**Timeline Discussion**

At the inaugural meeting of the IANA Stewardship Coordination Group (ICG), there was a discussion of the timeline to produce a proposal for delivery to the NTIA. An aggressive goal is for the transition to take place in September 2015. The whole Internet community has a role in the development and review of the proposal, and this aggressive timeline is provided for review and comment.

**Step 0: Request for Communities to produce proposal text – now**

The ICG believes that the names, numbers, and protocol parameters communities have already this work using their own processes. The ICG plans to publish a detailed call for responses from all communities on or before 31 Jul 2014.

**Step 1: Communities' work – now to 30 Jan 2015**

Communities develop and complete their responses. Use of open and transparent processes will allow other communities to continuously review progress.

**Decision: Is the aggressive schedule being met? – by 2 Feb 2015**

If the contributions from the communities have arrived, then proceed with the aggressive timeline. Otherwise, develop a revised timeline.

**Step 2: Coordination and alignment – wrap up by 27 Feb 2015**

Stitch together the contributions from the communities, publishing a strawman proposal and a companion analysis document. Seek review and comments from all communities, the global Internet community, and NTIA.

Begin testing (Step 4) if the analysis of the strawman proposal shows few gaps.

**Step 3: Community review – wrap up by 29 May 2015**

Communities resolve identified gaps and update their responses based on received comments, and the ICG produces the final proposal. Comments from NTIA are strongly desired.

**Step 4: Testing – wrap up by 26 Jun 2015**

Demonstrate that the system can run as proposed.

**Decision: Is the proposal ready? – by 30 Jun 2015**

Does the community have consensus on the proposal content? Has testing shown the system is working? If so, deliver proposal to ICANN Board for delivery to NTIA. If not, develop a revised timeline.

**Step 5: NTIA evaluation and approval – wrap up by 30 Sep 2015**

NTIA does whatever they need to do with the proposal. It is unknown how much time will be needed, but we should expect several months.