
YESIM NAZLAR: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the APRALO Monthly Call taking place on Thursday, the 16th of August, 2018, at 6:00 UTC.

On our call today, on the English channel, we have Satish Babu, Ali AlMeshal, Lianna Galstyan, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Amrita Choudhury, Maheeshwara Kirindigoda, Tomohiro Fujisaki, Shreedeeep Rayamajhi, Nadira Al-Araj, Yasuichi Kitamura, Kaili Kan, Amer Al Subai. And I see Suhaidi Hassan has joined us as well, as well as Justine Chew. Currently, we don't have anyone listed on the Chinese channel.

We have received apologies from [inaudible], Prateek Pathak, and Maureen Hilyard.

From staff side, we have Silvia Vivanco; and myself, Yesim Nazlar.

Our Chinese interpreters for today's call are YiYi and Sandy.

Before we start, I would like to remind everyone to state their names before speaking not only for the interpretation, but also for transcription purposes as well, please. And a kind reminder for those who are on the phone channel to use *6 to mute and *7 to unmute, please. I would like to leave the floor back to you, Satish. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU: Thank you very much, Yesim. I would like to welcome everyone who has joined this call. We have a number of important policy development

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that we would like to update you about. We also are having the Asia-Pacific regional IGF right now in Port Villa in Vanuatu in the Pacific where Maureen is presently, and therefore she is unable to join this call. Happy to have all of you here and hope you have a productive meeting.

We will now move on to the agenda item number two, which is the APRALO membership matters. This month we had one new ALS who has joined us, which is the [Cyber] [inaudible] Foundation from India. They have just been inducted as an ALS. I don't see anyone from there on the call. On behalf of all of us, community, we would like to welcome [Cyber] [inaudible] Foundation to APRALO.

The next item on the agenda is actually a very important item that we've been tracking for the last several calls. This is the At-Large Review. Cheryl has kindly volunteered to take us through her slides. Before we start, I would also like to request Cheryl, since Holly has not joined us, that she should also help us with the policy agenda items that follow [this particular] item.

But right now, we are going to the implementation of the At-Large Review recommendations. Over to you, Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you, Satish. Let me know in chat if my voice isn't clear. If we can, I think if [inaudible] has control of the slides, if you can just move to slide two.

What I want to take you through today is the very important, very exciting ICANN board resolution of the 23rd of June 2018, which was the

formalization of the ending of our first part of the ALAC review and the [starting] of the next part of the [ALAC] review work, which is the actual implementation work of what the board resolution accepted.

But, just so you all know what the board resolution accepted on the 23rd of June, it's a very [inaudible] set of whereas's and resolved's in a consent agenda. I've listed it as a link to the full part of this resolution set out of the PowerPoint presentation, and I would encourage you all to try and have a read-through at your leisure. But I want to take you through the high points and holiday moments of what Maureen and I think are the very important parts, along with Alan and of course, Holly.

The organizational review resolved, first of all, amongst many things, that it received the At-Large review final report from the independent examiner and that is all it did. It received it.

It then goes on – and feel free to move to the bold part in your reading. It then resolved to take our feasibility assessment and implementation plan that was very hard work that so many of you and At-Large in general, along with ALAC, contributed to back in mid- to late-2017 and accepted that. Then it took the specifics – the refined specifics – that were done by the At-Large Review Working Party in the implementation overview proposal and it approved those implementables.

So, what has happened is quite clearly what we need to implement is what we proposed in our update of the implementation overview proposal. So, you should all mutually pat yourselves on the bat for I think a great outcome here.

But the next most important thing is, if you can move to slide three now, is that it was also resolved in this board meeting and in this resolution that the ALAC was to convene what is to be known as the At-Large Review Implementation Working Group and that this working group will oversee the implementation process of the proposals contained in our overview document.

So, just in case you thought we didn't have enough letters to deal with, we had formed during Panama the ARIWG, which is new letters you need to learn which will stand for the ALAC Review Implementation Working Group. And it's that that I want to briefly introduce to you today.

The Implementation Review Working Group, which is chaired by our very own Maureen, which is very exciting, has Alan and myself as ex officio members on the leadership. Alan because he's the current chair still until Maureen takes over the role at the October meeting, and of course he's had a primary role in nurturing the ALAC review through its second review process. And me because I nurtured the ALAC through its first review process when I was chair of the ALAC and I also am the only one who has actually taken any part of the ICANN Organization that we've got anything to do with in terms of ALAC and At-Large through these implementations and implementation activities after a review. So, we sit there as ex officio.

Now, this particular working group has got an awful lot in front of it and some very, very specific requirements upon it. It's outlined here. The exact wording is in slide three, but if I get you to jump now to slide four, I want to point out that one of the responsibilities of this review

working group is that the board directive, the ALAC, in its resolutions to work with ICANN Org to include budgetary implications at each of the implementation steps we'll be putting together at our implementation plan. So, our plan has to incorporate a phased approach that allows for the easiest to implement and least costly improvements to be implemented first.

So, we had very specific marching orders and that may mean that we need to discuss and rethink some of our initial prioritization. We also need to note that those matters which are more expensive which will need to be addressed in subsequent budget cycles will need to come into and be dealt with the normal ICANN budgeting process, the budgeting cycle that many of us are familiar with.

But more importantly, that what we need to produce for the Organizational Effectiveness Committee is a detailed implementation plan, including these budgetary aspects where no later than six months after the resolution was adopted, which was the 23rd of June. So, we have a clock that is running.

We also have it resolved that the – I'm going to use the long form for a while – the ALAC Review Implementation Working Group is directed to provide the Organizational Effectiveness Committee semiannual written implementation reports on the progress made against the implementation plan, including, but of course not limited to metrics that we have to detail and any of the use of the allocated budgets that we've made to date. That's a very specific and quite tight set of objectives.

But now let's look at a little bit further. I would encourage you to look at the rationale as to why the board, did the board resolution [inaudible] the way it did. That is the fine print, but please feel free to read that.

What I want to take you to at the end is the structure of the ARIWG – and this is my last slide and this is my sales pitch. The function of this ARIWG is clearly detailed in the resolve. But, what it is, is to be a regionally balanced and have clear ALAC-specific components to it. So, a number of people have put their names forward. The working group page that Silvia has put in the chat will lead you to the membership list and you will see that, obviously, Holly has stepped up. She was our co-chair on the review working party. She's stepped up to be the ALAC, APRALO, or APAC representative on this review working group. But, it means we do need someone to be volunteer or volunteer themselves, be endorsed to be the regional member.

So, in today's call, I'd like you to take an action item or even make the action happen to give us a name to put in as a member from your region. They'll be the primary link from a regional perspective on the work on the ARIWG.

We expect this group to be agile. It will be meeting at least fortnightly, and later on, it will be meeting weekly. People do need to commit to the present and commit to the time this is going to take. And we are looking for a good mix of skill sets and experience, but we are hoping to find is enough people – and I believe we probably have close to enough people – with ICANN review process experience or ALAC review experience,

specifically. But, we certainly don't want to limit it to only those people who have been engaged to date.

So, that's my pitch. That's your background. What I'd like to get from you on behalf of Maureen is whoever's name is going to be typed into that membership at the earliest possible convenience.

The other thing you'll note, when you look at that membership list, is we have two other things, classes, we will be operating in an open and transparent way, as is the norm in our ALAC and At-Large world, and we will have participants from At-Large who are welcome to join our mailing list, to join any of our meetings, make any contributions to our work. But it will be on the members and it is the expectations to have members up front, present, and primarily doing the drafting and primary work.

I also thought I'd point out that these participants will have some mailing list rights, so they'll be able to [post] to the mailing list directly. But, if we have people who wish to join us, then we will not stop them joining as observers, they will have read-only. So, people from beyond our ALAC and At-Large, they will have read-only access to our mailing list.

With that, hopefully I haven't taken too much of my time over. I hand it back to you, Satish. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Cheryl, for the update on the At-Large or ALAC Review Implementation. Are there any questions for Cheryl? Cheryl, I

have a question just for clarification. Officially, is this an At-Large review or ALAC review? What's the formal name of this?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: The resolve is the ALAC review. What is bylaw mandated is of course the wording that the board will take. So, that's where we have quite specifically ... Sorry, my error. It is the At-Large Review Implementation Working Group because that's what's been noted in the review process.

SATISH BABU: Great. Thanks, Cheryl. I have a hand here from Amrita. Amrita, please, go ahead.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you, Satish. Am I audible?

SATISH BABU: Yes.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Okay. Cheryl, my question was for the ARIWG, would there be a certain number of, for example, APRALO ALSes who would be interested or what is the time that [inaudible] or the number you're looking in the working group?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you for your question. I appreciate it. We have a member structure which is two per region – one from the ALAC, one from the region - and that's the core group. They're the group that, should we ever wish to take a consensus call or make any sort of vote deliberation on anything, their voice will be counted in any such calling. But, the group is open to all, and if you are an At-Large Structure, a member of an At-Large Structure, or an individual member of a region, you are more than welcome to join us and contribute absolutely fully.

The only exception will be if we ever call a vote or a consensus call, you better hope that you've had your influence already because we'll only be counting up the views or taking a temperature of the views of the members, as such.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Cheryl, for the clarification. Are there any other questions? I think, given the fact that the reviews will be less frequent in future, the modifications or the structural changes or the functional changes that will be [inaudible] about in ALAC and At-Large and the RALOs will be here with us for quite a bit of time. That way, this is the future of the At-Large system and community. It's indeed a very important part of our future life.

Most likely I will be also volunteering as a member. Cheryl says we have to name a RALO member ASAP. We will work on with Cheryl and we will ensure that we have [inaudible] people.

I think there is a structural element that involves RALOs. I would recommend that someone from the RALO leadership team is the part of

this whole process. I see that Justine says that she wouldn't mind signing up. As Cheryl mentioned, it's open. The call is open. Amrita says she also would like to be a participant. So, please, any volunteers, please write to staff and you will be added to the list.

Now, moving on. Since neither Maureen nor Holly have been able to join us today, I am going to have to request Cheryl for some more indulgence of Cheryl's insight to help us with the policy. We also have Kaili with us, but Cheryl, if you can take us through the policy, then I will get back to Kaili and maybe Justine as well later.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

I'm happy to do so, Satish. I might just open up the screen a little larger, so I've got a small chance of seeing this incredibly fine print that's on my particular [inaudible].

At the moment, there isn't a huge amount of statements that you will be finding out as unknown. We obviously have the – and I do want to just perhaps start by saying we need more APRALO people to be directly engaged in the meetings of the consolidated policy working group that's held under ALAC's offices. You are more than welcome. You do not have to be an expert. You won't be forced into holding pens or thrown in the deep end. There's lots of nurture, support, and people to assist you. But, it is ... They do rotate the times. So, even if you can only make every second or third meeting. It's terribly important that we have more APAC people involved in that. It is that working group that many of the public comments on behalf of the ALAC will be prepared under their offices from now on. That includes many of the statements that you'll see

coming in at the moment on drafting, and that is the Unified Access Model. That will be coming under the auspices of pen holders from that consolidated group.

The very important – and clearly I am biased here – initial drafting of the responses to the initial report of the new gTLD subsequent procedures policy development process, overarching issues, and work track one to four has a closing date of 5th of September. even though it notes Jonathan Zuck as a penholder, in fact it's Jonathan and Olivier, the co-chairs of this consolidated policy working group. And there are a number of penholders in that group that are looking at writing, albeit not terribly extensive, but some responses to the very many questions that were asked in that report but that we have discussed over several meetings and have decided are of interest to Internet end users and that's the [inaudible] tests that we will be using.

The drafting, Satish I see your name next to the one on IDN variance managing in the top-level domains. I'm assuming that is coming home to roost as we speak. But you hold specific expertise on that. Under normal circumstances, ALAC does not normally go into label generation rule public comments, but on these overarching issues, we do like to have that particular expertise drawn upon, and of course we're lucky to have Satish as one of those experts.

Beyond that – and I can't seem to get to scroll now, which is extremely annoying. Thank you. That will help me slightly. Just looking I think ... The listing is quite clear for you what the ALAC has decided not to submit statements on is there. That's fair enough. That was done at our last ALAC meeting and at any subsequent leadership team meetings, the

[inaudible] of the ALAC double check on any of these things that come up during the month. There are a number of ALAC statements that are coming in for approval and [inaudible] top of your list.

But, what you should have a look at of course is these upcoming public comments and this is including some work track five that's not going to be seen in August and it will be hopefully seen towards the end of September. We have the competition, consumer trust, and consumer choice review team final report and that is in fact a substantive piece of long-term work that's gone on that you may want to have some input on. The SSAC review may indeed get a [inaudible]. I would certainly expect the registration directory services team draft report and work going on with the privacy-proxy services accreditation program.

You may find some interest also in making comments on the inter-registry transfer policy, the IRTP. I mentioned before we tend not to, unless someone can give us a darn good reason to do so, comment on label generation rules.

But, all of that work, all of those public comments, will be coming in under the auspices of this new beast, which is the consolidated policy working group, and I appeal to you again to join us. Thank you. That's it from me. I don't know if Kaili has something in specifics to the work he's been involved with.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you very much, Cheryl. Kaili, do you have an update for us? Kaili, are you muted? I'd like to request staff to see if Kaili is available. I think Kaili is typing something.

YESIM NAZLAR: Kaili is not on the phone bridge. He is on the AC only. I think his microphone is not connected.

SATISH BABU: Okay. Thanks, Yesim. Kaili's computer has a problem and he is unable to speak. So, we will go ahead before we open for questions, I'd like to ask Justine, since she's been quite active in some of this policy work, specifically on what Cheryl mentioned at the very bottom development, which is the new working group on policy, CPWG. Justine, would you like to say a few word about the CPWG and what it means for APRALO and the community? I am not sure if Justine can speak, either.

YESIM NAZLAR: Justine is not on the phone bridge, either. I saw Justine's comment there on the AC chat.

SATISH BABU: Justine says that she doesn't want to expand on it. Just that there should be more participation from APRALO. Very important point. We do have a [inaudible] in the CPWG, but we need more participation. In the last call a couple of days back, there were several requests for penholders and co-penholders. So, this could be an opportunity for many of our community members to join the policy stream because being a penholder may be quite daunting, but being a co-penholder in a group of two or three could be an easier way to ramp-up your skill.

[inaudible] mentioned that for those of us who are not native English speakers, which is the case for many of us – most of us – they have a new methodology where the staff are going to help out the non-native speakers to create these responses. I see Cheryl has raised her hand. Cheryl, please go ahead, and afterwards, Kaili.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. Thanks for bringing that up. That was a matter of business that was decided, as you know, at last night's – or last night for me at least – consolidated policy working group. I think that's, as I said at that meeting, that's going to be of great assistance for us to bring more people on board as contributors to drafting of policy.

I'll also note that it's not only limited for those who see English as their non-primary language. Not everyone has confidence in drafting or writing at some of the technical points or in a format that they feel would be worthy of ICANN. That offer for staff support is in fact available to any of the penholders, but of course we see the major benefit at the moment being for those who may feel less confident with their language skills. Thanks.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Cheryl. Kaili, please go ahead.

KAILI KAN: Hello? Can you hear me?

SATISH BABU: Yes, we can hear you.

KAILI KAN: Okay. Well, a moment ago, Cheryl [inaudible] of the policy issues that we're having right now. There's just one item that I would like to point out to our APRALO community. That is IDN variant TLD top-level domain name implementation or variant TLDs.

IDN (International Domain Names) is almost specifically provided for all Asia-Pacific regions, and especially for [in view] if we want to have the next billion users, Internet users. Most of them I believe would be from our Asia-Pacific region.

However, [inaudible] domain name has been implemented very slow and [inaudible] variant TLD. So, because of these issues not being resolved – for instance, [inaudible] because it is [inaudible] issues, that different scripts or different writing or different pronunciations of the top-level domain name actually mean the same thing, should point to the same address. However, that issue is not [inaudible] resolved and that is one of the major obstacles.

So, now, as [inaudible] ICANN come up with ten recommendations, so I strongly urge that our community will look into these recommendations and see how do these recommendations [inaudible] and whether we have any comments or any ideas [inaudible] the statement on this issue will be ... Satish will be the penholder, especially because not only he volunteered, but also because this issue is so important for our region. This is something that I would suggest our whole community to really look into and discuss about it. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Kaili, for bringing this up. I think it's a very important point and Cheryl has mentioned earlier what is the definition of variant. The problem is that DNS is very, very specific to a label, whereas human beings use languages and labels in a very [fuzzy] flexible way. So, we may use multiple strings to represent the name of a domain or a place or a thing, but DNS does not validate that multiple [inaudible] multiple ways of representing a particular object and it [inaudible].

Now, in some cases, we have two different languages, like Chinese, traditional and simplified. And even in the other languages, like the Indic languages or Japanese or Korean, there are multiple ways of writing the same thing which causes confusion to users which can be a potential security risk. Remember, it's not only for domain names. It also would apply to URLs and e-mail IDs when you have a variant.

So, these are the issues, because of which in 2010, the ICANN board said do not entertain any variance until we do two things. One is to define what a variant is properly in an unambiguous way. And two, have measures to manage this variance. So, these are the two broad objectives of this particular public comment. There are about four questions that have been posed and about six documents that represent the work done by the ICANN Org in this area. It is very technical. Anyone interested is most welcome to join this initiative. So, that is with the variant IDN gTLD and ccTLD variance.

[inaudible] that you don't even have to be a penholder. You can also contribute and collaborate with others in the CPWG. That's an

important point. I would strongly recommend that anyone interested in policy, please take a look at CPWG and participate in a few meetings and see. If you have any difficulties, please get back to us. CPWG is taking efforts, as Cheryl mentioned, to ensure that people can contribute, even when they don't have the language skills which is expected.

Are there any other questions on policy subjects? I'm not seeing anything. We will move onto agenda item number four which is on two working groups. The second one is not technically a working group. It is a subcommittee, wherein APRALO is going to participate.

The first is the Social Media Working Group. This is a sub-working group of the ALAC-level working group led by John Laprise. We have Lianna and [inaudible] who have jointly volunteered for leading this Social Media Working Group. I'd like to request Lianna and [inaudible] to tell us very briefly what they are planning to do and what support they expect from us, as part of community. Go ahead, Lianna.

LIANNA GALSTYAN:

Thank you, Satish. This is Lianna [inaudible] about this Social Media Working Group that was [inaudible] just after the Panama meeting. [Now we'd want you] to be part of this on behalf of the APRALO. I would like to say that all RALOs now have representatives. It's not a secret that, through social media, it's easier to get impact and get more engagement from members of the community ALS members and regional members. This is the reason we wanted to have this working group running and share the information and policy process, whatever

is being done, activities, on [inaudible] from ICANN Org and the ALSes as well.

We had a discussion with Amrita to establish a plan, and this is on RALO level that we should have our strategy and plan [of our] activities. Then we can share that with the RALOs what we're doing and exchange the experiences with all of the region.

We have talked with Amrita and [inaudible] having a strategy on this. There are some good ideas on it and we will use different channels of social media. [One of] our members will be active. Actually, we would use all the [inaudible] there.

And on more details, I would like to ask Amrita to go through this to explain what channels we can use. Then if anyone would have questions, we'd be happy to cover that and also I would encourage all of our members to be an active member on our social media group, whatever we have, and share the information of [inaudible]. Thank you. Amrita, over to you.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY:

Thank you, Lianna. When we are talking about social media, primarily what, as Lianna mentioned, social media be it Twitter or Facebook is quite widely used by many of our ALSes. Just as we are having a monthly newsletter coming up, wherein we have information about policy, about what our ALSes have been doing, this helps them in getting recognition. Similarly, we also have an APRALO Facebook page wherein every month or every fortnight we could have a section on meet our ALS or meet our leader, APRALO leader. Possibly, we could

have a Facebook live session where people can ask questions or we can take a particular policy and discuss it on Facebook.

Perhaps at a later stage we might also have a Twitter chat or a Twitter session highlighting what APRALO is doing or the At-Large is doing to not only help to showcase what APRALO or At-Large is doing, but to a wider audience. It [wouldn't] be restricted to just an event wherein we are tweeting. We are also having substantial discussions happening online where others also might engage.

So, these are primary thoughts in my mind. I would be happy to hear from all of you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Lianna and Amrita. I see that Nadira has raised her hand. Please go ahead, Nadira.

NADIRA AL-ARAJ:

Thank you, Satish, and thanks to the ideas generated by Lianna and Amrita. In fact, I did comment in the Skype chat of the At-Large Skype chat that in other regions, particular in the eastern Asia, there is non-English speakers. A lot of the regions, they are not based in English speaking. So, I think I would like to suggest, maybe with the help of Kaili Kan or another ALAC from that region or ask, as a group, to provide translation and [inaudible] certain area. That's my recommendation.

We are not supposed to depend only on English. We are weak in that aspect because many regions [inaudible] we have this problem as well. That's my point. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Nadira. The issue of language is important for social media. I'm not sure what we can ... Maybe we should discuss this further and put in our own volunteers, like you mentioned Kaili, and maybe there are other people who can help out as well from different countries and regions.

I am looking forward to the working group. Is there anybody in the community who would like to join this group? Please go ahead. Although it is [inaudible] speaking not social media, the newsletter is also part of the same group and the [inaudible] well now and it is reasonably well ... It's kind of [inaudible] and consumed by people in the ICANN community, which is good.

We now move on to the next item, which is the outreach and engagement subcommittee of the ALAC. We had put out an expression of interest and we had two responses. We appreciate the fact that two people have responded. That is Ali and Shreedeeep. In choosing Ali for this co-chair position, we were driven by the fact that the co-chair had to work very closely with the APRALO leadership because in order to get anything done within the RALO structure, it would be useful to have someone in the leadership team. And this is by no means to say that Shreedeeep could not have been effective in that role.

In fact, I had half a mind to take this job on myself, but later on when the notice came out, there was a discussion in the [inaudible] that the RALO chairs should not get into this. So, when Ali kind of stepped up, we

had a discussion in the leadership team and we were happy to have Ali lead this working group, or rather subcommittee.

I would request Shreedeeep to join this subcommittee and help out Ali from the APRALO perspective. I'm looking forward to participation from both of you. At this point, I would like to request Ali to speak to us about what he plans to do in this subcommittee. Over to you, Ali.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Yes. I'm honored to be on that subcommittee knowing how critical is that committee for the whole At-Large. As all of you know, this year we have a very more challenging constrain because of the budget cuts which as taken a lot from this subcommittee or sub-working group and major cuts have been done.

But, nevertheless, I will say that all of us can do more within our countries and within our region. There are a lot of events that we do within our country, within our cities, that we want to promote and make the RALOs aware about it and At-Large and ALAC aware about the local activities and events that we do within the countries, although there are some other regional events that we, on an individual basis, we participate or invited to participate. We need to record all of these things and make it clear to the ALAC team and ICANN.

So, having spoken about this, I would highly appreciate that every single event that anybody is doing within his region, within his country, please you have two things to do. Either you add it to the calendar of the APRALO or send it to me and I will add it to the calendar, so everybody knows [inaudible] that there will be an event there. Again, [if this

happened] and there is an activity, we would like this to be shared through the social committee that we have Amrita and Lianna to be added in the newsletter.

Last event I have seen, there was a good communication about this, which is something happened in Yemen and there was a good activity and we wanted that to [inaudible].

So, I'm requesting each ALS to [inaudible] and let us know about their local activities and events that they do because this is very much important. We need all of that to be gathered in our newsletters, in the social media, as well as all the ALSes and leadership team should be aware about the events that will happen. Maybe there is something that we can do or we can participate as well. This is one thing.

The other part of that is we are in the final stage of finalizing our outreach and engagement strategy for the fiscal year of 2018 and 2019, which will be posted very soon to the public on ICANN Wiki.

There will be a meeting next week on the 20th for the outreach and engagement committee. I would like to invite you all. If you have time, please join us. This is a very much important meeting. There was a lot of updates coming onto that.

There is a Wiki page for the global IGF. If any of you have submitted a work session there and if it's been accepted, please update that global IGF Wiki page that we have within ICANN, so we know about that, and if you are attending or participating there, let us know so we know who are from the APRALO ALSes are participating.

I personally have submitted one of the workshops, but unfortunately it was not approved, I think because there are a lot of [inaudible] about block chain and mine was about block chain as well.

So, from an outreach and engagement, I think this is a brief update about what's going on, and if anybody has anything, I'd be more than happy to answer.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Ali. Now, obviously, these two working groups, [inaudible] working group and one subcommittee, we have to work very closely because there is [inaudible] subject. Before I move away from this topic, as I said, we really appreciate the fact that Shreedeeep has volunteered for this. We appreciate people who step up and volunteer for things, and sometimes we have difficulty or problems with not enough people volunteering.

So, Shreedeeep, if you are interested in policy, I would suggest that you join the At-Large Review Implementation Committee and see if you can contribute in policy because our primary interest is policy. Of course, you are also welcome to contribute to the non-policy work as well. So, whatever you think is appropriate for you, from a personal, aspirational point of view.

At the same time, I'd also like to invite everybody in the community to volunteer for these kinds of position, so it's a stepping stone towards the next responsibility. Once again, I'd like to [inaudible] a good [inaudible] mechanism. These things are all open.

Cheryl, [inaudible] join as an observer currently. The APRALO member [inaudible] leadership team has to discuss and finalize. But, Shreedeeep is most welcome to join the Implementation Working Group Committee.

Also, the other point is that in order to be effective in some of these committees, you have to be exposed to [inaudible] these processes, basically. So, it helps to play a role in some committees in order to eligible to be the next committee. These are [inter-related] topics, and therefore ... Like I said, everybody is welcome, but Shreedeeep [has] volunteered already is welcome to.

We were actually talking about the Implementation Working Group, but also about the [inaudible] pointing that out. These are all open, all volunteers. And since Shreedeeep was interested in volunteering, so we were talking about all these [inaudible]. As Cheryl points out, they are open.

Are there any other comments on these working groups and working group subcommittees? If not, we will move on towards the NomCom update which is going to be provided by Nadira. Nadira,, please go ahead.

NADIRA AL-ARAJ:

I was muted. Thank you. My recent update happened this morning. I would like to thank you for Maureen [inaudible] leadership [inaudible] for the [inaudible]. Today, your nomination was [inaudible] by the ALAC members. I received an e-mail from Alan Greenberg on the appointment. So, I'm looking forward to continue my contribution.

Before, I shared the link regarding the results of the Nominating Committee. This year, the focus was to find ... Because what's going with ICANN with the GDPR, so that the focus was on the continuity and have an expert in that area.

So, from our [inaudible], we have, ICANN [inaudible] as one of the positions [to] the ccNSO. And since I'm talking about the ccNSO, also we have Laura Margolis from the ALAC appointed to that. We tried to bring experienced candidates to this for the different positions.

As for the board, since we [inaudible] for continuity, and how relevant the tasks to the current status of ICANN, we also vote ... We have two repeating candidates, Rafael Lito Ibarra from Latin America, and Lousewies van der Laan from Europe. And we have, I can say [inaudible] from AFRALO is [Tripti Sinha]. She is a new candidate. She is an expert in security and she was [inaudible] until, like once a year she was in India. So, she knows our region very well, so I can say we have [inaudible] candidates this year from our region. But, she's a US citizen. That's why she is appointed as a US citizen.

For ALAC, for this year, it was specific [inaudible] position and not America, and we are a good candidate, [inaudible]. She's in academia. I think she will [hit the wheels] as soon as she's been appointed because she's a good candidate and most of her publication [inaudible] by other publications and I think she will be added value. The same thing with [Javier] [inaudible] returning candidate.

By the way, I think we shared about the number of candidates who applied to these positions. By the way, they are not that large number.

Before doing the [inaudible], another candidate, another position was Erika Mann. She's in Europe. She was appointed to a non-voting position, non-voting member as GNSO.

And regarding for next year, what I recommendation, what was decided in today's meeting about getting engaged and that's what makes the [inaudible] for a candidate higher. That's what makes the application [inaudible] screening. Once your application passes the first screening, your chances get higher.

What I recommend, who are interested into such leadership positions, do apply even if [you didn't] pass. You will learn because you can have multiple [inaudible]. With time, you start developing your own portfolio. That's also I notice that because [inaudible] don't have any Africans as a candidate. We tried our best, but as we see it, there is a certain skill set that we needed. In fact, I want to repeat it again and I hope next year we have another good candidates and I know we do have in our region. Thank you. Back to you, Satish.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Nadira, and congratulations on behalf of all of us for your second term on the NomCom. We hope that you will continue to perform as you've been performing earlier which we are hearing [inaudible]. So, thanks for that and we're looking forward to your continued work.

We have exceeded our time now. In the AOB we had just one item, but it's already been mentioned by Ali, which is that our strategic plan, outreach plan, for financial year 19 is going to be shortly put up on the

site, the Wiki. So, please take a look [inaudible] when it comes out. Please take a look, and if you have any comments, please let us know.

Are there any urgent points that anybody would like to raise? I don't see any hands. I'd like to thank everybody who has joined, particularly Cheryl for stepping up on the policy matters and giving us an update. Thank you, all, for joining us.

YESIM NAZLAR: There is a question in the chat from Amrita.

SATISH BABU: Yeah, on fellowship. If you want to speak, go ahead.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Satish, I just had a query. There was a request for So or AC to select, to ask for people who are interested to be [inaudible] selection [inaudible]. So, I was wondering if [inaudible].

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Amrita, for bringing this up. I have been informed that Alan will be sending out a notice asking for expressions of interest for this position and we can apply at that point.

Are there any other issues? We have taken three minutes over time, so I apologize for that. Thanks again and see you at the next meeting. Bye-bye.

YESIM NAZLAR: Thank you, all. This meeting is now adjourned. Have a lovely rest of the day. Bye-bye!

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