review exercise on timing of the above "Periodic Timescale" work items.



Next Steps for SCI Work

- Begin work on "immediate issues" (if any) as instructed by GNSO Council – e.g. friendly amendments or 10 day waiver effect on resubmitted motions. Consensus call prior to forwarding recommendation.
- If no instructions are received as to "immediate issues", begin to develop a consistent plan for "periodic timescale" review issues including, as per the Charter, "items to be reviewed, proposed timelines, as well as additional resources needed, if any". Consensus call prior to forwarding recommendation.
- Present recommendations to the GNSO.



