CLAUDIA RUIZ:	Okay. Thank you all for joining. good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone. Welcome to the At-Large leadership team ALT Plus monthly call on Monday the 15th of April 2019 at 16:00 UTC.
	On the call today, we have Maureen Hilyard, Sébastien Bachollet, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Ricardo Holmquist, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Barrack Otieno, Andrei Kolesnikov, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Sergio Salinas Porto, Eduardo Diaz, Alan Greenberg, Jonathan Zuck, Daniel Nanghaka, Glenn McKnight, Judith Hellerstein, and Herb Waye, and we have received apologies from John Laprise, and our interpreters for today are Veronica and Claudia, and we have Sergio Salinas Porto on the Spanish line.
	From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber, Evin Erdogdu, Yeyim Nazlar, and myself, Claudia Ruiz on call management. And before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state their name before speaking for the transcription purposes and also so the interpreters can identify you in the other language channels. Thank you, and with this, I'll hand it over to you Maureen.
MAUREEN HILYARD:	Thank you, Claudia, and welcome, everyone. It's great to see a good team here today, and of the wider community which is going to be important for us, especially in regards to the ATLAS III work that we'll be doing, which will be one of the main things for today. It was fortunate to be able to have the ALT Plus meeting today to be able to introduce, and we would formally endorse it in the ALAC meeting itself, but to formally

introduce and launch the ATLAS III application form today, plus the information about it that people can update themselves and prepare themselves for the other associated activities with ATLAS III. And we'll be going through [all] policy activities of course, the update on preparing for Marrakech, plus I do want to introduce that now that we've got the ATLAS III up and running, I'd really like to now refocus the ALAC especially, but ALT Plus as well because they're very much involved in it, and it's looking at the review implementation working groups.

Like we've got to prepare a report for the board, and I know that there's been little progress in the work that's being done in the review because of the ATLAS focus that we've actually had over the last few months. But we want to get back to that. We've got the elections coming up, of course, and some looking at new appointments. And if there's anyone with Any Other Business they'd like to raise, if they'd like to do so now. Anything else? Alan Greenberg put his hand up.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: [Has been?]

ALAN GREENBERG: That's my official status. I just wanted to thank you for mentioning the At-Large review. In fact, Cheryl and I talked about it last week, and I was just about to send a proposal for restarting consideration of some

rather time-critical issues on the review, so you'll see that from me in the next couple of days. So thank you for [raising it first.] Bye.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. Thank you very much, Alan. Okay, so let's get into it. If I could have my PowerPoint presentation. We've been working pretty solidly over the last week to actually make sure that the information that we've got up for everyone to get going on to ATLAS III, and I know that we've got two main groups, of course, is the leadership development team, which has been focusing for – several months ago, we were actually focusing on the criteria, and it's taken us quite a long time to transform the criteria that were selected by the leadership development team subgroups into the EOIs, actual application form, and then into what we're now doing, and that's sort of preparing the whole process and making sure that people understand what the process involves and how people will be selected. It's been a pretty arduous journey, I must admit, fraught with lots of tensions, but at the same time, I'm glad we've actually been through that, because in the end, I think what we're doing is the best that we can do to ensure that all applicants get a good chance to be selected, but at the same time, understanding that the selection is for a purpose and that we must look at making sure that we're getting people who can add value to what it is that we're wanting to achieve within At-Large in the long-term, because these people hopefully will be our workers for the future, and will become more involved in the sorts of things that we want to do within At-Large, especially in the area of policy.

So after this presentation and an explanation of what it is that we're wanting to do today – and of course, it's to launch the application form – is if there are any questions, we'll go through that very quickly, hopefully, any questions on the process. If you're able to, on your laptops, if you can get into the At-Large summit home page, that someone will just put that link in there so that everyone can get into the summit page, and the home page, and that's where we will start so that we can go through this process if anyone's got any burning questions, but we will officially launch it straight after that, and all the pages will be open. At the moment, they've actually been closed while we've been preparing, but as of following this presentation, they'll be open. So if you'd like to get on to that page, we'll get started.

So this is a fairly brief introduction. And of course, this PowerPoint will be available, but it's mainly on the pages that we'll be looking at anyway, which you can see at any time. Can I have scrolling rights to this, please? The actual selection process, and the first part of this is really looking at information for the applicants themselves.

So just going through it, therefore, let's start. Our home page has actually been opened for a while, of course, but on it, there is now something that indicates that the application form is now available. We wanted that to be a focus. And if you scroll down – that's the top of the page. Scrolling down, it actually goes from the title directly into the actual application, information about the application itself, and a very brief explanation of the application on the home page.

Not too in depth, because when they click on to that application page, it gives them more information which we will go into. But also on the

home page, very importantly, we have included the ATLAS III timeline courtesy of Eduardo from the program working group, and this is his original, so it's to be updated. There have been some changes made to it. So what you're seeing here is a little bit of tweaking done on the real one. That should be on your main page now. I'm only looking at the PowerPoint.

So it'll give everybody an idea of what is actually involved in the whole process of ATLAS III right up until Montréal. So again, just making things a little bit more transparent, making sure that everybody knows when everything is going to be happening, not just for applicants but when the selection committee is appointed, what their role includes, training as well as the actual selection process, and then moving on. So, thank you to Eduardo. It's made for an interesting diagram on our home page.

So moving from there, when I click on to the application box, they will be taken to the application form, which is on the application guidelines page, and in this guidelines page, it actually looks at – it provides the application form itself and the translations of the application form which are in French and Spanish, and so that is to ensure that – the form is in English, the application guidelines provide the translation so that people can undrstnad what is being said on the English form, in case they cannot - I do understand that people may be able to speak English reasonably well, but as far as the reading and writing may not be absolutely perfect.

And we're providing the application form translated into Spanish and French to ensure that they actually understand what it is that they're answering, just to confirm that. But in the section on the application

form, it also explains what the process is, hopefully in terms that people who need to use Google Translate, they can do so to get the full understanding of what is involved.

But I think that one of the things that we have to be mindful of is that the course that takes place in Montréal will be mainly in English. There will only probably be the plenaries I think we are wanting to get interpreters for, but there's going to be lots of breakout sessions and they're going to be in English. So this is what we're trying to highlight to people now.

I think that what we aim to do is to get people who will be able to go out into the community and work with their communities on the policy issues that we're discussing, but the courses will be in English and we're just hoping that people who have that wonderful ability to be bilingual, multilingual, is going to be of advantage to us, except that we're constrained by budget, we cannot provide the interpretation across all the breakout groups that we've got, so we just have to do what we can.

Sergio, I know that your hand is up. Just leave it up and I'll go through this as quickly as I can so that we can – but leave your hand there. Thank you. Okay, just moving on to that therefore, the guidelines page then goes into a very brief explanation about the preparation courses that are going to be required, and again, because it's time as well as budget has meant that the ICANN Learn courses which we were going to use as our focus are only in English. So the program working group, the capacity building subgroup of that has been working really – Joanna and her team have worked very hard on providing the webinar program which complements the English-based ICANN Learn program, but the

webinars are going to be in English and French, will have English and French interpretation.

So, anyone who really needs to get their English and French interpretation needs to attend those webinars and their attendance will be monitored. So this is where in the application form, it does actually ask for people to indicate that they actually have attended a particular topic, whether it be an ICANN Learn or a webinar program, and they must include at least one of those, and they'll be assessed as an assessment so that their attendance is actually given a mark within the scoring matrix, which I'll discuss later.

So the prep courses are very important, and then following this particular section, it's looking at two really important tips for when they're completing their application, and the first one of course is that they must make sure that their e-mail address is accurate, because when they submit, they will be able to do their applications in stages so that they can actually resubmit their applications during the whole process. So when they submit it the first time, they will get an e-mail that comes with this at the top, but it actually allows them to edit their response and that their application is updated according to this new edit.

And when the applications close, whatever the last submission that they made, that's the one that's actually going to be assessed, but this is really important that you impress on your members, so this is the RALO chairs that they do this.

The second one, of course, is really just reconfirming again the fact that the program is going to be in English, and that if at all possible, because the selection committee may not be multilingual like some of our members are, so therefore, we're actually trying to encourage people to please write their answers in English. And don't worry about grammar or spelling or anything like that. If they can do a Google translate into English of their answers and then cut and paste it into their applications, that would be very helpful.

If they can't, we'll have to work on ways in which we'll deal with that, but that would be really helpful, so those are the two key areas. Okay, so before we go on to the next bit, I will actually deal with our queue, and we have two people, and we'll have Sergio first.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much. I'm really concerned because there's something that I think it's important to be said. We have some potential attendees to ATLAS III, and I think that most of them do not speak English. So I'm really concerned on the fact – let's say, how can we organize something that will be mostly English spoken? My answer to that, let's not think about it, let's be more inclusive in our thinking so that everyone that is willing to attend may participate. This is just what I wanted to say. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Sergio. We've been very mindful of exactly what you've raised, and if we had been able to get more of the budget to ensure that we actually had interpretation within this program, we certainly would

have done it. We're going to include them wherever we can, but it's not going to be possible because we're going to have breakout groups. We're not even sure what rooms we're going to be using, so they won't be set up, and you know yourselves the amount of equipment that is actually required to set up a meeting within any of the rooms anyway, and the interpretation is just another added expense which unfortunately we can't afford.

But we're just trying to find ways in which we can make it easy for them. But remember, we're still constrained by numbers, so at the moment, we're trying to get ten people minimum into the traveling component. Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. Two points. Number one on the webinars, since for people who cannot take ICANN Learn in English, the webinars are mandatory, and the first one is this week, we have to be really clear in the call for expressions of interest that they may want to delay for a few days by filling out that application form, but if they don't attend the webinar, which at this point will be on Thursday, they will have not fulfilled one of the mandatory requirements. So somehow we have to make that blatantly clear at the top of the email, on the first page. Otherwise, we're going to end up with people submitting applications who will be surprised that they can't take the webinar which is mandatory.

So I don't know how to phrase it and how to word it, but you're going to have to make really sure that we're clear on that. And it's not just the separate announcement of the webinar, but on the application.

The second point is on Sergio's issue. We may end up having breakouts where the breakout can be only in Spanish if the numbers suffice, if we have enough meeting rooms. Those are things that we will not be able to determine until we have the membership and know what rooms we have.

But that being said, we're looking at people who are going to be active in ICANN policy issues. Those are not conducted with translation. And therefore, despite the unfairness of it, we are looking for people who can participate in ICANN and we cannot reform ICANN completely to do that. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Alan, and you raise some excellent points. I think that on the – although I don't have [inaudible] there's a connection that goes to the courses, but yes, I will make sure that that is very clear and that they must – I think we have incorporated that, but it'll be in the important [tips.] We'll make sure that's probably at the top, and it's a message that must go out by the RALO leaders when you're actually in your meetings, please let people know about that, if they're going to apply, the webinar program, if they need to have it in French or Spanish, that webinar is the one that they have to attend. Otherwise, they're going to struggle with the English ICANN Learn courses.

Okay, Alberto.

ALBERTO SOTO: I sadly did not attend the last meeting [inaudible] procedure to define the selection criteria, but we were talking in [inaudible] meeting with Natalia Filina [inaudible] when we fill in the form, [inaudible] simply that as a matter of fact [inaudible] to that. So we have to find out some dates, when did you attend this and this meeting? So perhaps you may log into the form more than once, because otherwise, it would be very difficult to fill it in. I know this is not a possibility right now.

Then the selection would be through numbers and the name of a person, [but] in the form, you are including the [reference,] and when you include the references, you have to give names, not numbers. Well, this is what I wanted to say. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Alberto, and the whole point of enabling them to resubmit if they want to edit their application form – the application form doesn't have to be in until the 31st of May. Giving them that extra time so that they can actually do the study courses, they're given a decent time to do the study courses. If they want to do the webinars, the webinars are on twice so they've got two opportunities to undertake those webinars, and then when they're finished, they can actually go back to their form and indicate that they have completed that particular topic.

Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Hello, Maureen, thank you very much. Hope you can hear me okay. Three small points. The first one is that, just to be sure, I heard Alan

saying that the webinar now will be starting next week, to be sure that all the people who need to know about those webinars will be informed. Therefore I'm a little bit [inaudible] a short time, but we need to take that into account.

The second, as you explained that a lot of things will be in English, and that's good, maybe we have to take into account that we could have some people doing both the webinar in French or in Spanish, and the ICANN Learn in English maybe just to be more accurate with English on this item after they've got the webinar. I don't know how it will be feasible, but if it is, I think it would be a good practice to ask the people who are in Spanish or French webinar to go also in the English one even if they don't answer everything or don't redo everything.

And my third point is about language. Of course, I would have preferred to have interpretation for all the subgroup, but I understand the constraint. But we can also imagine that with people participating, the participants, we can find some solution to help the other who are less agile in English.

And my last point is that I know that we are still looking for 60 people, but if for example we have people who are not coming through this program but the fellowship program for example, how does ICANN participate, how we can be sure that they have the basics there also, and so on and so forth. Thank you very much for your attention.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Sébastien. You raised some good points. Yes, we have actually discussed that. Some people may want to do both, and they're

allowed to do both and they're allowed to indicate that they've done both. I note that – and I too have a little bit of a concern that – I know that the program group has actually been looking at this whole compulsory pre-learning course has been discussed for a long time, but I guess this first week is a real issue for us, and I did note that [inaudible] has very kindly offered that. He might want to repeat his course later on in the program and that may be another opportunity.

And as Gisella mentioned in the chat too, we have actually been looking at ways in which we can provide for the other languages and setting up a couple of rooms. I realize that, but that would be excellent. And the third thing that you mentioned about the 60+ travelers, this activity is really to choose 60 people that we will be sponsoring and that there are other people who may also be there and be interested. But I think what we're going to have to do for the others is have some sort of registration program. We haven't discussed it, but I think that because, again, the funding that we've got covers things like catering and that kind of stuff, we will need to make sure for the people who actually want to attend who were already sponsored and were going to be there that the registration process that is additional to it allows us to make sure that our numbers are accurate.

But yeah, good points. Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: Sébastien said the first webinar's next week. It is this week, not next week, so we're talking like two and a half days from now. And I believe it's mine and Olivier's webinar, not just mine.

For clarity, at one point I heard that we're giving these webinars twice in any given day to allow for time zones. Is that correct or not correct?

MAUREEN HILYARD: That is the idea, and Gisella is the one who's organizing that side of things logistics-wise, but we do want to offer it in two different time zones.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay, so that addresses Alberto's question in the chat. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes. Thank you. Okay, so seeing no more hands then, because I'm constrained by time and I've probably given more time to this than I was really officially supposed to do, but just to very quickly go over the selection process – and quickly because it involves information that the mathematical stuff that's required and the scoring matrix, but first of all, I just wanted to impress on the RALO leaders that RALO chairs requested and have been given the responsibility of selecting their regional representative on the application selection committee, they must have that person selected by the 1st of May, and there are criteria which they have been informed about as to the sort of person that we're going to need to be on that selection committee representing the RALOs.

So please, RALO chairs, if you could please make sure that you have your selected person by the 1st of May, because straight after they have been announced, they're going to be involved n a training program

which they're going to need to know about in order to do their work, which I'm going to go through just very quickly now.

The applications, when they come in, and on the 31st of May, they will be slurped into a scoring matrix, most of which is automated so that [there's very little that has to be done] by staff except for a little bit of cutting and pasting. But the matrix has been set up to basically automate the scoring of the first sections of the application form. And this amazing piece of work has been done by Justine Chew, who tells us that in a formal life, she was a financial analyst and this was the sort of work that she did, and I honestly did not realize that what Google forms and all those things could actually do.

Staff will be in charge of this section, and they've been given a training session and they'll be given some support from people within the system to help if there are any difficulties. But the scoring matrix, first of all so that the application forms are completed, the information goes into the scoring matrix. [That assesses] the first section, and then the selection committee will go through their section of the scoring matrix which will assess the section seven which is to do with the soft criteria and looking at an assessment of how the applicant – the evidence that the applicants give as to how they've been able to show that they've been actively involved in At-Large, etc. so there's a one to five, and this is an example. All examples, not real. This hasn't been done yet, but this shows you the scoring matrix and how it'll collect the data, and then that too will automatically accumulate the data for identifying and ranking the scores for each person so that what actually happens is according to the five RALOs the ranked scores will be slotted into a matrix which will identify who the ten are for each RALO and the other

ranked ones, it'll be the next ten who will make up the 60. So this is a very brief example that shows how the process is going to work. Just to give you an idea of the amount of work that has actually gone into getting this done has just been phenomenal, and we do have to thank Justine for doing this. She's given the staff some training, and we will actually have others who will be working with the selection committee when they get on board and need to have their training before they do [inaudible].

And the selection committee will only be working on section seven, but the rest is actually automated.

So that is the process, and it's what we've been working on since those very early days when the leadership team subgroups first started looking at the criteria and now we come to this stage where we're putting into place the application form and how it's going to be done. And yes, I see Sébastien's hand up.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Maureen. Yeah, a few points. First, of course, thank you for Justine, but I really want to stress that I don't like our life by algorithms, and I really feel very bad with this way of working. Mathematics and informatics are good, but not when they decide for us.

Second point, I hope that somebody with same level of knowledge as Justine have verified, not because I don't think that she has done a very good job, but because we know that a problem with how you develop an algorithm can always be difficulty once upon a time. Then I hope that it was all that was done, because I don't want to feel sorry at the end of

this, that we find out that it's going wrong. I hope it's not the case, but I want to be sure that we are not going that direction and we take all the steps to avoid this wrongdoing if any possibility. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Sébastien, and we were very mindful of that and so was Justine, and she has actually been working on this with Sandra Hoferichter and she will probably be doing a lot of the future training with the selection committee. But I can understand your concerns with regards to using – but again, a constrained timeframe, we have to make sure that we get all our applications assessed quickly. We've got other things to do, so the more automated we can make it, the better, and we're just so grateful that we had someone who had the ability to be able to do this for us so that we're not actually putting added work on to staff as well as the selection committee people. We're mindful of all your concerns, but at the same time, we're just looking at it as the best way that we can do it. Tijani has his hand up. Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Maureen. I asked about the scoring matrix before, but I was told that we will use the NomCom one, which I didn't understand, but I said yes, I will see. And now I don't know how we are scoring people, how we are scoring the skills, how we are scoring the involvement. And it will be launched today, that means that there will be no room for any change, no room for any discussion. So I think this is a very bad thing. I'm member of the group, and I am not at all involved in that. So I don't know what to say, but I am really sad that I don't know

how we will score – you may think that we have to score very high, I don't know, the fact that you are member of a working group, and very low your attendance or your participation in webinars, etc. I may have another point of view. So it is something for At-Large. This is not done for one person or by one person. So I don't understand how we have this scoring matrix without any information, without any participation, any involvement. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Tijani. And as I mentioned, Sandra Hoferichter has actually been very much involved with Justine looking at the NomCom version of it. But what we're actually wanting to do is different from what NomCom looks for, so it has been adapted, but they have worked very closely on this and you can be assured that Sandra's very much in favor of this model, and as I mentioned, we didn't have much time, we had to get something organized, it's been done, I'm very pleased with it. I think it's very good.

Now, when it comes to the scoring of the soft criteria as I have just mentioned, the selection committee, the first section is very much identifying things, so people just have to say yes or no, or click a radio button, and that just identifies all the things that they've actually been involved in.

The soft criteria that you mention is actually what will be assessed by the selection committee, and so those – and I already showed you that each person's contributions of evidence that they can show that they have been involved in a situation where they can prove that can

demonstrate the particular skill, attitude, or the sorts of things that we have identified within the groups.

I think that what we've done is we've used people who can actually produce the goods, and I think that what we've done is within the time frame, because we delayed it two weeks already to make sure that not just the application form and the matrix but also the program committee were all set to go this week. So it's really important that RALO leaders across all the leadership members really do impress on people who want to apply that the webinars start this week. If they need to attend those webinars, they must check with the program, everyone will be informed. All you've got to do is click onto the summit page, go to the online courses page, and it will actually identify what days those programs are on and what time and what it's about, who's taking them, etc.

So I'm taking into account all these concerns, and it's taken us a lot longer than I actually thought it would, but at the same time I think it's important that we've had this discussion and that there are ALAC members here, but at the same time, it's really just to introduce the program and to launch it today, and it gives us a little bit of time before the ALAC meeting just to see how it goes, and we can do some assessments when we have the ALAC meeting to review it again with progress.

But it is up to the RALO chairs, the RALO leadership to make sure this gets out to their members, so if people aren't getting that message, it's not our fault. We've got it all ready here for you to use. So let's go with that.

And if there are no further questions, then I can give Evin the okay to actually make all the information that we've been looking at public, so she will be opening up all the sections so that from now on – and I understand that social media is ready to go to start tweeting out the fact that it is open and that people can start filling in their applications and remembering that if they've put in their correct e-mail address, they will get an opportunity to resubmit as many times as they like before the 31st of May.

So having spent nearly an hour on that, I think that what we can do is to carry on with the rest of our program, and unfortunately, it's going to be very quick and absolutely speedy overview on the rest of our agenda, and I hope that you don't mind if we do go a little bit over. And Ricardo has indicated that there's some holidays on. With Easter break, I'm going on leaving Rarotonga today on a holiday myself.

Okay, so Jonathan and Evin and crew, can you give us a brief overview of what's on for policy, please?

EVIN ERDOGDU: Sure. Thank you, Maureen. And Jonathan and Olivier, please feel free to jump in at any time. I'll just do a basic run through of the latest. Recently ratified by the ALAC since the last ALAC leadership team call, this includes the time since ICANN 64 community forum, are listed on the agenda, which also includes the comments sent to the ICANN board, the joint GAC-ALAC statement on the EPDP, and public comment for decision, there are currently two registry agreements, dot-biz and dot-info that are also for decision. The Consolidated Policy Working Group

will be deciding this Wednesday, and input is welcome here as well as to whether these two agreements will be kind of a joint comment with the other two agreements which are currently being drafted on dot-org and dot-Asia, if the ALAC will just be making one statement since they have similar issues, or it'll be separate statements on these public comments. So please feel free to contribute your thoughts here or join the CPWG this Wednesday.

In addition, we have currently a vote as the ALAC members on the call know on the call going on right now for the ALAC advice to the ICANN board on the EPDP public comment, and Alan Greenberg just before this call sent through the version seven which is an updated version with some comments from the community. That's posted to the workspace. So if you have any comments or if you'd like to contribute to any of these statements, please share. Otherwise please join us on Wednesday. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. Can I take these questions? Ricardo.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: Evin just mentioned that dot-org, dot-biz, dot-info and dot-Asia will be the same. Yes, in fact, the [tech] is the same, but the treatment for dot-org and for the other three is totally different. It's not the same dot-biz or dot-info treatment [as the one of] dot-org. I have seen several [inaudible] in social media concerns about this dot-org, and if we put the four dot-something here in the same place, I guess we'll make a big mistake, because most of the concerns are related to our organizations

we belong to, ISOCs or any other organization that has a dot-org for the web services. So we have to take care of this in a different way. thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Ricardo, and I'm sure Jonathan will have something to say about that. Jonathan?

JONATHAN ZUCK: Thanks, Maureen. There's a pretty concerted campaign by [ICA and Domainers] who put some stakes in the ground with regards to pricing and URS reform, and that's happening in the BC, the IPC and through George here in the At-Large. So I think we have a couple of larger discussions to have about price caps and how they work and where we stand and where end users prioritize price vis a vis consumer protection or intellectual property protection. It's an interest that individual end users may have that [domainers] may not.

So I think we have some larger conversations that [inaudible] apply to all of them, and then there will be some specific things to say about some of them because of the legacy versus semi-new versus new gTLDs. So I guess I encourage everybody to go back and listen to the recording that Glenn posted of a small debate that George Kirikos and I did for Glenn, because it brings to the surface some of the discussion issues. I just took the other side so there'd be some balance. But it's something that I think the At-Large needs to generally consider, because that question's going to be asked of us over and over again, where we stand, and we shouldn't be trying to reinvent the wheel every time the

question comes up. We should try to achieve consensus and be consistent about it.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Jonathan. I agree. For example, I'm working on dot-Asia, and that is actually a specific point that I'm making for dot-Asia, but at the same time I would like to add that extra view that the ALAC wants to add, and I think that that's what we should do, is that there is any other concerns that we have in relation to registry agreements across the board can actually be added as well as being sent as a separate issue.

But CPWG will discuss that no doubt as to what will be the best way in which they will be able to forward these concerns, but great that they're being raised.

Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yeah. Thank you. I just wanted to point out that we talk a lot at times about people who have multiple hats, and we've had discussions whether a registry or a registrar should be allowed to talk on behalf of At-Large, and we've generally said that it's fine as long as they make sure to keep their hats separate. And we have an issue that was just brought up where we're talking about [Domainers'] positions and we have people who are active contributors to At-Large with good positions but also have a domainer perspective, and we have to make sure not to meld those two together. If someone who primarily has another lot in

life wants to participate in At-Large, they really have to keep their hat separate. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. And no doubt, that will be pointed out to them when they make their comments.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Maureen, I tried to discuss that on this recording because it is in some respects very similar to the discussion we had about the EPDP and the two different types of users, the registrars and non-registrant users. I think [we concede] that they're all users, but we sort of fell down on the side of the majority, and I think this is s the situation here, volume purchasers of domains have some unique concerns that are not necessarily the same as those that only register a few domains. So we may find ourselves having to take a stand similar to what we do in the EPDP towards the more individual, lower-volume end user when those interests diverge.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Exactly. And I think that also as a group, a decision can be made about how that is actually represented in the statements that we present. That's not a problem with me. Okay, so any further issues on that? Okay, let's then move on to ICANN 65 updates with Gisella.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you, Maureen. I'll give us back a few minutes. As of this date, ICANN 65, we have the planning committee who has a meeting this coming Thursday and we will be looking at the schedule in more detail. However, at this stage, we do not have the final number of cross-community and HRT topics yet. There is discussion on whether we hold [seven] during the four-day meeting in Marrakech or whether we try to bring it down to realistic numbers so that we can actually do some work that week, and that would then just be choosing the final three or four topics to be held during those times.

There's also mention of the welcome ceremony being at the end of the day followed by a cocktail. That yet needs to be confirmed at 100%, so as soon as we have the ball rolling and we have more information, I'll make sure that everyone is kept updated. Thank you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Gisella, for the presentation. Okay, next is ARIWG next steps. Now that we have got the ATLAS III program is up and running, and so a lot of work now will come from – there's a selection committee of course from our side of things, but the program working group is going to be [inaudible] and Olivier, Eduardo and Joanna, all that team will be working pretty frantically to get things going there.

So that gives the rest of us an opportunity to revisit the ARIWG work that we were originally set to do last year, which has been sidelined a lot, but we do need to urgently get going onto that, back to this program.

I had hoped that we could get to see the actual working space that has the teams, the actual items that we're going to be working on, and the team leaders. Each item has of course been assigned a page on which the expectations of their working group have been set up, and I think what I'm asking for right now is a status report. Doesn't have to be very long, but I want to know where we're starting from as of April 15-ish, over the next couple of weeks, with the status of each of those item steps. Is there access to that page please?

Also, the purpose being that now that people are going to be starting to make applications to the ATLAS III program, putting their applications in, one of the objectives, of course, is that we are gathering people who can contribute to the implementation of our At-Large review.

So I'm expecting that you're going to have people wanting to apply to your working group to assist with them. So I think you're going to have to be ready to start calling together some teams, probably having some meetings, and to ensure what it is that your team is in charge of. Yesim, can I have that page, please, the one that actually has all the teams listed and being able to access their –

HEIDI ULLRICH: Maureen, it's in the chat. I've put it in the chat earlier.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. So all I wanted to say was it is really important that if you're a team leader, that you're actually getting into that page, that you do give a brief overview of the status of your working group, and how you aim

to implement the steps that have actually been identified in the last activity that we did, and so moving forward so that we've actually got something to provide the board with in June with regards to progress of the implementation program that we set.

Okay. This is what I'm looking at. Each of the issues, and there are assigned work track leaders, and they're linked to the dashboard and the progress chart for each of those issues that we [inaudible] there's eight of them, so we've got eight teams going, so it's going to be pretty frenetic, I guess, with eight working groups working on some of the issues.

Some of the issues are pretty much done, but I think that there's also – although the implementation item itself as stated within the plan has actually been covered, it does not stop us from actually looking at how we can next steps for that particular group and moving forward.

Anyway, that's my five minutes on that. Moving on to the next item, which is to say that the elections are coming up, and both ALAC and RALO elections, and so that's going to require a lot of activity within the RALOs as they go about how they choose or gather together nominations for those elections.

Heidi will just give us a little bit more information on the actual process. Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah. Thank you very much. Just very briefly, we have the link to the elections page in the chat right now. The only call for membership that

is open is NARALO. For everyone else, the ALAC delegates to the NomCom will open on the 29th of April. Please do read the process. You will need to send the note to both your RALO list as well as staff. And I think that's it, Maureen. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Good. Awesome. Okay. Do you want to talk about the ICANN board seat and that process?

HEIDI ULLRICH: [inaudible] mention that one?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Do you want to introduce it?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah. So as you might know, we will need to start the process for board seat 15. We need to finish that and have the announcement of the winner by March 2020, so staff will be working to set up the 2019/20 ICANN board seat process at the workspace. We'll also be getting the workspaces ready for the BCEC and the BMSPC. Those are the two working groups that are involved in this process.

We should be starting anytime now in the next few weeks. Maureen, did you want to note the next steps on those two working groups? Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes. We've been working on, as Heidi mentioned, the BCEC which is the group that calls in applications and creates a short list, and the BMSPC which basically organizes the process by which the final selection is made. And looking at the people who would be the most suitable to chair both of these very important processes. I have, in collaboration with a number of people, looked at having Alan Greenberg who will chair the BMSPC group, and Yrjö Lansipuro who will chair the BCEC group. Those names will be put forward to the ALAC for endorsement, but they're my recommendations for those positions.

But it's quite a lengthy process, and the BCEC for example has had of course great experience on the NomCom, and the last person we had on the BCEC chair role position was Julie Hammer, and she recommended Yrjö because of his experience and because of the work that she'd done with him on this particular committee.

So anyway, those are the two names that I'm recommending to the ALAC to actually chair those two positions, and we will be discussing that later in the ALAC. Just a heads up for you.

Okay, so moving on – and we're going pretty well here – we also have the call for a new liaison for the CSC who takes over from Mohamed, and we will be doing that in the next week or so. I think we're actually still waiting on hearing back from the groups themselves as to what their process is, because we're initiating ours a little bit earlier than the others, and the person that we choose may complete the initial position that Mohamed had, and then will continue with the next two years. Heidi has her hand up.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yes. Thank you very much, Maureen. This has been with Legal and the team who are supporting the CSC for several weeks, so apologies for the delay in getting that call out.

The idea is that this person who is chosen as the liaison will not only carry out the remaining term but also immediately or automatically take the new term as well. And it's a midterm selection, and that's not happened before, that's why it's taking a little longer to confirm the process, how that works with the CSC. So it should be about a week or so. I think it'll be this week. Thank you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Right. Okay. Thank you very much, Heidi. Okay, so we've actually been able to do that, do the rest of the agenda, go through that quite quickly. And thank you very much for Ariel. If there are any other questions or Any Other Business that people might have looked at. Sorry, I haven't been able to keep an eye on the chat as much as I could have. Oh, Cheryl's got her hand up. She's butting into her own meeting for this. Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

I noted – and yes, it is annoying when two ICANN calls overlap when at least one of them is on a standard rotation that should be easy to predict, so that's something I'd love to avoid in the future, but anyway, I just noted that no point in today's agenda did you ask for any updates from any of your liaisons. I've put mine in the chat, for what it's worth,

but if you don't need us to be updating the ALT, I'm quite sure we'll all be relieved to know that, Maureen. I noted for example that the SSAC one was uploaded to Confluence and things like that. So we will all beaver away and do what we need to do when we need to do it, but if you don't need us to do it at a particular time, we will also appreciate letting us know. Thanks.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah. No. Sorry about that, Cheryl, and I guess that that is normally part of our agenda, and it probably got overlooked because of, as I mentioned before, just getting the ATLAS III off the ground today.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yes, I realize it was as packed agenda, and I realize that I was actually attending an ATLAS meeting, but I also noted that Andrei did his bit, I've certainly done mine in chat. I'm sure Yrjö and Barrack would be similarly minded. Just let us know. It's not a problem. Thanks.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah. And of course, we'll have the ALAC meeting, and as you normally do anyway, give us anything that's on top in our ALAC meeting. And I would hope that ALT Plus people are reading those notes in the reports and stuff like that. So yeah.

We do have time if there's anything really urgent, and I apologize that we didn't put that up.

And Alan has a word.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yeah, sorry, chatting with Olivier in the background, I know this is rather late to make this suggestion, but will someone please consider we say there are going to be four webinars that have to be taken and we're going to hold each of them twice, we might want to consider not holding each of them twice in the same day but holding webinars one through four and then repeating one through four over a longer period of time. I am not in a position to evaluate whether that's a good idea or a bad idea from everyone else's perspective, but it may make more sense for the people who are taking the courses. Thank you. Certainly makes more sense for the people who are trying to prepare this week's course.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes. And it's Olivier's call in conjunction with Gisella, because it's his programming committee that is actually putting together these webinars. So I think it's a great idea, but Tijani has his hand up.

ALAN GREENBERG: I will speak to Olivier.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah. Okay. Thank you. Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Maureen. I didn't find on the agenda the link to the workspace for ATLAS III application and course launch details. I don't know if there is one. I would like to see where I can find the detail of the weight of scoring of each soft criteria.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Right. Well you certainly won't find that on the Wiki spaces, because that's a little bit detail which has not been included on the Wiki spaces, but you might be able to talk to Heidi or Gisella or one of them or Sandra, because she's the one who will be our advisor. But she has had a lot to do with that side of things anyway within the – I can't tell you because I have had it explained, but I couldn't explain it to anyone else. It's not my area. But I would probably check with Sandra.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, please, check with her and please provide me with these details. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD: I think you can check with Sandra, because I'm going to be quite busy over the next week. Thank you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Maureen, I understand curiosity, but the people who need to agree and decide on that is your selection committee. Until they've been convened, you're not going to [inaudible] them, I would have thought, and I wonder why Tijani needed to know. Is he going to be coaching all

of the AFRICAN [RALO] applicants to maximize the outcomes, or is it curiosity, or doesn't he trust the selection committee from the five regional reps? I don't think I need these answers now, but they're the questions that are rising in my mind. So perhaps he could make it clear once he has whatever it is he needs from Sandra why he needed it, let alone anyone else. But anyway, I would have thought it was just [inaudible] NomCom, it would be up to the selection committee. Then again, what would I know?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Cheryl. You're asking a question and I can answer it. I am asking for that for transparency. This is something that should be public. Everyone from ALAC should know it. It is not hidden, it is not private area for certain persons. That's why I am asking for it. And I need to know how the soft criteria are scored. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Tijani. I will see if we can get that information for you. And it will be brought up, of course, in Sébastien's [inaudible] and if it's an issue, we can make that known in the ALAC meeting. Thank you. Yes, you're right, Cheryl, Sandra will be able to provide that information.

Okay, we're at the end of our meeting, and thank you very much for coming along. I just wanted to mention it's nice to see Herb here, and I hope he's found the meeting interesting, and thank you, everyone, for your contributions and I hope you have a great day, evening or afternoon. Thank you. Bye.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thanks, everyone. Bye.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Thank you all for joining the call. This meeting is now adjourned. Please remember to disconnect your lines. Thank you.

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