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2023 UASG Elections for Chair and Vice Chairs Call for Nominations

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Universal Acceptance Working Group (UASG) is announcing the call for nominations for its leadership positions. Interested candidates should send a self-nomination with a Statement of Interest (SOI) to the email UAprogram@icann.org before 23:00 UTC on 3 March 2023 for Chair position, and on 31 March 2023 for Vice-Chair position.

The SOI should include the following information:

1. Name of the nominee
2. The position contesting for (UASG Chair or UASG Vice-Chair)
3. A short bio of the nominee, covering current position and the company being worked for, relevant UA experience, motivation, expression of interest and any other relevant information.

The final list of candidates and their Statements of Interests (SOI) will be published on 6 March 2023 for Chair position, and on 4 April 2023 for Vice-Chair position.

Open Positions for Election
- One Chair of the UASG
- Vice-Chairs of the UASG (up to three positions)

The UASG Structure
The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) is overseen by one chair and two to three vice-Chairs, called the UASG leadership team. The UASG leadership team will be appointed for a two-year term with the possibility of one reappointment, i.e., the chair and vice-chairs can serve for a period of two years and no more than four in each position.

2023 UASG Election Timeline
● 20 February 2023: Accepting the self-nominations with the Statements of Interests (SOI) against Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Chair Election
● 3 March 2023: Closing self-nominations for chair.

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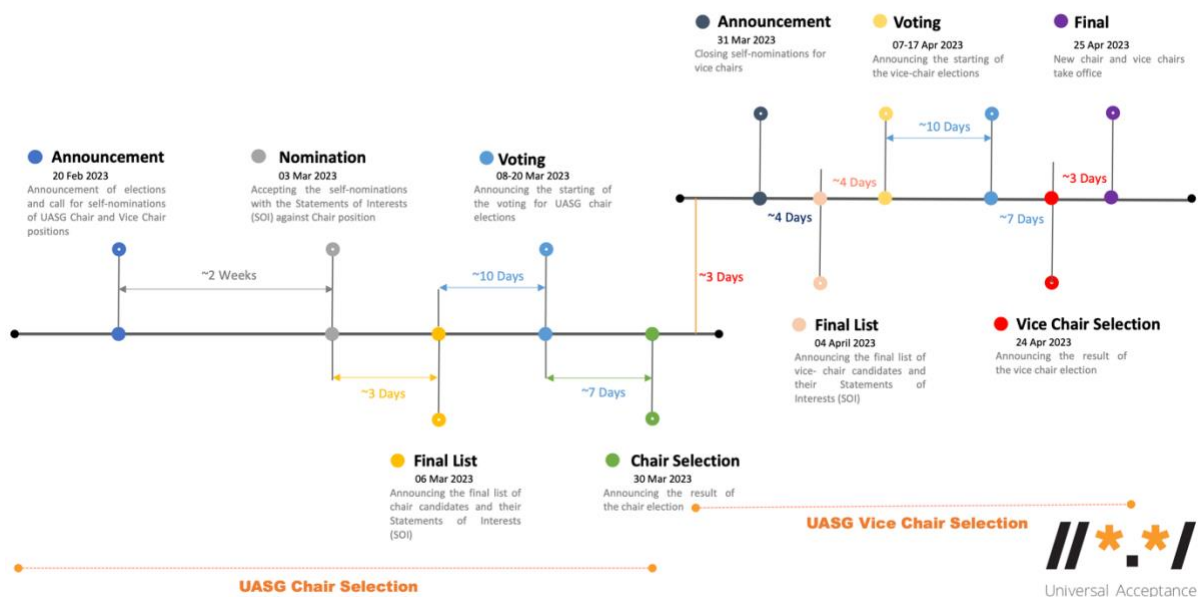visit/ www.uasg.tech /
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- 6 March 2023: Announcing the final list of chair candidates and their Statements of Interests (SOI)
- 8 March until 20 March 2023 (10 Days voting period): Announcing the starting of the chair elections.
- 30 March 2023: Announcing the result of the chair election.

Vice Chair Election
- 31 March 2023: Closing self-nominations for vice chairs.
- 4 April 2023: Announcing the final list of vice- chair candidates and their Statements of Interests (SOI)
- 7 April until 17 April 2023 (10 Days voting period): Announcing the starting of the vice-chair elections.
- 24 April 2023: Announcing the result of the vice-chair election.
- 25 April 2023: New chair and vice chairs take office.

The UASG Leadership Team Role

The UASG leadership team will be tasked with undertaking activities that will effectively promote the Universal Acceptance of all valid domain names and email addresses. These efforts target Universal Acceptance (UA) of all ASCII domain names, ASCII email addresses,

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Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) and email using Email Address Internationalization (EAI).

The role and responsibilities of UASG Leadership team includes at least the following:
- Oversee and conduct the administrative work of UASG.
- Coordinate and approve the annual plans for the UASG.
- Review and approve Statements of Works (SOWs) by WGs for the UASG.
- Review and approve UA Local Initiative proposals.
- Review and approve UA Ambassador applications and re-appointments.
- (Re-)Appoint UASG WG Chairs and Vice-Chairs based on WG nominations.
- Review technical reports developed by SOWs.
- Monitor progress of UASG work and operations.
- Outreach to the community on behalf of the UASG and report at ICANN meetings.

For detailed role of each position, please see the Chair responsibilities, the Vice-Chair responsibilities, and the UASG Charter.

The Chair and Vice Chairs are volunteer roles and will receive no remuneration. In addition, the following Conflict of Interest statement for UASG applies:

> *To help avoid any perceived or actual conflict of interest (COI), UASG leaders, UASG ambassadors, members holding working group's leadership positions in the UASG, and any organization(s) affiliated with individuals in these UASG roles, are prohibited from participating in UASG Statements of Work. In addition, ICANN org COI applies.*

The positions will require the following commitments:

- Two hours per week for admin work online, including fortnightly calls.
- Attend an annual two-day F2F meeting for planning.
- Attend 1-2 ICANN meetings annually to present and engage with the community.
- Participate in additional outreach on behalf of UASG.

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