



**.US Policy Council Meeting Minutes**

**October 8, 2002 1:00 pm**

**Participants:**

Mike Palage  
Jonathan Hudis  
Claudette Tennant  
Jim Casey  
David Wascher

**Issue: New members**

The Council discussed whether to invite a representative of the Center for Democracy and Technology. The intent is to obtain additional consumer facing representation on the Council.

The members largely supported the idea of an invitation. Discussion was had as to whether CDT represents “consumers”. The Council determined that the organization is sufficiently “consumer facing”.

NeuStar was requested by unanimous agreement to invite both the CDT and the Consumer Project on Technology to become members.

The invite will be for a year term beginning upon acceptance. This will create staggered terms.

**Issue: Selection of next Council**

This issue will be tabled until January 2003. This should give sufficient time to address. Ms. Tennant noted this is a very important issue and must be carefully considered.

**Issue: Open Letter from Danny Younger**

The Council discussed the letter and noted that it raised a number of concerns. The Council discussed whether there needed to be a response at this point. Mr. Casey noted that several of the items already had been addressed. Mr. Palage noted that he had responded on several of the issues as well, but also that he made clear he was not speaking on behalf of the council.

The Council agreed unanimously that it would, going forward, post the agenda to the meetings on the Policy Council page on the NeuStar website.

Ms. Tennant asked whether a formal policy was needed on responding to the Public Forum. Members noted that the council has agreed that NeuStar would monitor the Public Forum for issues that must be considered by the Council. This was deemed sufficient as there has been very little traffic on the Public Forum.

**Issue: .kids.us update**

Mr. Casey provided an update of kids.us efforts, noting that NeuStar is committed to implementing the space.

The council agreed that further council comment on the kids.us policy guidelines would be appropriate. Discussion was had as to the best approach for providing comments. The Council decided that Council approved comments rather than individual comments was most appropriate.

Ms. Tennant agreed to take a first cut at comments and the Council would work from these comments. Mr. Casey agreed to resend the document, any comments received and Mr. Hudis' comments from early September. NeuStar will create compiled comments.

Mr. Palage asked whether the proposed policy would prevent links outside of kids.us. Mr. Casey confirmed that this is the case. Mr. Palage noted the extreme difficulty of enforcing this Policy.

Discussion was had on appropriate kids.us model and best approach to launch. Mr. Palage recommended limited eligibility in initial test-bed. Example, only government pages. Mr. Casey noted that this might not satisfy government desires for space, but worth consideration. Mr. Hudis noted constitutional concerns with limited eligibility and with space in general.

**Issue: usDRP Report**

Mr. Hudis inquired as to status requiring usDRP report from providers. Mr. Casey indicated that he had not yet completed this item. Mr. Hudis noted that the Council should receive report before end of council term.

Mr. Hudis agreed to write up list of what items should be addressed in the reports.

**Issue: WHOIS Data Policy – ICANN Gateway**

Mr. Palage advocates adoption within .us of the WHOIS data accuracy gateway policy and process adopted by ICANN. Place the burden of data accuracy appropriately on registrars and registrants. He noted that FCC and DoC have reacted positively to policy.

Mr. Hudis asked that Mr. Palage provide written proposal given complexity of item. Mr. Palage noted that the motion basically would be that NeuStar adopt and implement in a manner similar to ICANN.

Ms. Tennant noted concern regarding the ability of individuals to speak anonymously on the Internet and what impact the WHOIS policies have on this right. Mr. Palage noted that Go Daddy, an Internet registrar, offers a WHOIS proxy product to address such concerns. Mr. Casey noted that the service was legal under the .US Registrar contract.

Mr. Palage and Mr. Wascher agreed to draft a policy proposal and submit it to the counsel. Mr. Hudis asked for the document by the end of October.

### **Issue: Nexus Dispute Policy**

The Council considered the issue of whether a .US nexus challenger must show “rights” in the domain name that is the subject of a challenge prior to being granted the name following a successful nexus challenge.

Mr. Wascher noted that usDRP already addresses rights in a name. Nexus is a different issue.

Mr. Palage stated his position that there is no need to prove rights in a name.

Mr. Palage made the following motion:

The Nexus policy should allow a challenger to obtain the subject domain upon a successful challenge. No additional evidence of rights in the name should be required.

The Council asked that NeuStar post the revised Nexus policy for a two-week period to allow public comment. Following review of public comment, the Council will formally vote on a finalized document.

### **Issue: Next Meeting**

The next Council meeting will be held November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

Meeting Adjourned.