

## ZA Domain Name Authority

### Notes on discussion after presentation at ISPA iWeek 2004-09-08

Mike Silber made a presentation (available at <http://www.ispa.org.za/iweek/presentations.html> for download).

Q1 Ramon Thomas: Will membership ever elect Board?

A1: No. The provisions of the ECT Act represent a compromise made during its drafting. Namespace was a membership based organization. The DoC wanted control.

Q2 Theo Kramer: What is the timeline on the redelegation and policy document consultation?

A2: Slipping. Consultant in early October. Document by middle of October. ICANN process starting in next week to be done by December. Using simplified process.

Q3 Theo Kramer: Will redelegation happen before policy is set?

A3: That is what we are working on.

Q4 Alf Wiltz: Minister makes policy. DNA makes regulation. Interaction?

A4: Different types of policy. 1. DNA can recommend to Minister. 2. Global Internet conventions. 3. Appendix A to Articles.

Q5 Mike Silber: Why not open up registration at second level?

A5.1 Mike Lawrie: Clutter namespace.  
A5.2 Calvin Browne: Thousands of registrants who do not want to also register in za.  
A5.3 Jacques Pietersen: Suggest sunrise process.  
A5.4 Greg Massel: Must look at international best practice.  
A5.5 Duncan Martin: ac.za identifies a group.

Q6 Ant Brooks: Does Calvin know or suspect that registrants do not want to re-register?

A6 Calvin: Some will like it. Especially IP lawyers!

Q7 Mike Silber: Feeling on using accredited registrars?

A7.1 Greg: No specific advantages to limitation. But ISPs run nameservers and have commitment to stability and can then be held to service levels.  
A7.2 Mike Silber: Provides income for DNA.  
A7.3 Calvin: In co.za we do have a registrar level. The bar is now set at anybody who can set up nameservers that pass the test by the registration script. Should also ensure that correct holder names are registered.  
A7.4 Mike Lawrie: Two years ago over 70 % of co.za domains were broken in some way. DNA must come up with a way to ensure correctness e.g. by ongoing monitoring by registrars.  
A7.8 Calvin: Measurement included some duplication - maybe 50 %. In Europe 70 % broken, in .com ?? % broken.

Q 8 Karen Nicole: Growth?

A8 Calvin: In ten years from teens to thirtys. Estimate 30 thousand .com, .net, .org registered to South Africans. Currently 160 thousand .co.za.

Q9 Alf: If ECT Act was written around existing structure would Act have to be changed to allow direct second level registration?

A9: Would be a long process to change.

Q10 Mike Silber to Duncan Martin: View of Namespace on transition of members?

A10.1 Duncan: Obtained list from Ant and passed to DNA. Only activities during year have been recording the minutes of the last meeting and sending list to DNA. Propose dissolution of Namespace.

A 10.2 Mike Silber: In favour of dissolution.

A10.3 William Stucke: Keep Namespace active if only in name.

A10.4 Calvin: Support retaining as inactive.

Q11 Ramon: How will DNA communicate with broader community?

A11.1 Mike Silber: Suggestions?

A11.2 Ramon: Use IT media.

A11.3 Greg: Recommend mailing list for interested parties which only Board can post to.

Q12 David Peall: Is membership still open to all?

A12: Yes, procedures, cost and forms to be determined by Board.

Q13 Unknown: Do articles require a press release after general meetings?

A13: Unlikely but to be checked.

Q14 Alf: Budget line item missing on legal costs?

A14: Thanks for input.

Q15 Theo: Policy document including change process must be published before redelegation.

A15.1 Mike Lawrie: Pressure for redelegation is from him not DNA. There have been two incidents with change of nameserver. Not happy with dependency on single individual. Want something in place even if it is not perfect.

A15.2 Hasmukh Gajjar: The debate here is the same as within the Board. Need to find ways to communicate with community. Technical team ready to move. Board requires documentation. Need to work on input that gives DNA community respect. Want membership to grow. This is your Board. It will work in the best interests of the country.

Q16 William: Is this the appropriate place to announce date of next DNA special meeting?

A16: No. Better information will be available after the workshop with a consultant in early October.

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