
BRENDA BREWER: Good day everyone, this is Brenda speaking, and I'd like to welcome you to the SSR2 Plenary Meeting #101 on the 19th of February, 2020, at 1500 UTC. Members attending the call today are Kaveh, Ram Krishna, Laurin, Denise, Jabhera, and Kerry-Ann. Apologies from Russ, Norm, KC, Boban, and Negar.

Attending from ICANN Org is Jennifer, Steve, and Brenda. And we have technical writer Heather on the call. Today's meeting is being recorded. Please state your name before speaking for the record. And I'll turn the call over to the Co-Chairs. Thank you.

LAURIN WEISSINGER: Hello, this is Laurin. I am going through the agenda today because Denise is in transit. So, we have one agenda item which is reviewing the SSR1 recommendation table. So, this is in the agenda and in the email. Essentially our work on detailing what actions should be taken to resolve the SSR1 recommendations.

I had a look at it before and I think like overall, oh, thank you Jennifer, Jennifer just posted the link to the chat, as well. So, I had a look at this before. From my side, I think most of it makes sense. I'm sure there is some nitty gritty redline work that needs to be done, but I current don't see any major issues with this. But I would like to hear from everyone else.

KERRY-ANN BARRETT: Hi, this is Kerry-Ann.

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LAURIN WEISSINGER: Go ahead.

KERRY-ANN BARRETT: I had put some stuff in the table. I think my biggest thing was, I know Russ had explained it on the previous call when we developed it, I had difficulties going through it because I could not visualize how it would retype back to the actual report. I know he had explained the idea of the table, I have no issue with the descriptions that have been included in terms of recommended actions.

I'm fine with what is included now. But I still wasn't clear when I was even trying to write #2, how and where it would fit back into the existing report. So if anyone could just probably clarify that again, I think that it would probably help. I don't know if I'm the only one who wasn't clear. I understood it during the call, but when I saw the table, I was confused.

HEATHER FLANAGAN: This is Heather. I think what will end up happening is we're going to have it, so, in the appendix for each of the SSR1 recommendations, I will put in a line, a section, a subsection for the recommended action to resolve, and then I'll also put that in a table so that if that's all that people want to see, they can see the full picture.

KERRY-ANN BARRETT: Okay, the appendix, alright, cool. I'm good again.

LAURIN WEISSINGER: Yeah, and I think we'll see how it works out when we're actually trying to put it in, and that's why I was kind of also saying in terms of redlining or minor points, I think this is easier once it is in context. I hope people agree. Okay, if there are no questions, then I think we can move on to Any Other Business. Not hearing anything, let's move on.

So, essentially right now the other task we have outstanding is KC wrote a few comments that have been imported into the document and Denise had a few, as well. I'm not sure what's happening with that. Denise, if you could comment, just so we know.

DENISE MICHEL: Yes, I think work is ongoing and I think all of the comment that I agreed to review will be done by next week.

LAURIN WEISSINGER: Okay, that would be great, because then we can put this on the agenda next week, so thank you Denise, awesome. Any other business? I can see please send Cancun preferred dinner options to Brenda, so yes, please, everyone do that, including myself.

And another Any Other Business, we have been speaking about a face-to-face, it is possible that due to [inaudible] 19, we might not be meeting in Cancun, I think the jury is still out on that one until later today, staff please correct me if I'm wrong.

So, we were talking about potentially having to schedule a face-to-face and Russ said let's doodle it out, see when people are available, and I said okay, should we go with an April to May timeframe because probably March is too close to call and April, May seemed kind of sensible. Staff side, is this something we can do? Is the timeline April/May something that is doable?

JENNIFER BRYCE:

Thanks, Laurin, this is Jennifer. So, first of all, my understanding is that if we do not meet face-to-face in Cancun, I think the plan is at the moment that there will be some kind of remote means for us to have that two days. But as you said, that's to be determined later.

In terms of the timeline for another face-to-face, I don't have the calculations in front of my right now, but it is 120 days that they prefer you to give. I would think that May time is probably more feasible than April, but I can have a look at the calendar. I think May would be fine.

LAURIN WEISSINGER:

Okay, that sounds good, yes. Obviously this is all up in the air right now, but with remote stuff, particularly when it comes to the things we have to do, which is to respond to public comment and actually do wordsmithing around that, I'm not sure how useful that will be at this particular stage. I'm not sure what other people think, I just have my doubts. So, if we could doodle out, you know, that would be good, as well.

JENNIFER BRYCE: Okay, so just to be clear, you want to look at a two-day face-to-face meeting in the May timeframe?

LAURIN WEISSINGER: What do other people think? Yeah, Denise, what do you think?

DENISE MICHEL: So, I think that we need to done with this report sooner, so I think we've got a couple of issues that we need to think about, once Staff decides to cancel Cancun for the larger ICANN conference. One is whether it's feasible for our small group to get together there anyway, you know, what is the situation?

And then if that's not feasible, can we suspend the long lead time that travel requires, given that they no longer have Cancun to deal with, and do a meeting, face-to-face if we need one, in a much shorter timeframe, I think also should be explored. Personally, I have a problem waiting until May to finalize this report with the public comment period closing and the last thing we have to do is to finalize the language. So, that's my perspective.

KERRY-ANN BARRETT: Hi, this is Kerry-Ann. I tend to agree with Denise. I mean me, personally, I wouldn't have been able to attend Cancun, but if we don't do Cancun, I know that we had gotten a very large participation here in the DC meeting.

If it's something that we have to cancel Cancun, it's almost the same direction a person has to travel, coming to Mexico or coming to the US, so we could consider if Cancun is cancelled, probably just meeting up in DC again, given the numbers that we actually had in the room, rather than doing a remote. I know we tend to get more done face-to-face than remote.

DENISE MICHEL:

And we can use my corporate offices in DC if the ICANN offices aren't available, if that's the route we need to go. But first I'd like to understand really what the limitations are in Cancun, if everyone who can has made arrangements to go there to finalize the report.

KERRY-ANN BARRETT:

I can also offer our offices here if I know in advance. We do have recording facilitation, so you can let me know in advance, we could probably explore the dates that you might be thinking about, and I could probably host here, as well.

LAURIN WEISSINGER:

This is Laurin. I would also prefer to also have the April options, but we have to see what's doable. Can we maybe start with a doodle that goes, you know, as early as possible, to first figure out when people are even free, and then we can think about location. Does that sound good? Idea being, if we have people's timing, we have at least something to go by, no matter if Cancun is happening or not. And are we happy with a

two-day, or would we want a three-day in this case? Or 2-1/2 days, whatever.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I'd probably go for 2-1/2.

ERIC OSTERWEIL: This is Eric. I'm surprised by the suggestion of more and not fewer days. So, maybe I misunderstand what the prospective workload of incorporating the comment is going to be. Do we think it's going to be that heavy of a lift, a three-day face-to-face session is necessary?

LAURIN WEISSINGER: So, we don't have much in yet, from what I have heard about, there will be substantial feedback. We do have some stuff we still need to resolve, that we ourselves kind of mentioned.

ERIC OSTERWEIL: Writing in remote collaboration, normally I would have imagined this is very doable among a small number of authors focused up on certain things. I could imagine that we could benefit from some facetime, but I would imagine that would be after some constructive online work and constructive online work could follow. I was thinking if we needed another face-to-face, it would probably be doable in a day. But maybe that's just me.

LAURIN WEISSINGER: So, I think a day is maybe, I mean, you know, it really depends on what's coming out. This is why I think this is extremely difficult to do right now. You were privy to discussions, Eric, so it just seems sensible to kind of prep for this possibility. So, let's just go with two days for now, and then we can still kind of fiddle around with that. Would that be fine for everyone?

KERRY-ANN BARRETT: Yes.

DENISE MICHEL: This is Denise. Staff, when is the Staff briefing the Board today on Cancun?

JENNIFER BRYCE: I believe it's noon, Pacific Time, that the Board is going to meet today.

DENISE MICHEL: Okay, and are you expecting Cancun to be canceled?

JENNIFER BRYCE: I have no idea. I don't know at this point.

DENISE MICHEL: Steve, do you know?

STEVE CONTE: I'm in the same boat, I don't know what the sense is, but since I'm unmuted, given the fact that the decision around this is around protecting people from a possible pandemic, you decide if this is or not, I would recommend that this decision be put to the list and let everyone on the review team decide what their comfort level of travel is, if Cancun is canceled, instead of just jumping into another travel.

DENISE MICHEL: Yeah, so could we get Staff commitment to post something on our list as soon as the decision has come out from Cancun, and then we can I guess discuss the alternatives online, and go from there?

STEVE CONTE: Just to let you know, Kaveh has his hand up.

JENNIFER BRYCE: Thanks, Steve.

KAVEH RANJBAR: I just wanted to add, at 800 UTC today the Board has a call, there is no direction, there hasn't been any decision, so there is really no indication if it's going to be canceled or not. The Board is going to get some more information and then there will be a decision.

LAURIN WEISSINGER: Okay, shall we after discussion put this one off, see what's actually happening and then kind of reconvene via email tomorrow after we know what's going on. Does that sound good?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Sounds good.

LAURIN WEISSINGER: Okay, so according to the agenda I have nothing else in terms of Action Items. Denise said her comments would be in by next week, which means that hopefully we can discuss KC's comments and Denise's comments in one go next week. And apart from that, I don't know if any Action Items, we'll take the Action Items tomorrow after we know what's going on with the meeting.

JENNIFER BRYCE: Sounds good, thank you.

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