
CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, everybody. Welcome to the LACRALO Monthly Board Call on Monday, January 14, 2020 at 23:00 UTC.

On the call today, we have on the Spanish channel, Sergio Salinas Porto, Harold Arcos, and Anahi Menendez-Ruiz. On the English channel, we have only Kerry Kerr. We have received apologies from Sylvia Herlein Leite, Adrian Carballo, Carlos Leal, and Jose Arce.

On the side of the staff, we have Heidi Ulrich, Silva Vivanco; and myself, Claudia Ruiz, who will be the call manager as well. Our interpreters today are Paula and Claudia.

Before starting, I would like to remind you all to state your name before speaking for transcription and interpretation purposes. Thank you very much. Now, you, Sergio, have the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening and Happy New Year because this is our first meeting this year. So, it's good to be together so as to work on all the subjects related to the Latin American and the Caribbean region.

I will now give the floor to Harold, so that Harold may act as secretary and read the agenda. The agenda, as a matter of fact, will not be discussed completely because some people [inaudible] meeting will not have all the reports that we thought we would have because ALAC members have not [inaudible]. Lilian and Anahi are here, so they may

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give the update from their relevant working groups that I think that we will have to work a lot on the Cancun meeting. So, Harold, you have the floor now.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you very much, Sergio. In the agenda for today, the proposed [inaudible] to discuss the update of each working group—the working group on domains and its relationship with users, WHOIS and GDPR, [inaudible] and IDNs, communications and capacity building. We have Anahi to talk about that. Our expectation is that one of the ALAC members may join the call so as to discuss the policies that are being discussed at ALAC.

Item number six is for us to discuss about the board meeting during the Cancun meeting in March. We are going to discuss on the objectives the agenda topics and logistics.

Point number seven is any other business. So, we have the possibility of discussing the ideas [inaudible] the secretary elect, Kerry Kerr, relating outreach and engagement at ALAC.

So, this is the agenda for the time being. I don't know if there is any other one or if there is any hands up that you are willing to add something to the agenda. So, if there are no comments, the agenda is approved and we may move on. Sergio, you have the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

I will start with Lilian, then. Lilian may speak about the working group and then Anahi will do the same on her relevant working group. [We

will then] discuss the other topics that will take most of our call. So, Lilian, you have the floor. Lilian, are you there? Hello, Lilian. Can you hear me? Do you all hear me?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Yes, I do, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I don't know if you heard me before.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, we did. I don't know if Lilian is here. Claudia, can you please say if Lilian is here?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Lilian is connected to Zoom, but I don't know. Lilian, if you are speaking, we cannot hear you. I don't know if you are speaking, Lilian.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I think [inaudible]. No, Lilian. Unfortunately, you sound very feint. It's almost impossible to hear you.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Lilian, the operator will call you, so please wait a minute.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Well, if you agree, I will give the floor to Anahi and then we will come to Lilian. You won't have to wait for Lilian? I'm being [inaudible]. Certainly, this is not me.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: I am here now [inaudible] to the call. Can you hear me now?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, but please recheck computer so as to receive only one sound.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: Good afternoon, good evening, everybody. Now I know that you hear me even though I cannot hear myself, but anyway, I have quite a complex time because there has been a change in administration, but I would [inaudible] Claudia, Sylvia to organize the first call of the Communications Working Group and I would send an email in the LACRALO mailing list so as to invite more members to join our working group, so as to strengthen the working group and to perform and carry out all the tasks that we have to in the first half of the year. So, these are the two tasks I should do [inaudible] to send an email and invite more people. I will also use our Facebook group and organize a schedule, our first meeting, so as to actually start working.

Additionally, we need the first meeting of social media to take place, so as to find out the approach and then go in line with them. And once everything is [inaudible], well, we talk about the communications strategy developed by the Outreach and Engagement group. You know that my idea for the first stage is to go hand in hand with the actions to

be taken by the ALAC group related to the Communication Working Group.

Additionally, I know that we need to know what will happen in Cancun and [inaudible] to support the activities, and there are more members of the group, they may participate in any of the activities to be performed. So, this is my update. It is very short because of what I mentioned at the very beginning, but the idea is that next week we will have a schedule. I will ask tomorrow the staff to put out a Doodle poll so as to set the date and times most convenient for most of us.

We will first send the email to invite more people to join the group and to send another one to the mailing list so that people may wake up and work a bit more, engage a bit more, with this work and ask them what are the barriers for participation or to join the cause. I don't know if [inaudible] because of the time of the day but try and find kind of a middle ground so that everyone may participate. If there is any question, I'm here to answer. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Lilian. Any suggestion? I would like to give you some feedback on your report. It's very important what you are saying. I think that in the region there is a need to start finding out why some ALSes are not participating and I think it's a good idea to prepare kind of a survey without putting any pressure on them, but just to review the options for their participation and engagement.

I think that perhaps we should organize some activities or [inaudible]. I know that we have some staff in your agenda, like the newsletter.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: Yes. I forgot to speak about that but I know that it's pending. So, we need, with the staff, to find a platform that will [inaudible] that. It's there on the agenda.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes, I know. I know that you have it on your plate. I would like just two people joining you, helping you, so as to motivate some others. We need to think about a strategy because all of us are the ones who communicate all the ALSes, and let's say that the motivators have the Communications Working Group, so you have to invite the 59 organizations to multiply everything that is done in LACRALO.

So, I know that this is a lot of work. I know that this is a lot of work and it's difficult but if with may focus ourselves on a group of people within the Communications Working Group that will receive the [fullest], the holistic view ... You remember that we talked about the tree, the forest, and the eagle view. I'm not speaking about the eagle view but the forest view, the forest perspective. They can see the whole of what is happening in the region [inaudible] to speak about what the ALSes are doing. Some ALSes are inactive. We have to activate them again. Some of them are dormant, let's say, and this is not your task [inaudible]. But the idea is to find out whether they are doing something not in relation to LACRALO but if they are doing something in their country, in their city, with respect to technology so as to put it in the LACRALO agenda so that they may have [inaudible].

There is an organization working in Colombia that they are not participating in LACRALO, so they are working with the [inaudible] university with block chain and many activities with universities, but [suddenly] there is no impact on LACRALO. So, we have to find [inaudible]. They come, they vote, sometimes they appear once in a while at a meeting.

I know it's not your obligation to motivate people, but the idea is to multiply what they are doing and they should feel they are part of something.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: I think that if we get [inaudible] with each ALS, that's like a couple may participate, [inaudible] taken into account. There will be curiosity on their side. So, the idea is to be more customized.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I invite you to think that we are not going to be on these working groups forever. I'm thinking that one day we will be able to move on to other groups. So, we always have to raise the bar high.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: And I think that we had a vow to complete our terms, right?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes, that's not a problem because, as you can see, in Cancun we will be talking about a five-year plan. So, that is part of the LACRALO strategy.

So, we have to start thinking about a strategy for a term of four years at least, to have three or four years of work and then pass over the control or the leadership to others, so that we have enough time to consolidate our work.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: Perfect. I agree.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Anahi, now it's your turn. So go ahead, please.

ANAHI MENENDEZ-RUIZ: Thank you, Sergio. Can you hear me?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes, go ahead, Anahi.

ANAHI MENENDEZ-RUIZ: In the Capacity Building Working Group, we have continued working on the capacity building platform project. We have made some progress already. In the next few weeks, we are planning to introduce it and to start disseminating it and then we will be ready to make a formal presentation of that project at the Cancun meeting. That is what we are working on now.

And we have also participated in the ALAC calls and we have also worked with the capacity building group there. So, I'm at your disposal

for whatever questions you may have. This is what I have to share with you right now. If you have any questions, comments, feedback, just let me know.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Anahi. Let me make a few suggestions. We have a big challenge ahead. Perhaps the biggest challenge is not just to get people to participate but also for them to develop an intermediate level of understanding about what we do at ICANN. It is quite difficult for people to have a good grasp of difficult topics related to the Internet. End users usually use Internet just a few hours a day and they take for granted that they will have Internet all day long available to them but they rarely think about what lies behind there. There is an organization taking care of the operation of the Internet. End users just think about Internet as something that they have available and they don't understand what ICANN stands for or how big ICANN is.

So, whenever you think about capacity building, you need to bear this in mind. Probably there will be some users that will have a lot of knowledge and they may get angry with us because we may be using some simple terms or not so many technical high-level terms. But many of our colleagues don't have that level of expertise. That is why do that.

So, my suggestion to you is the following. We should have a review afterwards and think how each of these topics will be presented to the community so that the community can have a good understanding of those topics because that is the goal. We want the community to learn about all these topics and to make them their own.

So, we have to find a way to deliver the webinar but also to assess the level of knowledge. And I'm saying this because I'm very much concerned about that because I want our region to be fully engaged.

I see that Harold has a hand raised. Go ahead, Harold.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you, Sergio. So, I wanted to make a comment about Lilian's presentation. First, I want to make a comment about the ALAC group initiative that was developed together with Glenn and [Beth]. They worked on a blog so that all working group members could engage in that blog. They can report. They can give updates about the activities that take place in the region.

There are some developments taking place in Colombia and in other places that must be communicated to others, so that is a good way of doing that.

Another topic that I wanted to comment on is the topic of webinars that will be delivered in the week before the ICANN meeting. There has been a call launched already for registration for these webinars. The webinars will take place in the weeks starting on February the 20th. From the 20th to the 24th of February there will be webinars on different important topics, so this is something that we need to take note of. We need to disseminate this information through social media, through the ALAC newsletter, so I think that is very important information.

In terms of participation and engagement, I just wanted to say that [inaudible] for capacity building. That would be all, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Harold. Now let me check the agenda.

ANAHI MENENDEZ-RUIZ: Sergio, can I make a comment?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes, of course. Go ahead, Anahi.

ANAHI MENENDEZ-RUIZ: Thank you for the suggestions and let me talk about the ALAC meeting that I participated in today. There were 41 attendees and we talked about the new course that will be uploaded onto ICANN Learn for follow-up on policy development processes. And with a challenge that we have in the region in terms of capacity building, they also talked about how capacity building activities can result in higher engagement on participation from the community. So these were some of the most important issues addressed during this meeting.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Anahi, for sharing this information. There is something that you will have to take care of and you will have to work closely with [Amir] with our secretary [inaudible] because he is now working as vice president of Outreach and Engagement, vice chair of Outreach and Engagement, and I think that it would be essential for you to work together. In fact, I think [Amir] should also be involved with your work

and your working group and he should also be able to voice out his point of view. [Amir], would you like to comment on your meeting in the ALAC working group?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE:

We did not have ... Well, not we but I. I did not have direct information as to what LACRALO [inaudible] been doing in the past with the O&E but the meeting went well. We did not give a report on LACRALO's behalf, but going forward, we hope to have this sorted out.

They have some stuff that they're proposing. I heard Harold mention it in the agenda and I guess when we come to that part we will talk about it. Thank you, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, [Amir], for your participation in this meeting. Next on the agenda, we have an item to get an update from the ALAC members, but unfortunately none of them are attending this call. So, I think that now we have come to the most important item on this agenda for this meeting. That is Cancun 2020 board meeting.

As you know, for some months, we have been informally having discussions among ourselves about the importance of having our own meeting, especially in Cancun, because this is the first time that LACRALO has a board of directors so we needed to lay the foundation for the future work so that this can be replicated and continued by each of the LACRALO members in the years to come. It was very important for us to have this first meeting.

We had to first talk with different stakeholders in order to have some level of coordination, to have some strong foundation for this idea to move forward. And that, of course, has put time against us because that took time because all these preliminary discussions required time, so time lapsed and we didn't have much time to talk about [substance].

The purpose of this meeting is to clearly define each person's function to how we are supposed to work, especially because we have some young participants, members in the ICANN ecosystem and we need them to be brought up to date because some people will take positions as ALAC members or they will become representatives of end users in some ICANN spaces on behalf of Latin America and the Caribbean region. Therefore, we need to have a strong board, a strong board [inaudible] which actually is a strong multiple leadership group has to have some level of organization. And it is good for that purpose to have some planning and you need to plan considering a strategy with a clear vision and then you can devise certain tactics to get to your goal.

Of course, the chair and the chair elect and the secretary and secretary elect will have to change the tactics but we won't be able to change initially the objectives, the goal, the strategic goals. We are going to engrave that in stone but we will be able to change the tactics.

So, if let's say that in one of our goals could be four years from now to have representation of all the countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, then that would be a strategic goal. How are we going to address that? Well, there comes the tactics.

So, with Harold, we may have a vision as to how we can go about this call what we need to do. Probably [Amir] and Carlos Leal may have different points of view and perhaps they will address these challenges differently. So, we will have to work on that basis not only in Cancun. We will have to travel to Cancun but we will also have to do some preliminary work and we will start with the preliminary work next week. That means that we will have meetings every week until we get to Cancun.

I see that Kerry has her hand raised. I will give you the floor shortly, Kerri. But I would like to ask Harold and Silvia or Claudia—I don't know who is in charge of this, maybe it's Claudia—perhaps you can set up a Doodle poll to choose a time for the meeting where we can have everyone in attendance. We cannot have half of the members meeting in that meeting. So, we need to be able to have nine or ten people in the meeting if Jose gets better. Jose is sick now. He needs to have some tests and exams done. But if he gets better, Jose will also be participating in that meeting. Otherwise, somebody from his working group will have to stand for him.

But what I'm trying to say is that we cannot be absent there. We have to be there. Kerry, you have raised your hand. Please, go ahead.

KERRY KERR:

Sergio, please forgive me. I misunderstood a while ago that you were actually giving me an opportunity to report directly about [inaudible]. Daniel, the chair of the subcommittee, he and some of the other

members, we were talking about the possibility of different activities for [only] at the ICANN 67.

It was proposed there that we can probably have Jonathan Zuck, who was just given an award for a meant to be [inaudible] trailer or movie—well, a documentary—and they wanted to have him present as part of the booth talking about the Consolidated Policy Working Group and the model that is used in At-Large. They are asking if they can engage LACRALO to be a part of that event.

So, basically, that is what we have discussed. Up to today, Daniel was actually inquiring if we have considered that and what our are plans. So, if [inaudible] inform him that both you, Sergio, and Harold will be on the next call and will be able to give them a full update ...Well, not necessarily full, but at least an update nonetheless as to what's happening with plans for ICANN 67. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, [Amir]. I will try and summarize. In our last meeting at ALAC, we discussed this. The idea is that all the members of the board will be part of the ALAC meeting on Sunday because an idea was to try and find out what about the schedule, which group and how we might work during the meeting.

We will be part of ALAC meetings. We will, of course, be counted as part of those meetings. But at the same time, there will be some activities outside the ALAC meetings because, otherwise, we will not reach our goal of trying to put some [order] to this Board of Directors. So, [they're currently meeting].

For many of you, will require a huge effort. The idea is to [inaudible] because there's a lot of work to be done. It's a very long meeting. We are not going to be there for the six days. The leaders will be six days but the rest of the people will be there for four days only, so you will have to fully commit yourself to participate in all events that will last four days for us. We will be part of it. We will work to shape what I've said before. We will be also part of ALAC activity. And at the same time, we will go into [inaudible] meeting that is related to our organization as the Board of Directors.

Have I answered your question? [Amir], are you there? Is it clear for you now?

[KERRY KERR]:

Yes, Sergio. Thank you very much. That is clear. It's not that I did not understand that. It's just that the [folk] were asking and I just wanted to engage LACRALO's leadership so that at least you have an idea of what's going on. So, definitely, I will communicate.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

You're welcome. Now, going back to the agenda, Silvia helped us with some issues when we talk about the Cancun 2020 Board. She put some order to this part of the call.

I mentioned the objectives but now we have to discuss the talking points. And in this case, let's say that we will have four days and three nights in Cancun and I would like Silvia to take the floor and explain a bit

deeper everything related to logistics. Silvia, can you please help me with this? Silvia, are you there?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

I'm on the bridge. I have been trying to coordinate how to include the Board within the At-Large meeting. It's important, Sergio, to know that the board members should participate at the At-Large meetings. The At-Large meetings will be held on Saturday and Sunday, so you will be arriving on Friday, March 6, and on Sunday you will be invited to participate in At-Large meetings. We are trying to put some slots for the Board on Monday and Tuesday. So, you will be leaving by Wednesday, the 11th. So, we will have five full days. We have made a significant effort to include all [inaudible] and you will have time then to hold your meetings in Cancun.

On Monday and Tuesday, we are doing as much as possible so as to accommodate within the schedule. It's not perhaps in those [inaudible] that you need to be at At-Large meetings. We have identified five hours and a half for [inaudible] and the idea is to have an additional three hours on March the 10th. That is Tuesday. So, it would be nine hours of meetings for the Board of Directors. This is related to the logistics of the meeting.

With respect to the [inaudible], we have to think of having rooms with interpretation booths. So, this is why we are analyzing what we have with the rooms with interpretation booths available.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Excuse me, Silvia. I have a question. I would like to go back on what you say. So, on which day [inaudible] will be arriving in Cancun?

SILVIA VIVANCO: It will be Friday, March 6th. Everybody is arriving on Friday. The first At-Large meetings are on Saturday, the 7th.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, Silvia. [inaudible] on Sunday and Saturday. You will participate at At-Large meetings. I don't know if the Board would like to take a couple of breaks for lunch or dinnertime so as to have a more [inaudible] among yourselves—the LACRALO Board I mean.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Friday, March 6th?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, Friday, March 6th. Next point. When we talk about funding of accommodation tickets and per diem, we have five slots that are financed with the policy budget—the secretary, the chair, and the three ALAC members. They are funded with the regular budget and we have five slots there. We were missing five other slots. So, final possibility is CROP. So, we will have three CROP slots but CROP only covers three nights, so we needed funds for the extra two nights plus the per diem, the accommodation and the per diem. And two additional slots. These are the challenges.

So, the staff is working so that we will have with a policy budget everything will be available. So, we are going to have nine slots because [inaudible] will not be able to attend, so all LACRALO board members will be there with funds necessary. This is in terms of logistics.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: When [inaudible] happened in Argentina [inaudible] would start crying. Tears coming down our cheek. So, I'm really moved. Thank you very much, Heidi, you, all the staff members because you are making this possible. And this is the LACRALO time. If we gain momentum, if this work [inaudible] LACRALO will be up to the work, up to the task we have to do and this is thanks to you, ladies, because I think it's more ladies than gentlemen over there. It would be ladies and gentlemen.

SILVIA VIVANCO: You're welcome, Sergio, and we are going to work very hard in these two or three days so that, first of all, all the board members please confirm [inaudible] if you know that you are coming so that we may buy the tickets because you know that the longer we take, the more expensive they are. So, we are going to do our best so as to buy them during this week [inaudible] very good price. So, we will send emails asking you to confirm your participation and then the logistics of the hotel, per diem will move on as usual.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Silvia, I have a question. Do you need an email to be sent to the staff saying that each member confirm—each board member confirm—their attendance?

SILVIA VIVANCO: It will be good to have a written confirmation of all board members so that we have something in writing that says that you will be able to attend the meeting. I may send the arrival day, the departure day, and with that information, each board member can meet to [inaudible] because you know that logistics means an expense. So, you should confirm your participation to buy what we need to buy.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, that is perfect. Let's do it like that. Then I'm going to ask all the participants here ... Anahi, please talk with Adrian to see if he is going to be there or you will have to be there. Then, for the rest of the people here, please, I urge you, in the case of Carlos Leal or [Amir]. Lilian, I know that you have already processed your application through CROP. I can't remember if I'm missing anyone. But I think there is a fourth person. I can't remember right now. Please make sure you start making the request for the ticket.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes. Carlos Leal and Kerry Kerr, the chair-elect and the secretariat-elect, Adrian Carballo, Lilian De Luque are the people who have to confirm their attendance because Sylvia Herlein, Harold, Carlos, Humberto, and

[Raul] are the five positions who traditionally are funded for travel. So, actually, all of you have to send your confirmations.

Then it is important to start working on the topics for the agenda. Last year, as you may remember, Sergio, you wanted to start the Board of Directors meeting as a virtual meeting. So, we will conclude the discussions in a face-to-face meeting but the discussions will start virtually.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Yes. I'm concerned about that. I want to do some preliminary work. It would be good if we could also draft a document that can be submitted to the Board for our region with some core issues in order to communicate to the region what the structure is planning to do.

So, I would say that I can share with you the trust that I have prepared. I can just share it with you here but later on I'm going to send it to you individually. It is a minimum draft agenda where we have half a day of work outside the formal meetings of ICANN. So, on Friday, we need to be able to get early in Cancun, to arrive early in Cancun to make sure that we check into the hotel at 3:00 PM so that we can be at 4:00 or 4:30 already willing to work.

After a check in into the hotel and a quick shower, we can start working. We can have a group meeting. We can spend a few hours doing some work and also discussing issues to have some sort of assessment of the region to have also some kind of very brief document that can also be translated into English. I'm saying brief document because we will only have a couple of hours, but we will have to start working already during

the calls with the meetings that will be kicked off from next week. So, we are going to work on that.

At the same time, we will have a second group also assessing the work being done by the working groups, sharing our vision for the future. We can also work on the ALAC member report. We want ALAC members to have a strong role as they had been doing so far, but also engaging some other stakeholders. So, we are going to work on some dynamics to see how we can engage other people because there are some working groups that have been set up but they are not working closely together with ALAC members and we need people to work together and people who are really interested in this topics—the topics that are being discussed at ICANN as a whole and also in CROP community settings. So, we also need to raise a high bar for those groups.

Then, of course, we will have to focus on the institutional strategy. And please, don't get me wrong. It is an institutional strategy. I'm not talking about the regional LACRALO strategy. I'm talking about the Board's institutional strategy which will be the four-year strategy for the Board of Directors.

Why am I speaking about a four-year term? Because now with Harold we are beginning to do this work but we also need to take into account [Amir] and Carlos's terms and probably they will also have to come up with a strategic project before they leave involving the new chair-elect and the new secretary-elect when they take over as chair and secretary, respectively.

So, that means that we need to look forward. We need to have a forward-looking vision. When I'm talking about the forest and the trees, I mean that you can have three points of view. You can just have the view of the tree. You can also see the forest behind the tree. And you can also have an eagle view. You can see beyond the trees, the forest, and what is behind the forest. So, we need to build regional leaders with an eagle's view. But first we need to see the tree and the forest and that is the process that we need to follow.

I see that Lilian is asking for the floor. Go ahead, Lilian. Lilian, are you there? Lilian, are you there? We cannot hear you, Lilian.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: I'm sorry, I was using a different audio channel. It has been a mess for me today. Can you hear me now?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes. We can hear you.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: This is the first time that this happened to me. I am paying the cost for that, for trying new things. I have already heard you speaking about the tickets, so my question is what are the steps to take, who should coordinate all these processes with? Because I have always traveled on the basis of some grant or some fellowship, so what should I do?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Actually, to be honest, I don't have an answer for you. This is also new for me and it is new for us to have a meeting of the Board of Directors. So, what I would say is that, first, you need to wait until you get an email from staff telling you when you should be there. You need to send back a reply confirming the dates, and once you have confirmed your attendance and once the staff has the list of confirmed members, they will give us further instructions. This has to happen quickly. That is what I'm trying to say because I think the deadline is the 16th and today is the 13th.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: Yes. Actually, the deadline is Friday, the 17th. And my birthday is on Saturday the 18th!

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. So, we will have to celebrate there.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: Yes. We can celebrate in Cancun. I was looking at the agenda and it is quite tight. I wanted to do something with the NextGen members from our region but I'm not sure if I will have time because I see that we have quite a busy schedule. What's your opinion?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I'm willing to do whatever it takes to make some room, but of course we will have to talk about that with Gisella, with Heidi, and Silvia. If we can have a few minutes to do something, we will try to do it.

We are willing to share and to make the most of our time in these meetings. First, of course, we have two objectives—the ALAC meeting and the meeting of the Board of Directors. If we have some time left in between these two activities and we can devote that time to somebody else, of course we will take that advantage.

I see Harold is asking for the floor. Heidi also wants to take the floor. Heidi, if you allow me, I will go with Harold first. Harold has just lowered his hand. Are you going to talk, Harold?

HAROLD ARCOS: Yes. Go ahead, Heidi. I can take the floor later.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you very much, Harold. Just on the travel points. For the four people that we will be covering the flights to Cancun, in addition, we are going to be in touch with you. We know your dates. You will be arriving on the Friday and will be leaving on the Wednesday. So, just let us do the internal process first and then we'll have the travel team reach out very shortly to start booking that. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Heidi, because this gives us some level of organization. I really thank you for helping us with this because this makes things much faster and much swifter and we can devote our time to other issues.

Then I have another question. From now onwards, we need to meet every week. Are there any limitations as to the use of Zoom or

interpretation support? Can we guarantee that we can have a meeting with Zoom capabilities and with interpretation support every week? Is that possible?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

So, we have been in touch with Gisella earlier today and we're going to be using the ALAC room as much as possible, so that we'll have that interpretation and will have the full Zoom and Adigo call-in details for those who are not able to join.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Okay. I very much appreciate that, Heidi, and congratulations on the wonderful work you are doing. I think that we have already looked at the talking points on the agenda, some issues about logistics. Humberto has finished the meeting and he rushed to this call, so perhaps Humberto you would like to give us some highlights about what is going on in ALAC. Humberto? Humberto, go ahead, please.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO:

I am driving, Sergio. Can you please repeat what you were saying?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

I just wanted to know whether you wanted to share anything with us about what is happening in ALAC, something that we need to focus on in our Board of Directors.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Some issues are being raised and discussed. We are now looking at ... We had a break, a holiday break, but this is perhaps not relevant for the region but it seems that there will be elections for the contact for a program in the region. There was a candidate, [Sara] from Africa. I can't remember her last name but I think that that proposal was not supported, so I think that there will be a call for candidates for that election. Perhaps there will be somebody from the region who would like to put forward a candidate for that position.

I think that is one of the highlights. There are a couple of other issues being discussed with the PIR sale, what will happen with the ORG domain. Some articles have been published on web pages. We have been talking about the At-Large and the ALAC reaction to all these events and these developments. So, now there seems to be a sharing off the actions and opinions.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: We can't hear you, Humberto.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Claudia, can you please tell us how we lost Humberto?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: I think that as he was driving we lost him. He still shows as connected but ...

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. We have run over the time allotted for this call. We have lost Humberto, unfortunately, but we have exceeded our time. I apologize because I thought that we had scheduled a 90-minute call.

If you agree, you will get an email from staff. You need to reply as soon as possible. We need to let Carlos Leal and Adrian know about this. Please, Anahi, talk to Adrian. I don't know who is going to travel, whether Adrian or you will be traveling there. And please try to follow the steps. We need to be well-organized. From today until next week, we will be communicating over WhatsApp so that we can deal with the logistics. So, next week we will start working. We will send a Doodle poll to choose the time. Personally, I would prefer to have this meeting on Thursdays. That is the best day for me. But we'll see the rest. Harold, please take care of this. We don't have any more time left, so I would like to adjourn this call and I'm sure we will keep in touch.

Thank you. Good evening to you all.

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