

IANA as a structurally separate division without a mind on its own

The discussion on IANA transition process at the ICG and the CWG IANA (cross community working group) has gone through an extensive process with the resultant proposals for various structural components ranging from a Customer Standing Committee and an IRP panel including an independent IANA Board; Here are some thoughts on the emerging proposal:

1. There could be a structural separation, but a notional separation, as far removed from any form of actual separation as possible
2. The structurally separate IANA organization is not to have a mind on its own or have any form of intelligence. It needs to be 'stupid'.
3. No need for any role at all in the structurally separate IANA for the IETF / RIRs / Registries (customers)/ Governments and Users.
4. No need for a CSC, no IRP not even an independent board. If the notional structural separation requires Board by that name, a Board subservient to ICANN could be constituted.
5. All Intelligent staff of any rank could stay within ICANN.
6. IETF / RIRs / Registries / Users / Governments could stay within ICANN.
7. ICANN could set in motion tasks for IANA
8. ICANN could bring about changes
 - a. by ICANN Policies that set Long Term directives and bring about the necessary long term changes within IANA as required
 - b. by ICANN Working Groups on IANA recommendations endorsed by the ICANN Board to bring about interim changes in the ongoing process
 - c. by emergency directives from the ICANN Staff from a suitable level on IANA emergency matters.
9. All IANA oversight could be by ICANN. ICANN oversight is to be by its Accountability process which could be inherently strengthened.

These comments reflect and partly alter the suggestions contained in <http://mm.icann.org/pipermail/accountability-cross-community/attachments/20150120/9331e8f9/Accountabilityexpandedasaninherentprocess-0001.pdf>

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