



Quarterly Report of the usTLD Stakeholder Council – Q2 2015

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Overview

The work of the usTLD Stakeholder Council in Q2 2015 kicked off with the usTLD Annual Stakeholder Town Hall. The Town Hall solicited community feedback into .US, it's policy, it's brand, and other matters from a wider range of stakeholders with interests in the .US Top Level Domain. The Town Hall had fifty attendees, including nine councilors and twelve Neustar employees. Inputs received during the Town Hall have guided future Council work.

The Council also advanced outstanding issues related to the .US suspension, publishing for public comment its plans to formally recommend the continued suspension of the kids.us third-level namespace through the end of the current .US contract term.

The Council continued its system of having individual councilors present on their business or focus area. Tom Barrett presented on behalf of EnCirca, and Bryan Britt was asked to provide a presentation about the legacy namespace during the first meeting of Q3 2015.

Council Recommendations

The usTLD Stakeholder Council did not provide any formal recommendations to Neustar or the Department of Commerce during Q2 2015.

Other Informal Input Provided

The usTLD Stakeholder Council did not provide any other informal input to Neustar or the Department of Commerce during Q2 2015

Membership Update

No membership changes were made to the Stakeholder Council during Q2 2015.

Summary of Public Comments

From May 14, 2015 to June 13, 2015, Neustar ran a comment period on the usTLD Stakeholder Council's proposed recommendation to maintain the current suspension of the kids.us namespace through the end of the current contract term, including option periods. The comment period also sought input on other ways through which Neustar and the Stakeholder Council can leverage .US to promote quality content for children and support digital literacy.

The Council received one comment from James Gannon of Cyberinvasion. The comment by Mr. Gannon made three major points. First, the comment supported the continued suspension of kids.us. Second, it recommended an annual review by the Council to determine whether continued suspension is warranted. Third, it recommended that the Council consider leveraging .US to advance cyber security awareness in K-12 education.

The Council will consider this comment during its first meeting of Q3 2015.

Summary of Topics Under Council Consideration.

.US Public Stakeholder Town Hall

On April 22, the Council held its first annual Public Stakeholder Town Hall to solicit community feedback into .US, it's policy, it's brand, and other matters from a wider range of stakeholders with interests in the TLD. The Town Hall had fifty attendees, including nine councilors and twelve Neustar employees.

The Stakeholder Council covered three agenda items during the meeting:

- Me, you, and .US, The .US brand and how it can support your community or business;
- Stakeholder Participation at the Local Level, Participation in .US as a window for participating in Internet governance; and
- Beyond kids.us: The next generation of youth engagement and participation in .US.

Crystal Peterson, Neustar Director of Channel Marketing also presented on ongoing initiatives that Neustar was undertaking to promote .US to the small business community.

A survey was conducted to see what the highest-interest policy topics were for participants in the Town Hall. The results were:

- Privacy/Proxy Restriction – 45.4% (10 votes)
- .US Nexus Policy – 31.8% (7 votes)
- Locality Namespace – 18.1% (4 votes)
- Introduction of IDNs (0 votes)
- Other – 4.6% (1 vote)

The results supported the high-interest in the Nexus Policy and Privacy/Proxy Restriction

Several specific concerns were raised with respect to the Nexus Policy. These included confusion around which registrants were eligible under Nexus Category 3. Another concern was about the first Nexus category, and the fact that it effectively excluded millions of residents in the United States that were neither citizens nor permanent residents. One participant suggested in the chat that an additional Nexus category should be introduced to cover registrants with an expressed interest in the United States.

The Town Hall concluded in an Open Floor session during which participants A range of other constructive for future Council discussions or other improvements to .US emerged including:

- Creating a public listserv to allow interested stakeholders to provide continued input into Council ongoing and other policy activities in .US;
- Marketing alternative usages of .US, such as domain hacks, particularly to potential users in foreign markets;

- Outreach to international Chambers of Commerce in addition to current initiatives with national Chambers of Commerce to promote .US to registrants eligible under Nexus Category III;
- Reviewing Seven Dirty Words Policy and potential implications for freedom of speech on the Internet;
- Reconsidering appropriateness of the requirement that name servers be located in the United States, given the high usage of Anycast servers;
- Introducing non-ASCII registrations to .US.
- Revising Nexus Category III to improve clarity to foreign registrants with interests in registering in .US;
- Introducing an additional Nexus Category to permit registration by individuals or entities with interests in the United States;
- Revising to Nexus Category I to enable registrations by United States registrants that were neither United States citizens nor permanent residents;
- Reviewing on Privacy/Proxy services in .US and implications for the safety and privacy of .US registrants; and
- Undertaking activities to educate the public about cyber risks and cyber bullying.

These recommendations have been used to guide subsequent Council meetings and agendas. Findings from the Town Hall and plans for how to apply feedback going forward were summarized in the usTLD Stakeholder Council Annual Report.

Kids.us Suspension

The usTLD Stakeholder Council published its proposed recommendation to continue the ongoing suspension of the kids.us namespace. In its discussions, the Council determined that the appropriate time frame for the recommendation would be to extend the suspension through the current contract term. In its comment period, the Council sought expressions of support or non-support for maintaining the suspension.

Consistent with the recommendations of the Kids.us Education Advisory Committee and the usTLD Stakeholder Council Charter the Council also sought public feedback on other ways that the usTLD could be leveraged to promote quality content for children, support digital literacy and help to prepare America's next generation to compete in the digital economy.

Further progress on the recommendation was paused for the remainder of Q2 pending the Council's ability to discuss input received during the comment period.

The Council will also take into account suggestions made for how to promote positive experiences for kids in its subsequent work and discussions.

Blogs and Media

In Q2 2015 the following blogs and press were published in relation to the usTLD Stakeholder Council:

- *.US Policy Blog – Save the Date: .US Public Stakeholder Town Hall*
- *.US Policy Blog – Join .US on Wednesday April 22 for the Public Stakeholder Town Hall*
- *.US Policy Blog - Comment Period Open on Kids.us Suspension*
- *Domain Name Industry News – Suspension of Kids.us to Open Comment*
- *Bloomberg BNA – The Kids.us Are Not All Right*

The full blog contents can be found in the appendices section.

Summary of Meetings

May 4, 2015 Meeting

The Council reviewed next steps entailed in recommending the permanent suspension of the kids.us namespace including:

1. Conducting a council vote;
2. Carrying out a public comment period; and
3. Internal review by Neustar.

The Council agreed that the recommended suspension should be for the remaining contract term, including applicable extensions, and advised the secretariat to move forward with the above steps by initiating a Council vote and comment period once the vote was finalized.

The Council discussed how to prioritize issues and suggestions raised during the usTLD Public Stakeholder Town Hall. Several considerations were raised including the affect of each of these policies other changes on actual .US registration volumes and also any other public policy or public interest considerations.

The Council agreed to maintain a public listserv for parties interested

May 27, 2015 Meeting

The usTLD Stakeholder Council held a call on May 27, 2015. The Council briefly discussed the creation of the .US Public Listserv as well as the open comment period. Discussion focused on next steps to move forward with the outputs of the usTLD Public Stakeholder Town Hall. The Council supported further interaction with registrars to determine how to prioritize different policy changes, and assess their impacts on registration volume and other policy implications.

The suggestion was also raised to prepare a white paper to further develop potential changes to the .US Nexus Policy and Privacy/Proxy restriction. The Council agreed to have a discussion on the locality namespace on the next Council call.

June 22, 2015

The June 22 meeting was rescheduled to July 2 due to a conflict with the ICANN 53 Public Meeting, which affected multiple councilors. As such, the minutes will be reflected in the Q3 Stakeholder Council Quarterly Report.

Deadlines for Q3 2015

Deadline	Deliverable/Action
July 31, 2015	Submission of Q2 2015 Quarterly Report

Appendices

Appendix 1: Proposed Recommendation for the Suspension of the Kids.us Namespace

The following comment period was published through the usTLD Stakeholder Council Website at <http://www.neustar.us/ustld-stakeholder-council/suspension-of-kids-us-namespace/>

The usTLD Stakeholder Council (“Council”) is seeking public comments on its recommendation to maintain the suspension of the kids.us third-level namespace for the current term of the .US Contract. Under the suspension, the existing page found at www.kids.us would be maintained; no registrations within kids.us would be permitted, nor content developed for the kids.us namespace.

On May 14, 2015 a majority of the Council voted to maintain the ongoing suspension of the kids.us namespace for the current contract term due to historical context and the inability to drive usage of the namespace within the existing policy framework.

The recommendation to suspend the kids.us namespace follows a recommendation in the [Kids.us Education Advisory Committee \(“Committee”\) Final Report](#) that Neustar and the Council should maintain the existing suspension. After several meetings the Committee, comprising experts in online education and childhood development, determined that the required policy framework for kids.us was overly restrictive and unsuited for today’s internet landscape.

Background

The kids.us namespace is governed by a restrictive policy framework established by Congress in the 2002 Kids.us Implementation and Efficiency Act, which, among other requirements, sets forth the following for kids.us:

- Content restrictions prohibiting mature content, pornography, inappropriate language, violence, criminal activity, hate speech, drugs, weapons, gambling, alcohol, and tobacco;
- A prohibition on hyperlinking outside of the kids.us zone;
- Tight restrictions on the use of two-way messaging services;
- A requirement to offer educational and informational content; and
- A content review of all domains in kids.us.

Due in large to this restrictive framework, the kids.us namespace saw few and declining registrations and active websites, despite discounts on registrations and efforts to promote the namespace to children’s content providers. By 2011, the number of registrations was down to 651, with only six active websites, all of which were by providers with a more robust presence on another top-level domain. In aggregate, these sites garnered only 470 unique visitors per year.

In light of these conditions, in 2012 Neustar requested and was granted by the Department of Commerce a temporary suspension of the namespace; new registrations were halted, and existing registrations were either allowed to lapse or terminated with refund.

Though the option to suspend the namespace is provided for in the initial legislation, the restrictive framework can only be changed by a subsequent Act of Congress to revise the existing legislation. This condition makes it difficult and unlikely that the policy framework can be revised in such a way that would drive registrations.

Promoting quality content for children, supporting digital literacy and helping to prepare America's next generation to compete in the digital economy are of the utmost priority to the Council, as is reflected in the [Council Charter](#). Notwithstanding, we believe that these efforts would be better applied elsewhere in the .US, than within the existing kids.us framework or on undertaking to change this legislation and are consistent with the request to suspend kids.us with for the remaining term of the .US Contract.

Questions

The Council is seeking public comments on the following questions:

- Do you support the continued suspension of the kids.us namespace for the term of the .US contract?
- How should .US and the Stakeholder Council promote these same goals in today's internet landscape?

Comments will be published and provided to the usTLD Stakeholder Council and Secretariat for consideration. Comments or questions can be provided by emailing stakeholdercouncil@neustar.us.

Additional background on the Kids.us Education Advisory Committee, including its [Final Report](#), can be [found here](#).

More information on how to participate in the activities of the usTLD Stakeholder Council can be found on the [Council website](#).

Appendix 2: Save the Date: .US Public Stakeholder Town Hall (April 22 1-3 ET, 0-12 PT)

Published in Neustar's .US Policy Blog at <http://www.neustar.us/save-the-date-us-public-stakeholder-town-hall-april-22-1-3-et-10-12-pt/>

.US is the top-level domain for the United States of America. As stakeholders in the .US ccTLD, we all share a vested interest in making sure that .US continues to be a vibrant namespace that reflects the diversity, creativity and success of our people. As the Internet continues to grow and evolve, it's important that the .US domain does too.

To meet these needs, Neustar and the usTLD Stakeholder Council plan to hold a virtual .US Public Stakeholder Town Hall Meeting. The Town Hall will take place on April 22, from 1 to 3 Eastern, or 10 to noon Pacific and will provide an opportunity for community-led discussion on how to build and grow the .US domain brand to meet the demands of the future.

We hope you'll take the time to join us for the Town Hall by registering here and take the time to provide input in advance of the meeting by completing our survey.

In addition to an "open floor," where your thoughts, suggestions and questions can be addressed, we plan to focus on three key topics:

- Me, you & .US: the .US brand and how it can support and engage your community or business;
- Multi-stakeholderism at the local level: public participation in .US policymaking as a window for participating in Internet governance; and
- Beyond kids.us: the next generation of youth engagement and participation in .US.

The meeting will take place virtually, and details will be circulated to all registered participants in advance of the meeting.

Appendix 3: Join .US on Wednesday, April 22 for the Public Stakeholder Town Hall

Published in Neustar's .US Policy Blog at <http://www.neustar.us/join-us-on-wednesday-april-22-for-the-public-stakeholder-town-hall/>

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Appendix 4: Comment Period Open on Kids.us Suspension

Published in Neustar's .US Policy Blog at <http://www.neustar.us/comment-period-open-on-kids-us-suspension/>

The usTLD Stakeholder Council is seeking comments on its recommendation to continue the suspension of the kids.us namespace through the end of the current .US contract term.

The recommendation follows a [report](#) of the Kids.us Education Advisory Committee advising that the restrictive namespace was not built to thrive in today's Internet landscape and should remain suspended. A temporary suspension of the kids.us namespace has been in effect since 2012, following a dramatic decline in usage of the namespace.

As part of the comment period the Stakeholder Council is also seeking comments on how .US can be leveraged to support America's next generation.

Further details and background can be found on the [comment page](#) and comments can be provided through June 13, 2015 by emailing stakeholdercouncil@neustar.us.

Appendix 5: Suspension of Kids.us Open To Comment

Published in Domain Name & Industry News at

<http://www.internetnews.me/2015/05/16/suspension-of-kids-us-open-to-comment/>

Neustar, which has the contract with the US government to run the .us ccTLD, has opened a public comment on the kids.us namespace.

The usTLD Stakeholder Council, of which I am a member, has recommended that the current suspension of the kids.us namespace be maintained indefinitely.

The rationale behind this is pretty simple. While the underlying concept behind kids.us is positive, the restrictions that ended up being put in place were such that it was impractical for most entities to even try and acquire a domain under .kids.us

The more official way of wording it is:

due to historical context and the inability to drive usage of the namespace within the existing policy framework.

Here's a breakdown of the restrictions imposed by the policy:

- Content restrictions prohibiting mature content, pornography, inappropriate language, violence, criminal activity, hate speech, drugs, weapons, gambling, alcohol, and tobacco;
- A prohibition on hyperlinking outside of the kids.us zone;
- Tight restrictions on the use of two-way messaging services;
- A requirement to offer educational and informational content; and
- A content review of all domains in kids.us.
- When all of these things were decided on back in 2002 they probably seemed like a good idea. It was a time before the rise of mobile apps, social media and much much more. Personally I've no idea how you could create a "safe" online namespace without putting a huge burden on the registry operator and imposing heavy burdens on anyone trying to create content. I'm not saying it's impossible, but whether it's practical or not is the real question.

You can find more information about the comment period as well as background documents [here](#).

Appendix 6: The Kids.us Are Not Alright

Published in Bloomberg BNA at <http://www.bna.com/kidsus-not-right-b17179926568/>

Way way back in 2001, before Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and iPhones transformed the Internet into the children's paradise it is today, concern over child online safety was palpable in Washington.

A two-term congressman from Illinois had an idea: create a new, kid-friendly top-level domain for educational and other wholesome purposes, restricting any form of objectionable content within that TLD.

H.R. 2414, the Dot Kids Domain Name Act of 2001, embodied the congressman's aspirations:

The new domain shall be available for voluntary use as a location only of material that is considered suitable for minors and shall not be available for use as a location of any material that is harmful to minors.

H.R. 2417 directed the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to work with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers to secure the creation of the new top-level domain for kids. In order to motivate NTIA and ICANN to get on the stick and create the new TLD, H.R. 2417 provided that "ICANN may not establish any top-level generic or country code Internet domain that has not already been approved by ICANN on or before the date of the enactment of this Act until after the new domain provided for under such plan has been established."

Unfortunately, there was a small problem with this approach. Actually, three problems: one large, two small.

First, NTIA lacks the authority to direct ICANN to create a new top-level domain.

"The Department of Commerce does not 'regulate' ICANN," Nancy J. Victory, then-Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Telecommunications and Information, told the Commerce Committee in 2001. "The Memorandum of Understanding very clearly leaves the selection and introduction of new top-level domains to the private sector-led process within ICANN."

Victory mentioned two other reasons to eschew the command-and-control approach. The government believed that there would be international fallout if the NTIA was viewed as controlling ICANN. Other governments would be resentful, she said.

Victory's third reason was the view that NTIA should not take on the responsibility of regulating the content of websites within a kid-friendly TLD.

With these concerns in mind, committee members backed away from H.R. 2417, expressing support for a substitute measure that would require the creation of a .kids sub-domain within the .us top-level Internet domain.

Eventually, H.R. 2417 died. But it came back in the next Congress as [H.R. 3833](#), the Dot Kids Implementation and Efficiency Act of 2002, eventually becoming law, but not before Congress added numerous restrictions on .kids.us:

- strict content controls within the namespace;
- a ban on hyperlinking outside .kids.us;
- content reviews on websites within .kids.us;
- privacy-based restrictions on data collection; and
- a mandate for websites to offer educational content.

The .kids.us sub-domain was also subject to the prohibition on privacy/proxy services applicable to all of the .us top-level domain.

The [committee report](#) (pdf) for H.R. 3833 provided:

The Committee expects that the '.us' country code will be remarkably profitable, and also expects the '.kids.us' domain to be successful.

Wrong.

On May 4, the usTLD Stakeholder Council, an expert group picked to administer policy for .kids.us, proposed to [suspend registrations in the .kids.us namespace](#). Basically, to shut it down.

The council explained:

Due in large to this restrictive framework, the kids.us namespace saw few and declining registrations and active websites, despite discounts on registrations and efforts to promote the namespace to children's content providers. By 2011, the number of registrations was down to 651, with only six active websites, all of which were by providers with a more robust presence on another top-level domain. In aggregate, these sites garnered only 470 unique visitors per year.

Just 470 unique visitors. That's a .ghosttown.

A longish explanation of the council's proposal, and a discussion of numerous alternative uses for the .kids.us namespace, can be found in their [2014 report](#).

The council's proposal to shut down .kids.us is open for public comment until June 13, 2015.

So who was this well-meaning legislator? None other than Rep. John R. Shimkus, author of [H.R. 805](#), the DOTCOM Act of 2015, a measure that would prevent NTIA from completing the IANA functions stewardship transition until the U.S. Comptroller General completes a report on the matter.

Even though .kids.us will be shuttered, supporters of kid-oriented namespaces should take heart. There will be a .kids (or .kid) top-level domain someday. Within ICANN's new gTLD program, there are two applicants for the .kids top-level domain (Dot Kids Foundation Ltd. and

Amazon), and a single applicant (Google) for the .kid top-level domain. All are in a contention set.

Appendix 7: May 4 Stakeholder Council Meeting Minutes

The Secretariat took a roll call, and noted regrets from Scott Harris, Becky Burr, Tom Barrett, and Phil Corwin.

Stephanie Duchesneau provided general business updates. The Quarterly Report was provided to the Department of Commerce for Q1 2015. Additionally, a draft of the usTLD Annual Report was circulated, pending further input from today's call about next steps for incorporating inputs from the Town Hall.

Shane Tews initiated a discussion of the next steps for kids.us and asked Ms. Duchesneau to provide an update on the current status of the namespace and next steps. Ms. Duchesneau noted that in previous discussions the Council had unanimously agreed that the suspension of the kids.us namespace should be maintained, but that there were still several steps to making the suspension permanent or "indefinite" including:

Conducting a Council vote to make ensure majority Council support for a recommendation to make permanent the suspension; and

Carrying out the 30-day public comment period and review/address comments received.

Beth Bacon noted an additional step per the usTLD Stakeholder Council was for Neustar to review the recommendation and provide it to the Department of Commerce. Ms. Bacon additionally suggested, with input from the NTIA's Counsel, that the recommended suspension term be for the remainder of the existing .US Contract. No concerns were raised. Ms. Duchesneau suggested that, in addition to seeking input about whether the suspension was supported by commenters, that Neustar seek input about the continued effort for how to support digital literacy and educational content in .US, in line with the Council Charter.

Ms. Duchesneau recommended targeting Monday, May 11 to begin the Public Comment Period. Ms. Rose suggested that a slightly longer period be provided given the number of Councilors traveling this week, to facilitate document review and that notice text be drafted to let people who would not otherwise navigate to the Council page know about the comment period. It was agreed that the Council would aim to start its comment period on May 13. Ms. Duchesneau agreed to prepare the Public Comment text as well as the notification language in advance.

Discussion turned to a review of the .US Town Hall. Several Councilors expressed pleasure with the active participation from participants on the Council. Karen Rose noted that a representative from one of ISOC's North American Chapters had recommended a briefing to the Chapters about .US, suggesting an interest in the public in staying involved in .US policy discussions.

Ms. Duchesneau noted that she had consolidated recommendations received during the Town Hall in the Annual Report but that she did not believe that any of the issues would be ready for a formal recommendation to the Department of Commerce, given that thorough consideration would need to be given to implications of these recommendations. In line with the previous

policy surveys the Nexus Requirements and the Privacy/Proxy restriction were the highest priority topics, though a range of other input was provided suggesting a relatively broad knowledge of and interest in .US policies.

Cognizant that it would be cumbersome to take up the full slate of issues at once Alex Deacon asked how issues would be prioritized, and whether there were studies on the Nexus and the Privacy/Proxy restriction that could help prioritize what issues to take up first. Michele Neylon suggested that it might be wiser to take up the Nexus Requirements, given that much of the input was around possible clarifications to the policy, rather than a full-scale overhaul. James Bladel suggested that it might be useful to reach out to the .US channel network to see whether registrars had experience with the interrelationship with .US policies and registration trends. He noted that, in reaching out to registrants, Neustar and the Council should be careful to both account for varying priorities across registrars and to phrase questions so as to also seek out input of other issues that might be affecting registrations, such as commercial incentives to promote .US versus other TLDs. He agreed that a good first step as to look to the channel network about where these priorities lie. Ms. Rose suggested that the Council also consider the recommendations through a public policy lens, and not just with the mind to increase registrations, adding that a policy like the introduction of IDNs might be supported by these goals even if registrations did not expand greatly as a result.

Ms. Tews asked what the planned frequency for the Town Halls would be. Ms. Duchesneau suggested that the Town Hall was intended to be an annual event, but that it could be supplemented with more targeted events such as the ISOC briefing recommended by Ms. Rose to target factions of the .US community; she added that the intention going forward was to encourage public input into the regular meetings of the Town Hall.

Ms. Duchesneau raised a suggestion that was brought up during the town hall that the Council create a public list; she personally endorsed the recommendation as it would facilitate communication with interested stakeholders about calls, comment periods, and other activities, when compared with more dispersed promotional efforts. Michele Neylon supported this suggestion. Ms. Duchesneau called for any objections to the recommendation and agreed to create a public list.

Ms. Tews recommended that, in the vein of previous updates provided by registrar members that an update on the locality space be provided. Several councilors echoed this interest. Ms. Duchesneau indicated that Bryan Britt had previously suggested he would be willing to present on this topic. Ms. Tews asked that Ms. Duchesneau reach out to Mr. Britt to see whether he could present at one of the next two council meetings.

Ms. Tews called for any other business, Ms. Duchesneau reviewed the action items, and the meeting was concluded.

Action Items

- Stephanie Duchesneau to circulate minutes;
- Stephanie Duchesneau to conduct electronic vote on kids.us suspension;

- Stephanie Duchesneau to prepare public comment language regarding kids.us suspension;
- Stephanie Duchesneau to prepare a public notice about kids.us comment period;
- Stephanie Duchesneau to reach out to Bryan Britt about a presentation on the locality space; and
- Stephanie Duchesneau to update Annual Report to reflect council discussion, and prepare initial discussion questions for some of the issues raised during the Town Hall.

Appendix 8: May 27 Stakeholder Council Meeting Minutes

Stephanie Duchesneau took a roll call.

Ms. Duchesneau took a roll call and noted regrets from James Bladel, Michele Neylon, and Peter Roman.

Ms. Duchesneau reviewed the following general business items. First, Ms. Duchesneau noted the upcoming deadline for submission of the usTLD Stakeholder Council Annual Report, noting that edits had been circulated since the last call to reflect the most recent discussion around next steps. No one had input to provide through the call. Ms. Duchesneau noted that if members of the Council identified additions, edits, or other feedback, that it could be provided on-list by June 1, 2015, close of business.

Ms. Duchesneau noted that per feedback on the last council call a Public Listserv had been created. She asked whether members of the Council were interested in being added to this list, noting that she would continue to relay updates between the two listservs as was necessary. Bryan Britt requested to be added to the list, adding that it would be useful if the secretariat continued to also synthesize feedback and provide updates across the two listservs. Ms. Duchesneau agreed. Karen Rose asked whether the list would also be archived. Ms. Duchesneau noted that it was managed through GoogleGroups which retains an accessible archive, and noted that she would circulate this to the Council.

Mr. Harris opened up a discussion about the kids.us comment period, which opened on May 14 and will continue through June 13. Mr. Harris asked Ms. Duchesneau to provide an update about the status of the comments. Ms. Duchesneau noted that no comments had been received and that the comment period had been posted on Neustar .US blogs and accounts featured in a Bloomberg BNA update, and posted to original participants of the Kids.us Education Advisory Committee. Mr. Harris asked whether the NTIA would be able to publicize the comment period to draw in more attention; Beth Bacon noted that she would take this request to the NTIA press team. Ms. Duchesneau also noted that she would provide baseline text for anyone that wanted to circulate information about the comment period. Shane Tews asked about what term was referenced in the Public Comment language, following the discussion from the last call. Ms. Duchesneau noted that the Public Comment Period referred to suspending the kids.us namespace for the existing .US contract term, including any agreed option periods. Ms. Burr added that this stemmed from some interpretations that this process could have to be carried out again for each .US contract tender.

Mr. Harris asked about the status of the Delegated Manager Presentation discussed last week. Ms. Duchesneau noted that the plan was to carry it out at the next meeting and that she and Mr. Britt had been in communication about the presentation structure. Mr. Britt asked the Council if there were particular topics to be covered, noting that he wanted to begin with an overview of the history and structure of the locality namespace and take the presentation through to a discussion of current issues facing Delegated Managers. Mr. Britt added that questions or recommendations for the presentation could be provided to him via email.

Discussion turned to next steps coming out of the town hall, particularly how to move forward with input and recommendations received related to the Nexus Policy and Privacy and Proxy Restriction. Mr. Britt noted that these two issues should be handled as distinct issues and not conflated in correspondence. Phil Corwin noted an area of overlap insofar as relaxation of the Privacy and Proxy could affect current enforcement of the Nexus Policy. Ms. Duchesneau agreed that these two issues were distinct, but in some ways intertwining, and that contingencies such as the ones described by Mr. Corwin would have to be assessed and resolved in a finalized recommendation.

The group generally supported the idea of further surveying registrars for .US in attempt to determine the actual impacts of these restrictions. Mr. Barrett noted concerns that some registrars would overstate the impact of these policies on actual registration volumes, given a preference for not wanting to implement registration procedures that deviated from the norm; he added that part of the value of .US was in its differences from completely open TLDs, and that in his view to fulfill this restrictions should be more tightly implemented, not relaxed. Mr. Britt suggested that an RFP could be put out wherein registrars made suggestions for alternatives to how these requirements could be implemented and contingencies managed. Ms. Burr suggested that she and Ms. Duchesneau develop an initial matrix for what questions and metrics could be asked of the .US registrar network. Mr. Harris asked that this be done with adequate time to review in advance of the next call and it was agreed. Mr. Harris also suggested that a white paper be prepared to capture key background, input received, potential issues and fixes, and an assessment of contingencies.

The Council wrapped up its call.

Action Items

- Councilors to provide additional input on Draft Report by June 1
- Beth Bacon to look into NTIA publicizing the kids.us comment period on its social media presences
- Stephanie Duchesneau to add Bryan Britt to Public List
- Stephanie Duchesneau to circulate a list to the Public List archive
- Stephanie Duchesneau to relay information from the Public List to the Council on an ongoing basis
- Stephanie Duchesneau and Becky Burr to prepare a list of metrics and questions related to Nexus and, separately, Privacy and Proxy for circulation to .US Registrars