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Greetings,

There is currently a running discussion on the GA list regarding the severe lack of meaningful opportunity to lodge comments in the ICANN process and the tendency toward Fidel Castro type elections. One of ICANN faces recently posted that those who did not agree with ICANN would certainly find other web-sites on which to post their dissension. I was saddened to realize that ICANN was not just ignorant and blind, but willfully refusing comment by allowing only positive commentary for them to package up and send to you as a consensus. The DOC can not hide forever behind the skirts of ICANN and must become accountable for ICANN when they know it to be a corrupt steward of the public's trust.

From how many of those "other" websites will thoughts be gleaned in order to determine a consensus? ... It is the consensus builder that has responsibility to the community at large to enable criticism and commentary to be registered from all parties. Merely suggesting the noting grievances elsewhere than where decisions will be made, such as by Roberto on the GA list, is akin to having voters write their votes in a given election on a piece of paper and throw them into a well. Yes, the voter will have expressed themselves, but they are also assured their vote will have no value or impact. If this is the opportunity offered to those who may disagree or wish to add comment to the ICANN way of handling our public trust, the resulting decision can be considered nothing other than a determination by a few to rule the rest, dressed as a consensus through deception. (Typical ICANN!)

-Karl E. Peters

P.S. See quote from the ICANN spokesperson on the GA list below:

*> I'm sure that people who disagree will have plenty of other websites who propose critical statements.
> Cheers,
> Roberto*