

## **Suggestion 2016.14: Non-Incumbent Board of Trustees Candidate Requirement**

Description: In light of the BOT's activation of the appointment process (appointing Merike Kaeo to the ARIN Board for a one-year term);

and given that the appointed Board member is restricted by the bylaws to a one-year term;

and given that the bylaws do not restrict the appointed Board member from running for an elected seat on the Board while seated on the Board;

and given the Charter of the Nomination Committee, paragraph 3.0, section C, allows only the number of open (electable) positions on the Board plus 1 but no more than 2 ...

I request the Charter be amended prior to the seating of the 2017 NomCom to allow more than a single non-incumbent candidate to run for election to the Board in the case where two elected Board members are nominated for the Board election and one appointed Board member is nominated for the Board election. This already potentially affects the 2017 election (two elected members have expiring terms [Denton and Woodcock] and one appointed member will have an expiring term [Kaeo]. It also may affect future elections in years where the Board has a seated appointed Member.

Value to Community: Fairer elections, allowing the community to decide to vote for more change, or better candidates, or more diverse candidates.

### **Initial 16 November 2016 Response**

Thank you for your suggestion, numbered 2016.14 upon confirmed receipt. As we understand it, this suggestion recommends the Charter of the Nominating Committee (NomCom) be amended so that there are multiple non-incumbent candidates on the Board of Trustees slate.

Given that committee-related matters are under the authority of the ARIN Board of Trustees, this suggestion will be provided to the Board for its consideration. This suggestion will remain open, pending next steps. Thank you for your participation in the ARIN Consultation and Suggestion Process.

### **Proposed Draft Response**

Recommended that the matter be referred to the Board Governance Committee for further consideration.