

**Summary and Analysis of Public Comments -
Proposed Bylaws Amendments Changing Term Ending Dates for Supporting
Organization and At-Large Selected Board Members**

Comment Period: 8 November 2010 to 8 January 2010

BACKGROUND

At its 28 October 2010 meeting following the Board Governance Committee's (BGC) recommendation, the Board directed staff to post for public comment proposed Bylaws amendments to implement the Board Review Working Group (BRWG) recommendation to alter the current timing of appointments to the Board so that all incoming Board members not selected by the Nominating Committee are seated at an ICANN Public Meeting (Meeting) which will facilitate a more orderly, face-to-face transition.

The Bylaws amendments do three things: (1) define that if a Meeting occurs between six to eight months after the conclusion of an ICANN annual general meeting (AGM), the Board seat transitions should occur then at the end of that AGM; (2) if no Meeting occurs during that time, the Board seat transitions will occur as they do now – six months after the conclusion of the AGM; and (3) require the those selecting Board members to give an additional month of notice of their selection, which will allow for more comprehensive Board committee slating to be completed before the transition in terms. The Bylaws amendments do not require ICANN to hold a mid-year Meeting.

The relevant portion of the proposed Bylaws revisions, in redline for ease of review, can be found here: <http://www.icann.org/en/general/proposed-bylaws-revision-vi-8-08nov10-en.pdf>

SUMMARY & ANALYSIS

Only one public comment was received. See: <http://forum.icann.org/lists/bylaws-amend-article-vi8>

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) submitted its confirmation that on 7 December the ALAC voted 12-0 (with no abstentions) in support of ALAC's statement that the "...proposed bylaw amendments on board member term transitions are in alignment with ALAC philosophies related to transitions. The ALAC welcomes and supports these amendments."

<http://forum.icann.org/lists/bylaws-amend-article-vi8/msg00000.html>

NEXT STEPS

This summary will be posted to the public comment forum. The proposed Bylaws amendments, approved by the Board at its 25 January 2011 meeting, will be posted shortly.

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM

At Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)