CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Claudia Ruiz speaking. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to all. Welcome to the LACRALO Monthly Call on Monday, June the 10th, 2019 at 23 hours UTC. On the call today we have Sergio Salinas Porto, Harold Arcos, Jose Francisco Arce, Maritza Aguero, Rodrigo Saucedo, Sylvia Herlein, Anahi Menendez Ruiz, Carlos Leal, Carmen Marramonte, Lilian De Luque, Ricardo Holmquist, Alejandro Piscanty, Alberto Soto, Vanda Scartezini, Antonio Medina Gomez, Gilberto Lara, and Monica Trocbez. On the English channel we have Dev Anand Teelucksingh, and we have received apologies from Leon Sanchez, Carlo Raul Gutierrez.

On behalf of the staff, we have with us Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Steve Chan, and myself, Claudia Ruiz, managing the call today. Our interpreters are: Paula and David for Spanish, Esperanza, and Bettina for Portuguese, and Isabelle and Aurélie for French. Before starting, I would like to ask you all to please say your names before taking the floor, not only for the transcript, but also for the interpreters to identify you in the correct language channel. Please keep your lines muted while you're not taking the floor to prevent noises. So now I give the floor to Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you, Claudia. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to you all. I would like to add Umberto Carrasco to the apologies, because he is now at a meeting in the University where he teaches, and he will try to join us sometime during the call. He wasn't sure what time he would be available. He had to attend another meeting. Having said this, I would like to give the

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floor now to Harold, for him to proceed to the adoption of the agenda, and then we will start with the discussion of the different agenda items. Go ahead, Harold.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Harold Arcos speaking. Thank you, Sergio. The first agenda item shows us that we will have Steve Chan for the webinar. Then we have the ALAC members report, and we know that Umberto has sent apologies. Then we will have the report from the working groups, specifically from the LACRALO Capacity Building Working Group led by Adrian Carballo. And Anahi Menendez will give the presentation instead of Adrian Carballo. She is the vice chair. Then we will have report from the WHOIS working group by Carlos Leal. Then a report from the idea on multilingualism group led by Sylvia Herlein.

The next item of the agenda is elections 2019. This will be led by Sergio Salinas, and any other business. If you want to address any other topic, you can say that now, or you or you can wait until we get to agenda item 7. Then we will ask for the support of the staff to know who is asking for the floor. If there are no additions to the agenda, we can consider the agenda adopted. Thank you. Go ahead, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you, well-said, and this is something that we will probably do in all the subsequent meetings, we will spend a few minutes on a webinar. This time we have with us Steve Chan who is the GNSO Policy Director. He will lead a webinar on the new gTLD

Subsequent Procedure PDP's, Steve, it is a pleasure for us to have you with us and now you have the floor to start the webinar.

STEVE CHAN:

Thank you for joining us on this call today. Thanks Sergio, Harold, and Claudia. Thank you very much. This is Steve Chan. As noted, I part of the GNSO support team, and I will be talking to you about the generic names supporting our organization. So, the GNSO's new gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group. So that's a bit of a mouthful so we shortened that to SubPro, which makes it quite a bit easier to talk about. So I'm glad to be back. I think it was just last month I believe that I was here talking to you about PDP 3.0 which is an initiative to make some incremental improvements to the PDP process. So, glad to be back, and talk to you about a different topic.

So, I'll start with a little bit of background and context about the PDP, I'll talk to you about the current status and then the expected next steps. So starting from the beginning, what is this PDP about? Many of you will probably be aware that there was a set of original recommendations on new gTLDs from the new GNSO that dates back to 2007. Those recommendations shore up the basis for the Applicant Guidebook and the launch of the new gTLD program in 2012.

So there are just a handful of applications still outstanding from that round, but nevertheless the GNSO determined it was prepared to consider and review and analyze that 2012 round, and determine what changes might be necessary to the policies, recommendations what

new policies recommendations might be needed, and so, that's what gave rise to the new gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP, or again, SubPro. And so that will of course be the subject of today's discussion or webinar.

So this PDP SubPro was chartered back in 2016, very early in 2016, and it began work, I believe in February of 2016. So it's been running for a fair amount of time, and partially that's a result of having such a wide scope and remit. This PDP has well over 40 topics, which has actually increased from that, as the PDP has considered topics, it's discovered new topics. And so it's closer to probably 45, then maybe 50 topics at this stage. So, when the PDP tackled those 40 topics originally, it actually divided into four work tracks, there is a fifth word track that actually got split out and that is working on a single topic which is geographic names at the top level.

But just a couple of examples of the topics within the 40 is things like community applications, applicant support, the application fee, the evaluation criteria, and just a number of different topics. So the way that this PDP is structured is that there are two of overall co-chairs. Those are Jeff Neuman and Cheryl Langdon-Orr. I had mentioned on the previous slide that there were also four work tracks originally. Those are completed at this stage, but those also had a set of co-leads for each work track. There, as noted, is also work track 5, that's devoted to geographic names of a top-level, and that has a little bit of an interesting leadership structure. It has a co-lead from each of the ccNSOs, the ALAC, the GNSO, and the GAC, and you can see the names on this slide here.

So you'll see in a second that each of these -- well, there's actually a number of different reports that were prepared, the work track 5 submitted their own initial report for public comment, but we'll just cover that in a little bit. So this is actually an important slide based on what I just mentioned, in that for the two co-chairs of this group, one is from the GNSO, and one is from the ALAC, that being Cheryl Langdon-Orr. And then also work track 5 with their shared leadership structure. This is an important point to note, the role of the leadership is not to advocate for their respective communities rather it's to facilitate and lead the discussions and really actually to make sure that they do their job in a neutral fashion and that if there are differing viewpoints that the leadership makes sure those positions can be shared and heard by the other members.

So despite the fact that work track 5, in particular, decided upon a shared leadership structure, they all realize, and it's really a part of the GNSO that their role is not to advocate for the positions of their communities of course. But really just to be a facilitator and leader of the process. So that was a little bit of the background, but in terms of current status, I mentioned briefly the working group has published a number of reports for public comment. And the first one is the initial report. And this one is really constituted by the 40 topics I'd mentioned, was published in on the 3rd of July 2018, and the public comment period closed on 26 September.

There's also a supplemental initial report. That was an additional five topics that were not properly covered, or adequately covered, in the first initial report. And so that was things like the auction process, as well as private auctions, and a couple of other topics. And so that was

published in October and then closed in December, I believe. And just to touch on the last report, there was actually a third supplemental, or I guess a third report, which was a supplemental initial report. And that was dedicated to just work track 5. And they published their report in December and the comment closed in February, I want to say.

So what the working group had done, it's actually completed now, is to look at all the public comments received to those three reports, and to not review it, not necessarily in a substantive manner, but rather to just look at the comments and make sure they're well understood, and really to categorize and organize the comments in a helpful manner. And so, what that means in practice is looking at all the comments and seeing if they, in respect of generally the preliminary recommendations, if the comments are in agreement, if there are new ideas presented, if there are concerns, or if there is just divergence or opposition to the preliminary recommendations.

And so, that took a considerable amount of time, just because of the length and breadth of the reports that were put out. And so at this stage, the work group is done with that and they've actually moved on to a substantive discussion about the recommendations, as well as the comments, and really how those comments may or may not affect the final outcome of the working group. And so what the working group has decided though is that as they go through this process there's a baseline that is to be taken into consideration.

And so what they mean by that, is the work group's preliminary recommendations and/or the recommendations or the implementation from 2012 - that serves as the baseline. And then so when the working

group considers any of these new ideas or divergence or any of the things that may affect that baseline, the working group is constantly being reminded that to change that baseline also requires consensus, which is a relatively high bar. We need to have at least most of the participants agree to that change.

So I'll move very quickly on the timeline. This is actually being revised right now, so I think you can call it a tentative timeline. We have a number of things completed and I've talked about the reports, the work tracks 1 through 4, the non-substantive review of the comments, but on the bottom two lines we have worked track 5, which is being targeted finish somewhere in the next quarter, so I would say mid-august perhaps. And then you also have the full working group which will be seeking to deliver its final report to the GNSO Council.

And the intention is not to deliver separate reports to the council, but rather to have a single report which would then integrate work track 5 and also the supplemental initial report, all into one final report, and deliver to the GNSO Council for their consideration. So the preliminary timeline here has the final report being delivered at the end of Q3, but as I noted, that work plan is actually in revision right now, and I think a more likely date is the end of 2019. And that also assumes that no additional public comment period is needed.

So if there is an additional public comment period is needed, there'll probably be an additional 3 to 4 months extension from the end of 2019. So you may already be aware, but just to talk about the ability to participate in this working group. This working group is open to any participant, you don't have to be part of the GNSO. And as you can tell

from the slides, we have members from the ALAC, the ccNSO, GAC individuals. And the total number of members is counted at 200, and there's also 70 observers to the full working group. And being an observer just means that you're able to receive emails show me the mailing list that you're not able to contribute or take part in the meetings.

So work track 5 also has a pretty large attendance and membership. It has a 160 as well as 100 observers. And so while anyone can join and also at any time, it is indeed much more difficult to join in the middle, but you're still able to do so, provided that you slate are willing to try do your best to catch up, and make sure know what's going on, and get current what is going on within the working group. And so this PDP much like much of the working group, the work that takes place in the community and definitely in the GNSO is primarily focused on conference calls of course, which will take place remotely, just as this one is. Much of the work has been captured on a Wiki. There are recordings and transcripts and there's notes captured and they're working documents, data, correspondence - all those things are captured on the wiki, as well as the email archive.

So in addition to meeting remotely, that the work involved some will make a point, of course, to meet in face-to-face meetings. So those are just part of the ways that the PDP tries to engage with the community. Some of the ways that the PDP has engaged with the community working with a GAC at the very beginning of this PDP, asking them to identify public policy concerns. But there's also been a number of reports I mentioned. The three that have been published for public comment.

There is also a couple of community comment - which were targeted question and answer - proposals. We've also sought past advice and statements from the various state quota groups constituencies and support organizations and advisory committees. And then as I mentioned earlier this work group, of course, takes advantage of face-to-face opportunities at ICANN meetings. And part of the ways -- there are of course meetings dedicated to this working group but the leadership this working group also makes a point of doing direct engagement with the ALAC and the GAC and talking about topics of particular interest which include things like the community applications and applicant support.

So I mentioned in the very beginning, I had talked to you about PDP 3.0. And so this PDP has tried to take on board some of those things, some of those implementation recommendations and put them into practice. And so one of those things is making sure that the GNSO Council liaison to the PDP, that those liaisons are aware of what they are intended to do, what their responsibilities are, which includes things like communicating messages from the council to the PDP, as well as vice versa, carrying messages from the PDP back to the council. Their role is also to participate on leadership meetings, as well as [inaudible - 18:57] meetings, if they're able to.

Another big part of PDP 3.0 as what we're trying to integrate into this SubPro PDP, is also just better adherence to project management principles. And so those are things like better developing work plans, making sure we're working against the timeline, making sure that the council Liaisons are informed and communicating back and forth, making sure that the council, as the manager of the PDP process, is

being told when, say, timelines or resources or there's problems creeping up in the PDP, that they're informed accordingly and timely. So those are just some of the things that this PDP and other GNSO PDPs are trying, to integrate the implementation recommendations from PDP 3.0.

And so just the last couple of slides is what's coming next. I think I mentioned that the PDP at this stage has completed review of the more non-substantive review of the public comments, so at this stage, they are determining what changes are necessary to that baseline I had mentioned. So the preliminary recommendations that were developed by this PDP as well as the implementation from the 2012 round. And so all of that is working towards the delivery final report which will go to the GNSO Council for their consideration. These are the standard steps that any PDP within the GNSO follows.

Once delivered to the council, they, of course, consider the final report. And let's assume they adopt the recommendations. Those recommendations would be put into a recommendations report that is delivered to the board to help them consider and deliberate on the recommendations and the final report. There's also an additional public comment at that stage. And once that public comment period completes, the ICANN board then considers the recommendations. And then let's assume that the recommendations are adopted, ICANN org would be directed by the board to begin implementation - which in all likelihood, in this case, would result in a revised applicant guidebook, as well as a number of other operational elements.

And I think that actually concludes but there's just a list of PDP resources here. So this was, let's say, a general update. So if there's any particular topics, or any particular things you want to talk about, that are within the remit of the working group, I'm happy to answer questions about those as well. So I think that's it, and I'm open to questions. Thanks.

SERGIO SALINAS:

This is Sergio speaking. Thank you very much, Steve. I think my zoom is not working, so I'm going to ask Claudia to please tell me if there are any hands raised or if there are any questions so that we can give the floor to whoever would like to next talk.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

This is Claudia speaking. For the time being, I see no questions on the chat room and no hands raised. No hands up.

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio speaking. Okay, if nobody wants to ask any questions then I would like to thank Steve for his participation and now we are going to go to our next item on the agenda. Steve, thank you very much for your participation it has been very nice to have you here and this has been a very, very nice presentation. Thank you very much. The next item in the agenda for this meeting is Umberto's report.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: This is Claudia speaking. I'm sorry to interrupt. Somebody has raised

his hand. So, Dev, you have the floor now. Please go ahead, Dev.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: This is Dev, can you hear me?

SERGIO SALINAS: Yes, we can hear you. Go ahead Dev, please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. Steve, thanks for this. For the presentation on this SubPro

work. The quick question is, I saw on the timeline, that there would not likely be a public comment after the deliberations of the SubPro Group, that is now looking at the implementation details coming out of the initial report, and the comments you see, I guess. I was quite surprised to hear that. Is that a concerning thing, that there will not be a public

comment after the SubPro has completed its work towards the fourth

quarter 2019? And thanks for that.

STEVE CHAN: Hi Dev. This is Steve Chan. Thanks for the question. So just a little by

way of background, the GNSO offering procedures and the PDP manual,

the requirement is that there is at least one public comment period so

context this PDP has actually had four public comment periods. I say

that just to provide a little bit of background.

But to answer your question directly, there has not been a decision made on whether or not there will be an additional public comment period, which by that stage would likely be I guess what you'd call a draft final report that is intended to be a subject of discussion when the PDP gets to that point so what ultimately gets put into that final report or draft final report will help determine whether or not the working group thinks that an additional public comment period is needed. So again, just to directly answer your question, there is no decision made so it's still a possibility.

SERGIO SALINAS:

This is Sergio speaking. Okay, Dev, would you like to say anything else? Otherwise, I will just go to another item on our agenda. Is there anything else you'd like to say, Dev? Okay, now Steve thank you very much for your participation. And now we're going to proceed to the capacity building working group report. Adrian Carballo will give us this report. He is the chair of this working group.

ANAHI MENENDEZ:

This is Anahi Menendez. Thank you. Good evening. I'm going to be in charge of the report because as Adrian is traveling right now and he has not been able to be in this meeting.

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio speaking. Anahi, it is a pleasure to have here in this call with us. Please go ahead with your report.

ANAHI MENENDEZ:

Anahi speaking. Good evening. Thank you very much. I'm going to provide you a report of the meeting the capacity building meeting that we had where we published the following agenda. Please bear with me a little bit. We have planned a social media webinar which John Laprise, who was at the meeting and he said that the idea of the webinar would be to deal with the best practices in ICANN, in terms of communication, tactics, and the use of content and the use of hashtags. Lilian De Luque was also present in the meeting. She is also part of the communications working group. Was also able to be part of the call. Then another item we dealt with, was coordinating the induction meeting to ICANN to the new ALSes.

We called on the volunteers to work in this task, and Harold and I contact the ALSes to coordinate and schedule the dates. We also dealt with the promotion of the use of the ICANN Learn back home. And Monica Trocbez who is also on this call today suggested translating the material into Spanish so that to do not understand English will be involved as well. So she suggested to have a volunteer working group to work on the translation, and then the ICANN Translation Team correct this or review this. We also dealt with a survey to know the needs LACRALO has in terms of capacity building and to prepare a database with original facilitators or the original talks, original seminars. Maybe Harold and Monica would like to add something else. I can give the floor.

HAROLD ARCOS:

This is Harold speaking. Thank you, Anahi. Your report is very complete, I would just like to add some details. As you said, Lilian De

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Luque, the leader of the communications working group, was also involved and she coordinated the capacity building working group and at our meeting with John Laprise, we agreed that we are known to the region after ICANN 65, that we expect to prepare this webinar that was coordinated with the end of providing good practices social media.

So this is also an important piece of information for them and this work group would like to take this opportunity to call people to participate not only in this but other working groups. [inaudible 30:36] has also said there are other members in the region who are interested in participating and very soon they will send us an email to add it to the email of this working group. Thank you, Anahi.

ANAHI MENENDEZ:

Anahi speaking. Thank you. Monica, perhaps, would you like to add something else?

MONICA TROCBEZ:

This is Monica Trocbez speaking, for the record. Basically, we will write a proposal to be able to translate some of the content into Spanish. These will be the content that we believe are most relevant to train the Latin American member region. Tomorrow and the day after tomorrow I will write two paragraphs for the proposal, and I will send it to the group so they can review it, and send it to ICANN. Thank you. That's all.

ANAHI MENENDEZ:

Anahi speaking. Sergio, I think that's all in terms of the building capacity meeting we have.

SERGIO SALINAS:

This is Sergio speaking. Thank you, Anahi. And now I would like to give the floor --

HAROLD ARCOS:

Harold speaking now. I'm sorry to interrupt. This is Harold for the record. Before going to the next item, Lilian De Luque had raised her hand. It didn't give the floor, please. Lillian, you have the floor.

LILIAN DE LUQUE:

This is Lillian speaking. Good afternoon. Lilian De Luque for the record. I just wanted to add something we agreed on in the meeting. John suggested that we try to have a part of the webinar that is adapted to the characteristics and the behavior of social media of the RALO. I will send these to [inaudible] this week so that I can add theses mall pieces of analyses in the webinar. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio speaking. Thank you, Lillian. It is being taken note of. Okay, so now next, if no one else would like to take the floor, I'm going to give the floor now to Carlos Leal. He is the GDPR who is working as the group chair, so that he can provide us an account of the meeting.

CARLOS LEAL:

This is Carlos speaking. Good afternoon and good evening to you all.

This is Carlos Leal for the record. It's a pleasure to share this with you. I

saying hello to all of you from Nicaragua. We had a meeting of the WHOIS working group, the WHOIS / GDPR working group. We have we have more seriously started to work on the working group. So we have provided a summary on the WHOIS / GDPR process, and we provided a bit of a background on what WHOIS is, and what have been the steps in this process so far.

Then we presented the objectives of the working group, which is to track down and follow up these policies and processes in the region, that are related to the implementation proposals of the European Union GDPR. Sergio Salinas Porto, Harold Arcos, Antonio Medina, Adrian Carballo, Alejandro Piscanty and Laura Margolis.

And I think the main result of this meeting was first, we are all updated about GDPR and WHOIS, but there was also an interesting proposal to try to develop some specific options on the general situation of GDPR. So with the possibility to have an observatory for the region to be updated on national legislation, to know which are the countries that have already implemented a rule or regulation that is similar to the European Union one.

And we have even thought of the possibility to house a sort of a pilot in a specific country and to sort of get prepared, because we do know - we don't even need to ask ourselves - if this is going to impact on us, because of course it will. And not only because of a European regulation, it will sooner or later happen in our countries as well. So for the mailing list, we also shared some information and some links that we will post on the wiki and I think that's all and I think that's all. Maybe Harold or Sergio would like to add something else?

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio Salinas speaking. I don't know if anyone is asking for the floor? Otherwise, I will make a comment.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Claudia Ruiz speaking. No, there are no hands up.

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you. I would like to simply say that we decided how we wanted to proceed, although all these meetings that take place every two months we have a duty to participate in the ALAC working groups and we need also to use our own tools, not only in relation to the topic of WHOIS and GDPR. We have a mailing list in each working group through which we can work. Alejandro sent a very interesting article. Alberto Soto has already made some comments on that article.

So I think that we have to start re-energizing this mailing list. By saying this, I want to say that I'm very happy with progress being made in the working groups. I would also like to encourage all of them to be more proactive through the mailing list, to also join the ALAC working groups, if you haven't done so, in order to have a true impact on ALAC policies from now on. That is what I wanted to contribute.

Thank you, Carlos and I see that Sylvia Herlein comes next. She's my friend; it's also my pleasure to have her here. She's going to talk about the LACRALO idea of a multilingualism working group. She has taken over this responsibility from Marcelo, because Marcelo was very busy,

and he asked that somebody else should take over. So Sylvia, now you have the chance to give us your views. Welcome.

SYLVIA HERLEIN:

Sylvia Herlein speaking. Hello. Can you hear me?

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio Salinas speaking. Yes go ahead, Silvia.

SYLVIA HERLEIN:

Silvia speaking. I'm very proud of leading this group. Marcelo was busy and he was also having some health problems. So I have already asked him what he has done so far, so he is going to provide me with all the information. As the LACRALO idea and the Multilingualism Group was set up in order to come up with initiatives that would enable regional users to understand and learn more about the ideas and work being done at ICANN. The recent ALAC working group on idea and policies, co-chaired by Edmon Chung, but since 2014, there has been no activity in that group.

Since there is no PDP open to public comments right now, we wanted to take advantage of the fact that this year is the International Year of Indigenous Languages as declared by the United Nations. We wanted to work within our region in LACRALO to try to, later on, update ICANN on the situation in our region. We know that we don't have serious problems in terms of strings as some of the Asian countries may have, but we do have some codes, some scripts, some strings that are not be

used on the internet or cannot be part of a site because they cannot be built into those codes.

So, what I'm trying to say is that we'd like to invite you to participate in our group because we need to identify the needs in our region so that later on we can set up a PDP and submit this to ICANN so that it can be discussed in all RALOs. We also decided to bring into our group, something that we saw in a webinar led by Mark Isaac. I can't remember how the name is pronounced but on Universal acceptance I have been in contact with him and he sent me a paper on a study that was conducted here in Brazil [inaudible] 55, looking at the impact on the 50 most commonly used sites in Brazil, and we need to make sure that this kind of study is also conducted everywhere else.

So, Mark is very happy that we are starting with this work right now because now we will have members of the community with us. We will not just have a study on Brazil. We will have a study for the entire LACRALO region. So, I'm here to invite you to join us. As you might have seen on the screen, we have with us Alejandro Piscanty and Ruben Hilare who is an indigenous ambassador for Bolivia, Gilberto Lara and myself. Now we need more members because this is a very interesting topic. It can make the life of all the communities easier. It can help with the languages spoken throughout the region. That is why I'm so enthusiastic about the work that we are going to do in this group so I'm asking for your help please. Don't leave me alone. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio speaking. Thank you, Sylvia. Of course you won't be left alone. I'm sure that this will become stronger. At the beginning some working groups seem to be doomed to fail but now we see more and more interest in this working group and we see more people joining them. Let me check how we are doing on time. I think we are doing quite well. I don't know if anyone is asking for the floor? If anyone would like to make a comment?

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Claudia Ruiz speaking. No, there are two hands up right now, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio speaking. We are doing very well with time. This is quite a fast

moving meeting.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Claudia Ruiz speaking. Sorry, Dev has some questions, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio speaking. Okay go ahead, Dev.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH:

Thank you. This is Dev Anand speaking. My question to the co chairs of these various groups, are you all involved in development At-Large groups such as the Outreach and Engagement, the At-Large Social Media working group, and so forth and so on? The reason I ask that is because a lot of discussions happen in those working groups and I

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would not once see, I would say, sub working groups trying to duplicate [inaudible] could be better coordinated at the At-Large level, and if not because a lot of the At-Large working groups have an interpretation.

So, it's your lack of interpretation has been historically been in the past is not an issue. What has been an issue though is that there's been a lack of participation in At-Large working groups that have interpretation and that are seemingly not being used, so that's my question to the chairs of the various groups or their spokepersons speaking on behalf of the working group. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you, Dev, for you question. I don't know if there is anyone who would like to address Dev's question but I will do it. Can anyone tell me?

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Claudia Ruiz speaking. Yes, we have Lilian who is willing to take the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio Salinas speaking. Okay go ahead, Lilian.

LILIAN DE LUQUE:

Lilian De Luque speaking. This is a recurrent question that Dev has been asking and he has always been concerned about this since we've started our working group, and the groups are working hand in hand with the

At-Large working group, and the essential requirement for all the members of this working group has been to establish some connection with the At-Large working group so that they will be updated on what they are doing. We are also doing coordinated work with John Laprise with the capacity building group and with the communications working group. We are always in contact with the ICANN learn staff, with the social media members.

So, of course I already said this in January. We are not here to duplicate the work. We don't want to have clash in our work. We are here to work in a coordinated manner and what is done in At-Large should be reflecting the return and what is done at the returner level should also have its own counter reflection At-Large as we are working together in a coordinated manner. That is my impression and I think that all the working group members feel like this, that we are working hand in hand with them because we are also part of At-Large. We are At-Large so this is my view or my opinion. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you, Lilian. Anybody else would like to answer Dev's question? No. There seems that there are no hands up. Claudia?

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Claudia Ruiz speaking. No, there are no more hands up.

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SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio Salinas speaking. Let me follow up on what we have said earlier. In order to supplement the working group strategy, we also established that requirement of having a participation in the At-Large working group. That is why we have the meetings every two months so that in addition to working in the LACRALO working group, they can also have an active participation in the ALAC and in the At-Large community work. So, I hope that this is the kind of answer you were expecting. We still have three items on the agenda and I think that we are going to finish with the 2019 elections. As you know, I sent the information some time ago that the different members of the working group had been discussing at length how we should proceed with the elections process.

There was a meeting of the working group a few days ago, and we looked at a proposal submitted by Carlton Samuels. I understand what they did was actively discussed in the English speaking group in our region. The proposal was interesting to us and they proposed to have a rotation among the different sub regions in order to organize the elections process, and I believe that soon, perhaps tomorrow, you will receive an invitation to express your opinion through a vote, a vote for yes, no or abstaining in relation to this proposal. This proposal was voted by the vast majority of those present at that meeting. I think there were 12 votes in favor and only one vote against or abstaining, and all the rest voted in favor of this proposal.

There is a serious proposal on the table here to try to bring some order into the region for the elections. We are running late; in fact, there are several regions that have already elected their candidates. We are lagging behind but that doesn't mean that we are not going to succeed but I have a request for all of you. Please, be aware of your, the arrival

of your credentials. If you don't receive your badges, your credentials, please make sure if you want to vote. We have several ALSes and we need to make sure that all of you have the necessary credentials to cast a vote. So, let's apply the democratic rules and take the responsibility of casting a vote because as a result of this, we will follow rotation schedule and based on that, we will make a call for nominations for the election. So, let me try to give you a preview or some idea of how we are envisaging this process.

Let me try to remember but I think that we will have [inaudible] for the chair, the Andian Region for the secretariat. For the chair elect central America and for the secretariat elect, we would have the Caribbean [inaudible], or actually the ALAC member can run for [inaudible] with the exception of Argentina, and the Nom-Com representative will be a representative from the Caribbean. So, with this kind of rotation we would have all the sub regions represented with the possibility of having a potential representative.

Of course there will always be some regions that will be repeated but I think that this leaves us at an interesting junction in order to move ahead with democratic system to give some stability to the region. So, I invite you to participate in this brief consultation that we are going to launch with the community. You will have three possibilities for vote. Yes, no or abstain, and from there, we will be able to proceed to finalize the routes of procedure so that in November we can have all the new representatives in their places and in that way, we will have completed the work on the roles that were approved in the last few years until this year, and please remember the metrics because everything is interrelated. We have the metrics and we need to ensure that we fulfill

this metrics in our work in the LACRALO working group. If we want to work in the region and if we want to take leadership positions, we also need to consider that first we need to show others that we are active.

We cannot run as a nominee without being actively participating. This has to do with the kind of region and our work that we want to do, how we want participation to be realized in our region. So, that means that we need to be full engaged in all meetings and decisions. So, let me ask if there is anyone who would like to take the floor? If you would like to address any other issue otherwise we would move onto the webinar evaluation. So, please let me know if anyone would like to make a comment.

CARLTON SAMUELS:

This is Carlton Samuels. Can I make a comment?

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Vanda speaking. This is Vanda for the record. I just want to remind you that once we have the results of this preliminary vote on the rotation conditions, then, and I have already volunteered, then we need to have a small rule of procedure because we will not follow all the rules of procedure in effect now. So, we need to have this rule in writing to be able to follow these rules together with the previous ones for the election process.

So, we just need to create some legal background so that we don't experience what happened in the previous voting process. So, that's why I repeat, we need to have a written rule once this voting is

approved. So, we need to have a specific rule of procedure for rotation only based. As for all the rest, we will use the rules of procedures that are in effect. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio speaking. Thank you very much, Vanda. Yes, you were right. This is what we need to do. We will work on this. Is there anyone else who would like to take the floor? Claudia?

CARLTON SAMUELS:

This is Carlton Samuels.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

This is Claudia speaking. Carlton would like to take the floor. Carlton, please go ahead.

CARLTON SAMUELS:

Thank you very much, Sergio. I wanted to outline specifically what the proposal is intended to do. The proposal that we have prepared which all our other colleagues have, or most of them at least have actually read and agreed to is in accentuating, is making putting into practice the outcome of the Puerto Rico and the Los Angeles meetings. It is very important for us to understand that most of these proposals are going to end up in the codified rules of procedure. The results that came out of the mediation effort took a long time to get us here, and I personally think this is the last gasp for us to get it right.

I believe as Vanda pointed out, that we would make much greater progress in putting together the codified rules of procedure if a small group got together and framed the rules of procedure and presented to the entire membership for advice and consent. So, I am endorsing Vanda's suggestion that we begin working immediately in a small group to codify the rules of procedure. It is very important for us to work at this assiduously, and it should not wait until September to get this done. This is something that can be done by the middle of July if we agree on an approach that we know can work. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS

Sergio speaking. Thank you, Carlton. I would like to know if there are any other hands up but I would also like to say that I agree with what Vanda and Carlton have stated, and I think we will immediately create a small working group. This will be determined not here but in the governance working group and there we can define who will be the people in charge of overseeing the rules of procedure so we can get away with this quickly. Jose also has already started the process indeed. He is a lawyer. We know him. He has been win the LACRALO chair and we know he has experience in this type of things, and he is a volunteer that is really very willing to work that we need to then to define a small group that will quickly start working on this. Is there any other hands up Claudia?

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

This is Claudia speaking. No hands up, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio speaking again. Okay so if there is no other issue on our agenda and nobody would like to speak, I'm going to adjourn this meeting.

SYLVIA HERLEIN:

Sylvia speaking. I think [inaudible] would like to speak. [Inaudible] has his hand up. Just go ahead, [inaudible].

UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

This is [inaudible] speaking. Good evening. [Inaudible] for the record. When we are dealing with these small groups that will draft the rules, I think it would be advisable to make up this group with one or two members of the region so that no region is over or under represented. So, when the rules of procedure are created within the group, there is sufficient consensus of origin to avoid any misunderstanding when it comes to voting. That is my suggestion.

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio speaking. Thank you, [inaudible]. Your suggestion will be considered. It was already thought of and I think it was very good that you've taken it so it is very clear, clearly stated on the call. Does anyone else want to take the floor? Okay, so I see there are no other hands up and there are no things to be dealt with so we're going to go to the survey and then we will end this call. Unfortunately, I have no access to my Zoom so I will not be able to vote, but Claudia, please go ahead with the survey.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Claudia speaking. One moment please. Can you see this on screen right now?

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio speaking, now we can.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Claudia speaking, first question. How was the timing of the webinar? Too early, just right or too late. Please vote. You can also scroll if you want and go ahead and start answering the second question. Second question is how is technology used for the webinar? And the third question, the stickers demonstrate mastery of the topic. Question four, are you satisfied with the webinar? And question number five, how many years of experience do you have in the IT community? And we also have another question but for the time being we cannot show this on the wiki so I'm going to post this on the chat. One moment please. And question six is what topics would you like us to cover for future webinars? Please write answers on you're the chat pod. Alright I think that's all. Sergio you have the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS:

Sergio speaking. Thank you very much to you all. I hope you have a very good evening and we will be in touch on the email list. This call is now adjourned. Thank you.

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