
CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, everybody. Welcome to the LACRALO bi-monthly Board of Directors call on February 27th, 2020, at 23:00 UTC.

On the call today, in the Spanish channel, we have Sergio Salinas Porto, Sylvia Herlein-Leite, Lilian Ivette De Luque, Adrian Carballo, and Humberto Carrasco.

On the English channel, we have Kerry Omir Kerr.

In the interpreters today are Claudia and Marina.

On the side of the staff, we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Claudia Ruiz, who will act as call managers.

Before beginning, I will ask all participants to please say your name before speaking for transcription and interpretation purposes.

Thank you very much. Now, Sergio, you have the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Good afternoon, good evening, everyone. At this meeting, we have some topics to discuss that are important for the Board of Directors and for the region. So, please, Silvia, I will ask you to act as secretary of this call. Please read out the agenda. I'm not in front of the computer, so please, during the whole meeting, the whole call, I will ask Silvia for her support to tell me if there is any hands raised or anything like that. Without further ado, Silvia, you have the floor.

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SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you very much, Sergio. The agenda for the call today is the approval of the agenda and the compensation from the perspective of ALAC with ALAC members. We are going to talk about the analysis point view and its relevant aspects (in charge of this will be Humberto Carrasco, Sylvia Herlein, and Carlos Gutierrez), the report from the Communications Working Group by Lilian De Luque, the report from the Training Working Group by Adrian Carballo, IDN and multilingual [inaudible] by Sylvia Herlein, the updates on the rules of procedure (everyone), metrics, next steps, and report (in charge of this was Harold Arcos; I think Sergio will take the responsibility), and Any Other Business. You can see the agenda on the wiki page, and you have it on screen.

I see no hands up, so, if there is no objection, the agenda is approved. Sergio Salinas will have the floor with the welcome, and then we will start with the conversation with the ALAC members. Thank you very much. You have the floor, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Silvia. I would like to add another item to the agenda. Perhaps it is in the agenda. The week after the cancellation of the Cancun meeting is the meeting of the Board of Directors that will be held in the city of Cancun in Mexico. So I would like to include this point. Perhaps before the report by the ALAC members, we may have a brief discussion on this topic so as to discuss some topics – for instance, whether the meeting will be done within ICANN’s virtual meeting or

not. It seems this will take a few minutes. I would like to start with it. I will give you my opinion before giving the floor to all of you who may request.

We have thought that, before arriving in Cancun, we would meet and we would meet on Friday, as a matter of fact, so that, on Monday and Tuesday, we would be focused on our work and work for nine hours. I think it was six hours on Friday afternoon. Since that will not be the case, I think that perhaps all the time used by ICANN and ALAC giving the ICANN67 the [whole meeting] will be more useful if participate. And we've scheduled our virtual Board of Directors meeting for April. So it was go to on with our usual activity in March and take a mind to work on all activities proposed by ICANN during March.

This is my perspective, but I would like to hear from you. Is anyone requesting the floor?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Sergio?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: You have the floor, Humberto.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I would like to be straightforward. I think that the ICANN67 virtual meeting for Cancun would be a complete failure. Maybe the usual participated in some meetings—those that have free time or with financial ability that may let them participate in ICANN. But in my case,

for instance, and perhaps you—some other people who have a day job—I was allowed to go to Cancun because it was important for diversity. So I might be present in the face-to-face meeting and [inaudible] any problem.

Having said that, I won't be able to participate in ICANN's virtual meeting, as much as I would like, because of the reasons I mentioned. You know that certainly I like to move the Board of Directors meeting to April, and we have to meet for shorter times. Shorter [inaudible] were originally planned and scheduled for ICANN67. That's my opinion.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Humberto. Any other hands up?

ADRIAN CARBALLO: Sorry. My hand is not up, but I fully agree with what was said by Sergio and Humberto. It won't be easy at all. Perhaps we should think about ourselves and whether we can have any meetings within the conference. It would be very, very difficult if each of us from each of the places and regions in the world will have much time allocated to that. In my case, it's [inaudible] other cases, we have day jobs and we have to work. So it won't be easy.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: My hand is up, also.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Lilian, you have the floor then.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: I fully agree with Humberto, Adrian, and Sergio. I think that all of us are in line in this respect. In my particular case, I'm going to go to Mexico those days. I won't be available for many days, so I will be back in the country on the 8th. So I may attend some meetings, but then I will be back to Bogota and I will have more time after the 8th because I was given permission because of the importance of the meeting and because of what we might bring to our job. But certainly be a date in front of the computer will not be possible. A virtual meeting? Well, we have virtual meeting as much as we can. We have been meeting bimonthly, after two weeks, so it's no problem. So, Silvia, I certainly do not agree with the virtual meeting, but a virtual meeting ...

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Lilian? Anybody else?

Okay. I would like to summarize what has been discussed so far. It will be in two columns. In Column 1, we do not agree with a virtual meeting; those that have to be held face-to-face because of what we have said: perhaps it's not possible to replicate this magic that exists when you look at each other face to face in the eye. So, as a matter of fact, we're going to have a virtual ICANN with diverse participation. Some people may be able to participate. In my case and in Humberto's case, unfortunately we have a day job, so I won't be able to participate or to attend all the sessions for these long hours that are implied in ICANN67. This is Column #1: participation at ICANN.

The second column is related to our activity at the Board of Directors. If you agree—I think that most of you did—I would prepare a schedule similar to the one we had for the Board of Directors meeting pre-ICANN67. I would prepare a new schedule with meetings that will take more meetings that we have thought about. But I think this is important because we need to streamline and to fine-tune our ... So I think that April may be a good month to carry on this work. If you agree, I will prepare a new schedule with new activities for our meeting.

I don't know what is the next item on the agenda.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Sylvia Herlein said that she tried to speak but we couldn't hear her. But she agreed with everything that has been said. So, Sergio, if you allow me to summarize—oh.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Can you hear me?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, we do.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: I fully agree with what was said by Humberto and the rest of you because I have the same reasons. But I would love to propose that perhaps we may agree on our time schedule, our own time zone, so we still [distribute] the meeting among us. But there will be a LACRALO

representative at each session. So perhaps we may distribute the ICANN schedule among ourselves to find out whether we can attend as many sessions as possible during the ICANN67 timeframe.

Do you agree?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: That's a very good idea, Sylvia. I think that the whole Board of Directors may list their available hours. I may do it, but I would need some help. I don't know if any one of you may help us.

Kerry, would you be able to help me so as to prepare a list with the available hours of each of us so as to match it with ICANN meetings, with perhaps maybe more than one representative attending this session? This is positive feedback. Kerry, can you help me with this.

KERRY KERR: Sure. No problem. Once everyone can send me their time, I can put it together for you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Kerry, do you think that review a Doodle or – it's not a Doodle; an Excel spreadsheet. I think an Excel spreadsheet would be better. We'd prepare it in a Google Doc and we may write down the various activities at ICANN67 with the relevant times (UTC times) so as to find out who may be present at a certain session.

I think we should ask Silvia if we have the official schedule of the meeting, so we may prepare an Excel spreadsheet and start working on that.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

With respect to the official schedule, they were doing the final touches. It was presented by David Olive on the website. We know that it will be held from 9:00 to 5:00, Cancun time, a very good time for this region. So when the final schedule is ready—I think it will be tomorrow—I may send Kerry Kerr the link to the official schedule so that he may start, tomorrow, preparing the list.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you very much. Kerry, do you agree with what has been said? IF you say okay, we will move forward.

KERRY KERR:

Yes, Sergio. I'm okay with it. I'll look forward for that e-mail because that was my concern. I remember one of the last things said was that they were still starting the schedule for the remote participation.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

I thought that the final schedule was ready, but Silvia said for tomorrow, in a couple of hours. So certainly the staff has been working really great. Congratulations to the whole team. I think we will be able to do this.

I think that this is good. Or, I don't know. Any other comments? Any other questions? Otherwise, I will start with the ALAC members.

Any comments? Any questions? Okay. So I will start with this. Some days ago, a member of our region drafted a report regarding the attendance of ALAC members to ALAC meetings or other meetings. In parallel, we have been discussing with Harold the position the leadership should take in this respect. I think that LACRALO leaders and the extended LACRLO leaders should not be calling the role with our ALAC members. We are all volunteers, and they are working or they have perhaps some kind of inconvenience to attend meetings. But this member is stressing and is insisting on putting this on the table of the region. So we have already said something about our decision, and now we should check the metrics of the organizations that are working. There should be a report, and Harold and Kerry are in charge of that.

I would like, before beginning with the metrics, ALAC members to give some report and feedback about our decision and about the things that are being discussed at ALAC. I know that some things will be discussed at ICANN67, but I would like to them to give an update on what is being discussed in this respect.

I don't know who's willing to speak—Sylvia, Harold, Carol Raul Gutierrez (I don't know if he's on the call) ...

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Sergio, we have Humberto with a hand raised.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I apologize. I meant Humberto and I said Harold.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I want to say that the person who is requesting an attendance report—well, let me make a couple of comments here. Also, the report was not completed. The person, who is Alberto Soto, has no knowledge that, during my term, together with the other RALOs, we made disagreement that the Secretariat reports were useless. According to statistics, virtually nobody read them, and the decision was made to do away with them. So it makes no sense to enforce an application that does not exist. I couldn't say this in person to Alberto. He could ask Eduardo Diaz or Sylvia, who attended these meetings, at least until I was a LACRALO leaders. I don't know if, during Sergio's time, because there was a change ...

The second comment is about attendance. I have no issue with ALAC members' attendance. It would be, however, complex because I am a member of the [ALT], the Leadership Training Working Group, and I also participate in planning and in other groups. So I have no problems [of] attendance myself.

Now, with respect to the ALAC members' attendance, for example, we had a meeting last Tuesday (two days ago), and, because of the time zone, I was the only who could participate. It was 4:00 or 5:00 A.M., as it happens sometimes because of the rotation between time zones. So I have no issue about having the metrics because it's actually the people who voted for that. But that's one thing different from exercising an oversight and saying that duties are not being fulfilled. It's a little bit far-

reached. If I were a retired person, perhaps I might devote much more time to ICANN and to my RALO.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. Thank you, Humberto, for your work. Sylvia, do you have anything to add? Carlos Raul has joined the call?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: No, Carlos Raul is not with us.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sylvia Herlein, do you want to say anything about this? Do you want to give your opinion on this?

Is it that Sylvia muted, or is she not on the call?

SYLVIA HERLEIN: I apologize. I'm here. Just to say that I agree with Humberto. I think we are responsible persons, as we have shown oftentimes through our commitment to the region because this is not the first time we take a role here.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Sylvia is breaking. We lost her. Claudia, please.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Just a moment.

SYLVIA HERLEIN:

I'm back. I'll continue. As I was saying, the ALAC calls, the meetings, are held on a rotating manner, and it is fair because the five RALOs are there and all ALAC members are responsible persons and have experience. There is no problem to oversee the voting, the participation.

But, as Humberto said –“If I were a retired person”— well, I have to work. And I submit my apologies and I am not participating, but that doesn't mean that I'm not informed about what's going on. I read the e-mails sent through the list. So, if a member of our community want that to be sent to him, I think it's okay. It should be sent, but it's not a pleasant thing to say because he's somehow saying or making an underlying statement that we are not fulfilling our role. That makes me uncomfortable. I think this should not be tolerated. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Sylvia, and thank you, Humberto, for expressing your views. Let me make a follow-up here. In our active and relevant engagement in these volunteering activities, there will always people like this who will try to destroy our work/our volunteer work with passion but also with time restrictions. This is because we have obligations other than ICANN, other than LACRALO and ALAC. But, please, do not falter. We have to coexist and live with members such as this one. What these people usually have is a second purpose.

The other day, I tried to this. We have to bring these operations to clear the air so that the collective work we are conducting is not diluted, is

not destroyed, and the individual work. I'm not talking to you about the ALAC members but everyone who is, one way or another, working for LACRALO. We should not allow anyone undermine our work because this is the seed of something that is very complex is an organization which is the seed for people relaxing and not committing. These people could eventually be outside of LACRALO or be unfit for LACRALO or ICANN because of this. So I currently ask you to defend the volunteer work and to defend your work for ICANN.

Is there any report we should be made aware of about that ALAC should be brought up to date on anything?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Sergio, Humberto wants to take the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Go ahead, Humberto.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Very briefly, discussions are now being held on what decision ALAC will make on this. There are different lines of discussion. There was a vote cast already on the budget, on the statement—the statement drafted by Ricardo Holmquist. He was the penholder. In the last ALAC meeting, there were also significant discussions about the virtual meeting/the former Cancun meeting. That is a summary. That's all.

Something else I wanted to add is that there was a discussion about geo-names: whether we were going to continue discussing this topic or drop it.

SILVIA VIVANCO: We have lost Humberto. We have lost him. He was talking about geo-names. Humberto?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Are you there, Humberto?

Well, I will now give my view, and then we will continue. We must continue with geo-names. Are you there, Humberto?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Yes. But we have to decide this in the next meeting. Finally, I am about to lose connectivity because I'm driving and I'm about to enter an area without signals, so I will take this moment to say goodbye and wish you the best.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. Thank you, Humberto, for your participation. Silvia, what other items do we have in our agenda?

SILVIA VIVANCO: If I may, I'd like to read Sylvia Herlein's comment. "That's right, Humberto. The '21-'25 budget has been adopted and voted on. And

today there was a webinar on .org. We will continue talking about this in the next weeks. There was a vote on ICANN meetings, 2024-2028.” That is what Sylvia Herlein is reporting about ALAC discussions.

The next items of the agenda is the report made by Lilian De Luque on the Communications Working Group.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I’m going to ask everyone to be very brief because we only have 15 minutes. Have you heard, Lilian?

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: Yes, clearly. Very quickly because, this week there was an upheaval. So, for quickly, let me so that I contacted Evin. She provided to me all the requirements for the newsletter that we will be publishing after the virtual meeting. Then I couldn’t make any progress. I’m still waiting for the updated list of ALSes.

I have asked staff sitting ... Silvia, I know you are very busy, so, as soon as I have that list of all ALSes and their details, we will start working on the IDNs.

That’s basically all, Silvia.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Lilian. Who’s next? Adrian?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Before that, if I may, Sergio, let me tell you that we have 90 minutes for this call. If you wish to extend the reporting, no problem.

The next item of the agenda—

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Silvia, but I think that, with our pace, we will be closing by 9:00. I will allow our interpreters to take a rest.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. So the next item is the Capacity-Building Working Group. Adrian Carballo?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: There's success for Adrian, who gave an excellent webinar this past Monday.

ADRIAN CARBALLO: Thank you very much. I'm happy to hear you enjoyed it. I hope to have more in the short term.

Now, I'm going to talk the ICANN Academy in Spanish. It's already the third Friday that we've been working on this. We've made progress. I have contacted the BC from ICANN Learn to discuss which topics will be the most prevalent ones for the calls. Then, with the full list of ALSes, we could contact them to see what topics they are handling and comment on .org, although this is not capacity-building. I want to be brief because I think that has taken a lot of time of the little time we

have. More specifically, when that transaction was made, .org was worth X amount of money. Let's say real estate property is worth [some] pesos and now it's worth much more. That is the concern. Now [the deal is saying] that there is an abrupt fall of domain names.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I did not understand. It was a sudden fall?

ADRIAN CARBALLO: It's the sudden fall of the sales of domain names. That was the reason, the rationale, for this transaction. So, if you get something that is worth more than what you paid for it, it's highly profitable. Then all these banks and companies make an assessment. Well, all indications showed that it was good business. So there isn't much room to discuss. This takes a lot of time, but that's it, basically.

What I mean, or my concern, is this statement that there is a sudden fall of sales is a justification for the sale of .org. I think, just for financial reasons, that's more than enough. My concern is, who [says it]? Because it goes against the prosperity of the domain name market. Personally, I do not see such a drop, now or in the future.

I don't want to take too much time on this. It was just an aside. What I means is that it's taken a lot of our time. That's all. Of course, if you have questions, I'm here.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Adrian. Sylvia Herlein probably has something to say about IDNs and the Universal Acceptance Group. I will now give the floor to her.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Thank you very much. On IDNs, I have to report that we are all set and ready with our materials—fully finished. I want to thank the translators team. The materials have been already officially translated, and we are closing the final details and drafting the letter to be sent to LACTLD to explain our project, what is it that we want, what is the outcome that we'd like to see from this project and make this note that this is the first stage of several actions that LACRALO could implement to help or perhaps articulate or better coordinate our joint work with the [cc]TLDs of the region. So we were about to send this to the LACTLD.

With regard to universal acceptance, we are also making the final details on some changes that the Universal Acceptance Group asked us to include in our local initiatives project. So we are about to complete it. We intended to submit it in the next few days, but, considering the cancellation of ICANN67, we got lost in time. But I guess that next week we'll be sending the results of this first stage both to LACTLD and to ICANN's Universal Acceptance Group. Thank you. That's all.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Sylvia. We certainly [inaudible] and complete report. So it's good to have [inaudible] LACRALO, so thank you very much. And congratulations to the [three] Secretariats.

I think that, now, I'm not mistaken—I don't know whether it's a report in metrics and there's no more to say—the rules of procedures have been recently drafted. Our secretary-elect and our current secretary should meet [so we still] analyze the metrics as sent by our staff so as to check the participation and engagement of each of our ALSes in the webinars and the monthly meetings. These are things that are discussed usually [inaudible] period because there are some other metrics that will have to be developed by us so as to find out what is interesting for us.

I think that the first report will be ready for the end of March or late March, so I will ask the secretary-elect and the secretary to meet so that Kerry may know what's going on once he becomes the secretary. So this is what I had to say. This is my brief report.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Sorry to interrupt you, but Kerry his hand up or had it. I don't know. But, if he would like to speak or not to make any comment on it.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Kerry, do you want to say something in that respect?

KERRY KERR: I do. Sergio, I was basically [inaudible] if I have to sit down with Harold, but then you clarified that at the end. So I took my hand down. Thank you very much for clarifying that.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. No problem, Kerry. You will have to meet with Harold. You will have to be very creative to develop the metrics report because some metrics totally are taken by the staff, and some others are included in the metrics report. And perhaps we do not have it. So we will have to make a kind of research to prepare the report and then know what to do with the outcome of that report because some ALSes perhaps are not participating or have not been participating for over a year. So we will have to generate a new process to invite those ALSes to keep on participating or, otherwise, if they have, I don't know, LACRALO, ALAC— I don't know. I know there is a process to decertify ALSes. Our objective is not for them to go away but certainly to work on that together with Harold. So I think that, next week, Harold will be with us our day-to-day work. So, once Harold is available, you have to meet with him. I suggest that you may send a [work-up] message to him so as to start working on that.

If that was your only doubt or question, I would like to move forward and talk about the rules of procedure. Is there any hands up?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Nope. None.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. We have a very good piece of news. The rules of procedures have been drafted. Anyway, they are the [inaudible]. I think that, on Monday, we're going to meet, have a Skype call, with him. I think that Sylvia will be there, too. We will review some of the things that have been written down. Perhaps we may [amend] some others. We are trying to be

certainly very detailed before presenting this final draft. We want the final draft to include some things that will not lead to misunderstandings.

We have also sent it for translation. We thought that we have it available to our Board of Directors meeting. But we will have to discuss the rules of procedures within the [governance] group. But I wanted to tell you that certainly we have made great progress. Humberto made a [lot] [inaudible] so as to visualize some things regarding quorum, majorities—things that perhaps that I am perhaps fully aware.

After seeing what Harold and Humberto did, I [inaudible] so as to present any conflict from ICANN. Now we are on the final leg of our journey. So for the rules of procedures, on Monday, after the meeting, we will have some decision on what to do.

I don't know if there is any hands up or if there is any other topics to be discussed.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

I don't see any hands up, Sergio, but I would like to point something out regarding the action items on this call. The first one is related to attending LACRALO. The LACRALO Board should attend the ICANN67 meeting. So the first thing is to provide Kerry Kerr with the final schedule. He will organize, together with you, how to attend all these sessions.

The second action item is that the meeting will not take place—the face-to-face meeting of the Board—so the members of the LACRALO

Board will meet virtually in April. The date is to be decided with you. We may then coordinate and arrange the [rescheduling] and consider, for instance, that, in April, we have Easter time.

I think these are the two most important action items. I don't know if you have anything else.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

No. The first point that you mentioned, the first action item, would be a process because first we have to decide who of the Board members would participate. So we should have it as soon as possible because the second process will be—well, [inaudible] process—who of ALTAS will be participating: people that attended ATLAS and now will follow up in ICANN67. The third process will be each of us, each Board member, will have a responsibility. How many of our colleagues in our working groups will be participating in ICANN67? So it's a multiplier. First it's us (we have to be there), and then those that traveled with us to Montreal, and then we would have to ensure that our colleagues in a working group will be participating in this meeting. Then we will have a [virtual] circle of active participation in ICANN67.

So, Kerry Kerr, you have a lot of work to do. We have assigned you to this task, and we are very sorry for this. But you are the secretary-elect. So we need, as fast as possible, to have this available to the Board so as to free up time and then organize the other two stages or processes.

So, please, Silvia, write it down with these three stages so that all of us should remember this.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. No problem. [Taking notice].

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Silvia. If there is no Any Other Business—I think there is none, but perhaps I'm mistaken—I would like to [greet] you all and tell you that we have done really very tough work – 51 minutes of very hard work—and it was really great to work with you.

So thank you, all of you. I'm [inaudible], and now I will go to my home. Goodnight, everyone. Goodnight. Safe travels. Thank you very much, everyone.

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