



# ICANN Board Meetings Committee

Lisbon

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# Meetings Committee Members and Charter

- Susan Crawford (Chair)
- Roberto Gaetano
- Demi Getschko
- David Wodelet

The Meetings Committee was established by resolution on 22 January 2001. It is responsible for consulting with the President and staff on selection of sites for the Board's annual and regular meetings and on other aspects of the facilities and arrangements for those meetings.

## *Other Participants:*

- Thomas Narten
- Steve Goldstein

## Request for Proposals Process

- To see history of past meetings and RFP for 2007 meetings, go to <http://icann.org/meetings/>
- Staff is always interested in hearing comments on current RFP
- It is likely that the Meetings process will change for 2008, but no final decisions have been made about that subject
- Meetings Committee is in the process of considering changes for 2008 that will be presented to the Board for discussion



## Progress since Sao Paulo Meeting

- Monthly conference calls to discuss changes to meetings structure and goals for meetings.
- Follow-up on “meeting on meetings” held in Sao Paulo – white paper posted on ICANN site at <http://www.icann.org/meetings/meetings-white-paper-20mar07.html>
- Public forum format for the first day made more interactive; emphasis on more agendas, better information about why people should go to particular meetings, public participation.

## October 2007 Meeting Status

- We regret not being able to announce the location for the October 2007 meeting at this Lisbon meeting.
- We are well aware of the urgency of this issue and plan to announce the site as soon as we possibly can – within a couple of weeks of the end of this meeting at the latest. We apologize for any inconvenience this late announcement may cause.

## Looking Forward

- Persistent public participation site at <http://public.icann.org>. Please join. Thanks to Kieren McCarthy.
- We will continue to have meetings about meetings. Please send comments to [meeting-suggestions@icann.org](mailto:meeting-suggestions@icann.org).
- ICANN communications are improving, and we plan to produce more explanations of issues, early agendas, cross-cutting forum ideas, etc.
- We are trying to reach a goal of “excellence of meetings.”