**SSC – Summary of Questions and Possible Reponses**

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| **Question** | **Input from Sam Eisner/Trang Nguyen (see also** [**slides**](https://community.icann.org/download/attachments/66068483/24.5%20EC%20Slides%20for%20GNSO%20Selection%20Committee.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1495576326000&api=v2)**) and James Bladel (interim rep)** | **SSC views expressed to date** | **Possible Responses (note this is a non-exhaustive list)** |
| **GNSO Chair** – The Bylaws provide that the GNSO Chair or another person may be designated. What criteria should be used to decide whether another person should be designated? Is the GNSO Chair the default designation or fallback choice if no other person can be designated? | The Chair was identified as a fallback so that there was sure to always be someone available from each of the Decisional Participants.If the groups do not choose to appoint someone else, the Chair serves as a default for the role. |  | Options:1. The GNSO Chair is the first choice. S/he will serve as the representative unless unable or unwilling do so.2. The GNSO Chair is the alternate choice. If no other person can be designated, s/he will be the representative.  |
| 1. **Qualifying Criteria** – If another person should be designated, what are qualifying criteria? Process to review/evaluate qualified candidates? Who should be considered qualified? Should the call for volunteers be limited (for example to GNSO Councilors) or open call? Can a general process for appointments/nominations be followed?
 | The Empowered Community Administration was created to ensure that someone can send and receive notices and be responsible for making sure this work is done. The representative position is primarily administrative. It will likely not require a significant time commitment. No F2F meetings are anticipated, apart from a possible Community Forum which may be conducted in person (but does not have to). As a result, no travel funding is provided for Empowered Community Administration representatives. Representatives’ actions are directed by Decisional Participants.The rep must be someone who is comfortable with the complex processes of the Empowered Community Administration and the limited nature of the representative role. At this stage, the rep should be someone who can think ahead as processes are developed for future use.  | * Time commitment could be a consideration – need to ensure that representative has sufficient time to take on the responsibilities recognizing that this to a large extend is an administrative role
* Familiarity with Council deliberations is likely a plus as the main responsibility will be to pass on decisions from the GNSO Council. Substantive knowledge could be an extra, but not necessarily a requirement as the representative is only expected to pass on the decisions of the GNSO as the Decisional Participant.
* As the representative will need to be approved by the Council, the selected candidate will need to be someone who has the support of the Council.
 | Options: 1. The rep is selected from current GNSO Council leadership.2. The rep is a selected from current Council.3. The rep is selected from current Council or from a pool of former Council members.4. The rep is selected from a broader pool (for example an open call with preference given to individuals with certain skills, experience, or affiliation).5. The rep is selected from recent former GNSO Council Chairs and/or the outgoing Chair.6. SSC recommends using the GNSO leadership as a pool for EC Admin reps. The leadership team decides which member is rep, alternate, etc.Skills discussed: communication skills, public speaking/moderation skills, knowledge of Council matters. |
| 1. **Alternate Rep** - Is there a need to consider an alternate in case the representative is not available or make an interim appointment should the designated representative step down?
 | It is up to the Decisional Participant if they wish to have a process for this.Nothing in the Bylaws bars it, but it is not specifically recommended. |  | Options: 1. No alternate will be designated for this role.2. An standing alternate will be designated this role. 3. An alternate will be designated on a need basis (e.g. GNSO Chair or Council Vice-Chair to step in if designated rep is not available) |
| 1. **Term and Renewal** - What should be the term for the representative? Annual certification is required by the Bylaws but that does not necessarily need to align with the term. Is there a term limit? What should be the renewal requirements? What is the timeline for the selection / approval process?
 | There is no indication of term limits, only a requirement for annual certification, so it's up to each Decisional Participant on how frequently they wish to assess who is serving as their representative. |  | Options term & renewal:1. There will be a fixed term for the position, which is x. Renewal will be permitted y times and conducted using z process.2. There will be a fixed term for the position, which is x. Renewal will not be permitted.3. There will be no fixed term for the position.Options for timeline of selection / approval to be determined (dependent on decision on term & renewal) |