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RE: 2023 Global Amendment to the Registry Agreement (RA) and the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) to Add the Contractual Obligations for Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP)

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Chair, Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG)

Elizabeth Bacon
Vice Chair, Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG)

Karen Day
Treasurer, .BRAND Registry Group

Dear Ashley, Beth, and Karen,

On 20 March 2023, we passed a significant milestone by reaching the required voting thresholds for the 2023 Global Amendments to the Registry Agreement and the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement to add the contractual obligations for Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP).

This has been a tremendous undertaking involving the GDD Accounts & Services team and the respective stakeholder groups over the last several years. Thank you for your valuable contributions during the 60-day voting period among the contracted parties to help registries and registrars understand the proposed amendments, why you support the changes, and the importance of voting. Your action and responsiveness to the updates sent were instrumental in helping reach the required voting thresholds for the amendments to the RA, RAA, and .BRAND Specification 13. Without your support we may not have reached the voting thresholds we did.

As you know, this was the first time ICANN org used this process to amend the RAA and the first time that ICANN posted amendments to the RA, RAA, and Specification 13 simultaneously. This is a great representation of what our collective teams can do together.



As always, we are looking for ways to improve and would appreciate feedback from your Stakeholder Groups about the voting process. Utilizing this experience for improvement will be particularly helpful as we prepare for the [focused amendments](#) to add requirements to mitigate or disrupt DNS abuse. My team will be in touch with you to capture this information.

Sincerely,

Russ Weinstein

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cc: Samantha Demetriou, Chair, Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG)
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