CLAUDIA RUIZ:	Good afternoon and good evening, everybody. Welcome to the LACRALO Meet the Candidates Leadership Elections Teleconference on Thursday, 21st of May at 23:00 UTC.

In today's call, in Spanish we have Sergio Salinas Porto, Harold Arcos, Vanda Scartezini, Luis Martinez, Lito Ibarra, Antonio Medina Gomez, Monica Trochez, Gilberto Lara, Abdias Zambrano, Adrian Carballo, Augusto Ho, Yoselin Vos, and Sylvia Herlein Leite who has just joined the call.

From the staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, and myself, Claudia Ruiz, in charge of managing this call, also Marcelo Rodriguez who's just joined in the call.

Our interpreters for Spanish are David and Marina; for French, Claire and Camila; and for Portuguese, Bettina and Esperanza.

Before we start, a kind reminder to please say your name before taking the floor. Please mute your mics to prevent any background noise. That is all and, Sergio, you have the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:	Thank you very much, Claudia. It is a pleasure to be with you again this week. We were together on Monday and today. This is a very important call today because we will hear our candidates to Chair Elect positions and Vanda Scartezini who has been already appointed by acclamation as delegate to the ALAC before the NomCom.

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In this call there are other topics of interest. I hope we will have a few minutes to discuss at the end after we hear what our candidates have to say. So I will start by giving the floor to our Secretary, Harold Arcos, who will read our agenda. Harold, you have the floor.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you, Sergio. Welcome, everyone, in today's call. We will have a discussion. First, we will start with meeting the candidates and there will be in our agenda item 3, an introduction and purpose of the call; item 4, the presentation by the candidates to the position of Chair Elect and also an introduction of the candidate who has been elected by acclamation. Each candidate will have five minutes to introduce themselves and share their vision about LACRALO and positions. One of them has already said that because of conflict of calendar, he's asked to be the first to present. Each one will have 5 minutes of presentation and then there will be questions and answers for the period of 30 minutes, 10 minutes per candidate. And the questions will be made in the order they have presented. Then we will have a closing and that's the end of today's agenda, and there is no other business. Also, with this, we consider the agenda adopted as is.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

This is the moment to make an introduction and purpose of the call. Silvia Vivanco will explain to us why we're here. Silvia, you have the floor.

SILVIA VIVANCO:	Hello, everyone. Thank you, Sergio. Pursuant to the elections calendar published on the wiki page, the purpose of this call is to give an opportunity to the candidates to introduce themselves and take questions from LACRALO members. As you know, there are three candidates for the position. The elected person will take office immediately because the position is vacant because the incumbent has resigned. So the period to be completed covers from today up to October 2021, and from 2021 to 2023 pursuant to the Operating Principles of LACRALO. The Chair Elect automatically becomes LACRALO's Chair according to the Section 8A of the Operating Principles. The obligations of the Chair Elect are embedded in Section 10 of the same principles. We will also hear what the sole candidate elected by acclamation as ALAC delegate to the NomCom, Vanda Scartezini, has to say. So there will be five minutes for each candidate when they will make a short introduction of their credentials and then there will be a section for questions and answers, following the same order of their presentation. For the sake of methodology, please make your questions by raising your hand and typing questions on the chat. Staff will be paying attention and indicate to whom the question is made. There will be a final closing round, three minutes for each candidate. This is all and, Sergio, you have the floor for the next item of our agenda.
SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:	Thank you, Silvia. As established, we will start with the presentations by our four candidates. I don't know if Lia is with us. Yes, she has joined. I'm very happy, very pleased that she was able to do that because there were issues with the passport. I will start by giving the floor to Augusto Ho. I will ask Silvia or Harold to show the EOI and the SOI on the chat for

those of you who've not had the chance to see their bio and their Expressions of Interest to become the Chair Elect of LACRALO. So, Augusto, you have five minutes. We have five minutes per candidate, so I kindly ask you to observe/respect this time restriction. So, Augusto, you are welcome. You have the floor.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you very much. I hope you can hear me okay. Let me check that first. Thank you. I am Augusto Ho. I was born in the City of Colón, Republic of Panama. I am the younger male child after four female children of a couple who was married for many, many years.

I studied at the La Salle school all my life. Then I went to the University of Panama where I graduated on Political Sciences, undergraduate and graduate program, master's program, trained in teaching science. I have two degrees on higher education. Here in Panama, pursuant to their law, those of us who want to be teachers have to comply with this unavoidable requirement to be properly trained before teaching.

I have been a professor for 27 years in various local universities. I ran, managed organizations, NGOs, engaged in law and technologies. In 2001 I chaired the IT Committee of the Panamean Bar Association, which before becoming a member of the International Association of IT Organizations, I afterwards became the Chair in the election held in Colombia. I was an external consultant of the Ministry of Trade of Panama for the seal of trust and electronic documentation. I am currently involved – actually, I coordinate the Institute of Law and Technology of the Santa Maria La Antigua University, which is the oldest

university in the country. This institute is the first of a national university of such a kind. This was our own idea which we presented to the university [and] colleges and was accepted.

I have gained experience in my years of work in the private sector, both nationally and internationally. As a result of which, I have a knowledge and idea what things are like not only in my country but worldwide. So from the educational perspective, I had the opportunity to interact obviously with many young people and I think that I can help them improve. In which respect, at present the youth believe that becoming aware of what Internet is is just managing an application – I think that is a mistake. I certainly believe that we should have the capability to gather dynamic young people, but I also have conversational skills with the elderly so I can have horizontal discussions. For the older people who feel displaced by technology and want to be engaged, I think that on both ends of the lifeline, both ends should be integrated. These are people who want to become part of the civil society, so I might even say that I commit myself to take care of those groups so that they become aware of active organizations in this field. I am a pioneer in leading initiatives in my country in law and technologies with 27 years of experience.

I see my time is almost over. I hope that this personal presentation has been helpful to you but I'm here if you have any questions or request for clarification. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Augusto Ho. It is now the turn to – and I will give the floor to Lia Hernandez. So, Lia, you will see a timer on the screen. You have five minutes. You have the floor.

LIA HERNANDEZ: First, I'd like to know if staff has received my presentation, which I'd like to use as support to present my candidacy.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Let me check with the staff. Claudia, Silvia, have you received any presentation?

LIA HERNANDEZ: I have sent it both to the staff and to Harold, the Secretary.

HAROLD ARCOS: Lia, perhaps you have just sent it.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: I don't know if you can see the screen but I do not have access. I need access.

SILVIA VIVANCO: You only need to authorize.

LIA HERNANDEZ:	I will grant access. It's just I haven't received an e-mail asking for access.
CLAUDIA RUIZ:	We have it on screen now. Can you see it?
SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:	Yes. We can see the presentation.
LIA HERNANDEZ:	Great. Good afternoon. Ladies and gentlemen, my name is Lia Hernandez. If you can help me by scrolling the slide. I am Lia Hernandez. I am a Bachelor of Law and Political Science from the University of Panama with a specialization, a Masters in Law of New Technologies from the University of Bologna, Italy, the oldest university of the Western world, and a Masters in Telecommunications and Information of the Madrid University.

My work and background for the past eight years, I have worked on Internet governance. I have led the organization IPANDETEC, first as Chair and afterwards as Executive Director, together with the working team of IPANDETEC. I think the Public Policy Coordinator that's in this call who is actively engaged in many working groups such as the Policy Group and monthly calls of LACRALO. IPANDETEC on the searchlight, you can see that we are the first Panamean ALS applying to become a member of LACRALO. That was in 2014 after my recent introduction in the world of Internet governance when I was just a Fellow in the largest Internet event of the world.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Lia, are you there? We cannot hear you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Claudia, can you please check what happened?

LIA HERNANDEZ: I was in digital activism, working in Internet public policy. Can you please go to slide 3? In 2014, we were accepted as the first ALS member of LACRALO, and after several applications, to have a chance to be a Fellow of ICANN. I was ICANN Fellow in three editions, 61 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, 63 in Barcelona, and 65 in Marrakech. Likewise, in 62, in the City of Panama in June 2018, together with ICANN Vice Chair for Latin America and the Caribbean, Rodrigo de la Parra. I worked in several events involving the [inaudible] actors of the Internet ecosystem in Panama, speaking to engage them in that meeting.

On the next slide you can see what I have done on Internet governance. I had been present in the last five IGFs either as speaker or participant from civil society in 2017, IPANDETEC as a civil society organization of the Central American Internet governance ecosystem, was the host of the 10th edition of the Latin American and Caribbean IGF – many of you were there – and at present, in 2018, together with the two colleagues from the civil society, we are members of the committee of this event that will hold a virtual event in August. I am the coordinator of the local chapter of the IGF Panama. Today we had an activity of the IGF Fem promoting a space for women in these discussions.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Claudia?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Lia, we cannot hear.

LIA HERNANDEZ: I think we could have a very good representation as a woman in this role. Can you hear me? As a woman, it's not just holding managing positions but we provide cooperation to several projects. From Guatemala to Panama, IPANDETEC has presence through its volunteers and collaborators, which you can see on the last slide. Thank you very much for your time.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Lia. I saw you were speaking really fast. I hope the interpreters have been able to interpret everything you've been saying.

Now, we're going to listen to our third speaker, Mr. Luis Miguel Martinez from Mexico. So we've got two people from Panama and one from Mexico. Luis, you now have the floor and you have your five minutes to speak.

LUIS MARTINEZ: Thank you very much, Sergio. Thank you, everyone. I am very happy to say hello to you all. There are many faces and names that I know and I

hope you are all healthy. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Luis Miguel Martinez. I am an Electronic Engineer from Mexico. I took some postgraduate in England where I obtained a Ph.D in Sensor Development and Engineering. Throughout my life I have done different things, especially issues related to technology and technology information, the Internet and its impact on society, beginning with education and then going to community networks, community radio. So I have had many opportunities to know and see how organizations are seen from different perspective of the Internet. I have been a Chair of ISOC Mexico. I have recently completed that position. I finished my term and I was a recent candidate to the ISOC Board.

We are now going through a very complicated time in all of the organizations and in all of the spaces. Those us who can get a voice, I invite you to think about the role of LACRALO in ICANN and in ICANN's ecosystem. Probably half of LACRALO finds its origin in ISOC, and ISOC is finding that this is a difficult time as well. And I think this has to be a time of unity. Instead of talking about advantages and all the good or bad that you may find in me, I think this is a good time to call for unity. I want to take this opportunity to call for unity and to make the most of this time in humanity and to think about what we do.

If we look backwards, LACRALO is a very complicated space. It's complicated to understand it because discussions and debates are eternal. We talk and talk and talk. Some of us only read and we spend a lot of time reading and we never land our issues. This is not helping us as a region. I think in terms of competitiveness, we need to open a space for new voices, young voices that can make us think out of the box, can make us see that our discourse is the same as we've been

having for the past 10 years. At the end of the day, those that are away from the formal organization of the Internet, well, they all see that something far away distance, all the PIR and .org issue, there are so many things that have been made and that caused damage to one side and the other and as individuals and as organizations. As individuals who love what the Internet is, which is not all allow for this to happen again.

So, what is my offer to you? My hands and my mind to help LACRALO become a dynamic organization, to become relevant around the world, and this implies to think differently. To change the way of thinking, we have to have the way of thinking where there are lots of young people participating. I am very glad to hear Lia with this voice of young people. I belong to a generation that, fortunately, is a bridge to other generations. So I say this to my students – in the 30 years where I have taught at university where I've been a professor, I started using a remote control in a black and white TV set at home. This was my beginning [interest] with technology, my relationship with technology. This is how it started. I want to say that any of the other candidates can offer something good, but we need to put change first. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Luis Miguel. We now have to give the floor to Vanda. As you know, Vanda Scartezini is a person who participates strongly in our region. She has been the only candidate for the [inaudible] to be a member of the NomCom, and so her approval in the region has been by acclamation. Now she has her five minutes. Once her five minutes are over, we will swiftly go once again with questions to our candidates.

There are some candidates who the Chair Elect position who need to leave very soon, so we will probably focus our questions so that we can release them quickly. Vanda, you now have the floor.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Good evening to you all. Good afternoon to you all. I believe everybody or most people in LACRALO know me. I've been participating in LACRALO since 2008. I am an Electronic Engineering with post graduate and specialization both in Technology as well as in Sociology. Aside from the Expressions of Interest in Spanish and English, I would like to mention some issues directly associated to NomCom so that you can be reassured with my candidacy. I have held different positions in organizations, in companies in my professional life, and I have had the opportunity to interview different people and different members of Board. As a member of the ICANN Board, I have also been able to interview and select both the COO and the Vice President of Operations, as well as the Vice President of Corporate Affairs. I've been Vice Minister twice in the area of information technology and the .br, and I was there until 2004. I was also the President of the National Agency of Trademarks and Patents. I teach at an MBA at the University of São Paulo, always in connection with technology. As you know, I have been a NomCom Chair in 2002 and this is when I started to make NomCom more transparent by publishing documents, etc. As a member of LACRALO in NomCom, I started having monthly meetings, and since then this practice has continued. In the past few years, I have represented LACRALO and ALAC at the CCWG where we review at NomCom. I also participated at the CCWG for implementation.

So I can contribute with NomCom and represent our region properly with the commitment to maintain everybody informed, keep everybody informed about the NomCom progress and respecting everybody's opinion. I am now at your disposal if you want to ask questions. I would like to thank all of you for your attention and for your support. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Vanda. It's a pleasure to listen to you. This first round of five minutes is now over and now I'm going to ask that those of you who'd like to ask questions, raise your hands. I am going to ask these questions to all of you – the three candidates – and while you think about which questions you want to ask the candidates, my first question will be: what is your proposal for your position as Chair Elect? Do you know what you have to do as a Chair Elect? And to continue with the work with have to do in LACRALO – now we have progress in our work in the region, we have created working groups, we are involved and leading universal acceptance. This is one of the main issues that LACRALO is leading in ICANN. So I'm going to ask Mr. Augusto Ho to give his opinion about this, then Lia Hernandez, and then Luis Martinez. So, Augusto Ho, you now have the floor and you have five minutes to express yourself. If you want to take less time, that's okay too.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you, Sergio. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to listen to the question first. I have always been a person who respected hierarchies. I've always respected positions. I don't challenge positions. I

try to respect this, and in the case of a Chair Elect, I am aware that it needs to work hand in hand with the current Chair Elect. I understand the situation has not been regular because there has been a resignation, but this does not undermine the possibility and the capacity to agree with the current residency and to see what we need to complete throughout this time. I think we need to respect precedence and I would need to agree with the current Chair to not only review what has been done so far but we also need to reinforce it and this is always with the knowledge I have in this issue for quite some time now. So if we take this task then this is going to be welcome or we cannot only follow up what the different working groups are doing, but if necessary we can generate some kind of new group that can be incorporated to make it more specific work. I hope you can hear me properly.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: We can hear you, Augusto. There is one more person who has raised their hand. I'm not sure if you answered.

AUGUSTO HO: Just one second. I was just afraid that you were not hearing me properly. I would do this if necessary with the groups.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Augusto. Lilian has the floor.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE BRUGES: Good afternoon and good evening to you all. This was a question for the three of you, but I would like Augusto to answer it first. As a future Chair in the region, because this is actually the aim of being a Chair Elect, you need to maintain good relations with all the stakeholders in ICANN – the Support Organizations, the Advisory Committees, the Constituencies – so how would you handle these relations between the region and the different stakeholders in ICANN? This is a first question I have then I have others.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Lilian. If you would like to answer, please go ahead.

AUGUSTO HO: First, these are presentations. So let me clarify that thank God, I can have very good human relations. It is also easy for me to communicate with young people and with far mature people, and knowing the different groups existing now in all of these ecosystems, I think we could have a very good horizontal relationship of respect with the different stakeholders so they can consider the different positions in the region. Of course, there has to be consensus within our group. So with this perspective, it would be successful to be able to take the concerns in the region to a different level so that they can be considered by the different advisory groups.

I don't really know if you know what's going on in the region but I think I do know the Latin American region, not only because I visit it but also because I belong to a network of colleagues and technicians who are constantly in communication, and the type of relationship has always

been harmonious, it has always been respectful, it has always been horizontal. So I see no difficulty in creating bond with the different instances, different people, or different levels and groups existing in ICANN at the time. I offer this, I put this on the table. Thank you for this question because it gives me the opportunity to express this. Even though I have been interacting with different groups at different levels, not only locally but internationally, I have not had any communication issues and I think we can have very good relations to reach good goals with the issues that we are interested in right now. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Augusto. We need to ask the question if anybody else would like to ask anything else. Adrian Carballo? I am going to ask the last question.

ADRIAN CARBALLO: Thank you very much. Here's my question. What would be your contribution? What do you think you can generate in LACRALO? This is the question for the three of you. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Augusto, you have the floor.

AUGUSTO HO: This question is very good because it allows me to reinforce what I have stated in the documentation. In my professional time at present, I can see the entire ecosystem. I am still gaining experience. Let me highlight

an aspect which is the interaction with the youth, which is somehow lost in terms of the policies being implemented. So this is an opportunity for the youth to contribute. We should not be misled and believe that the youth do not have capabilities and contributions to make. We may think that they need experience, they must be educated. But let me tell you that this new generation has an extensive way of thinking, so we should integrate the youth so that their concerns are responded and their requests are addressed. Sometimes we believe that we should only work on the topics we are interested but we must listen to all groups. We must understand how they think. As I said before, the older people are also very important because they have their own contribution and they can make positive input. So this is my contribution to enlarge, enrich the ideas, extend the range of opportunities that are offered by an organization such as this one. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Augusto. You are released and so you can take care of your other commitment. I am extremely grateful on behalf of the entire region for having joined this call. Thank you very much.

AUGUSTO HO: My thanks to you. I really appreciate this invitation but I have an unavoidable commitment, so thanks for this opportunity to participate. Thank you very much. Again, goodbye.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I am going to ask Adrian – is your hand raised because you have another question?

ADRIAN CARBALLO: No, sorry. It's an old hand.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Now let me tell you how it goes. You have three minutes to answer questions. There are already a few questions that have been made. If you have forgotten them, we can make them again to refresh your memory. So now it's Lia's turn. Lia, do you remember the questions that were made? Lia, are you with us?

LIA HERNANDEZ: If you're so kind to recall because there are so many questions that I forgot.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I'm going to ask Lilian and Adrian to make the questions again. I will make my question: what do you propose for LACRALO, first as our Chair Elect, and in the ensuing position which is the Chair after being Chair Elect, what is your proposal for LACRALO? So the timer is on. Lia, you have the floor.

LIA HERNANDEZ: From the very beginning since I started with Internet matters, I realize there was very little participation of representation from the countries

of Central America. So I set this goal to engage many more Central American actors in ICANN and other Internet governance fora. Although we have a very good representative in the Board with Lito Ibarra, I think it is necessary to do a generational update and bring ALSes from Central America to the stage so that they can help in work. I know what great work has been done before and after the meeting. I am aware of the great work the Chair of LACRALO has to fulfill. It will be a big challenge for the Central American person who has been in other positions, who has worked in Internet governance spaces, but different spaces can also have a position in LACRALO. I would love to represent my region to extend the work you have conducted. I think this lack of representatives from Central America is because there is no knowledge of what LACRALO is and does, and that is our role. Thank you.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Sergio, we cannot hear you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I hope you can hear me now because I was muted. I was saying first of all, thank you, Lia, for your words. Then there is a question that was made by Lilian, who is in charge of the Communications Group of LACRALO. I will ask Lillian to repeat her question. So, Lilian, you have the floor.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE BRUGES: Thank you, Sergio. So my question was both for Lia and Luis. How would you manage relations between LACRALO region and the ICANN

stakeholders? That was in essence what I asked Augusto. What would be those relations like between the region and the other constituencies of ICANN? Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Lillian. Lia, you have the floor.

LIA HERNANDEZ: Thank you for your question, Lillian. Well, in LACRALO ... Someone speaking?

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE BRUGES: Yes. Harold has his mic open and he's interfering.

LIA HERNANDEZ: Thank you. So I resume. As you know, LACRALO is a world where you can always learn new things. But based on the little knowledge I have of LACRALO's procedures, I understand that in all phases, ALAC and others that are liaisons, individuals who contribute to better discussions and also provide information and allow people to become aware of the various actions and procedures in the constituencies. IPANDETEC, in addition to being a LACRALO ALS, we are also members of the NCUC constituency. As a civil society organization, we operate in these two constituencies so we are very familiar. Whenever we have a question, we contact to this liaison who gives us an update of the various deliberations within the Advisory Committees and Supporting Organizations. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Lia. I will ask you to answer the next question at a low speed. Please don't forget we have interpretation into four languages and it's very difficult for the interpreters to follow you. And then say it on my experience.

LIA HERNANDEZ: Okay, I will out of respect for the Caribbean colleagues who are listening to the English version.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Our last question is from Adrian. Will you please rephrase it for Lia and then we will continue with Luis Miguel.

ADRIAN CARBALLO: My question was, what could be your concrete contribution to LACRALO? Which projects? Which idea? And if I may, I would also add, how do you work on the relationship between Latin America and the Caribbean?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Lia, you have three minutes.

LIA HERNANDEZ: Thank you for your question, Adrian. I believe that the contribution I could make to LACRALO would be many.

ADRIAN CARBALLO: We cannot hear Lia. We have lost her.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: There is some delay.

LIA HERNANDEZ: Promote participation first of women in leadership positions in
                         LACRALO, and two, involve many more people actors from the Central
                         American region. Most of you participants in this call, I do know you and
                         we have worked both directly and indirectly, and you are aware of the
                         work that my organization conducts. I know workload is significant, the
                         working group, the call, so this work is sometimes not known by the ALS
                         members so I commit myself to represent my region, LACRALO, as good
                         as I can.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Is there any other question for Lia? If not, we will continue with the
                         same questions and perhaps more questions to Luis Miguel, who is our
                         singer in LACRALO. Luis, do you need us to repeat the questions?

LUIS MARTINEZ: Well, it'd be a shame if I haven't memorized them. If I may, I will answer
                         them but in a different order. I think that the main thing we have to be
                         aware of is this principle of multistakeholderism. And this addresses
                         Lilian's question when she asked about the relations with other ICANN

constituencies. In my personal experience when I joined NCUC and this ALS, everything flows. Whenever there is a major stakeholder thinking, that allows us to build a relationship based on the respect of the other person's interest. And this is what happens in LACRALO. LACRALO is a block organization, an organization consisting of block. We can see three large blocks into which LACRALO could be fragmented, but this is not what we want. Just the opposite, what we want is unity. And we'd love to see people leave their interests behind, which turned this discussion into a very extensive process.

I think that has to change. There must be active coordination among LACRALO members to achieve results with an impact throughout the region, but also the Chair has to build consensus. Otherwise, it is not possible to establish a multistakeholder relationship and therefore, there is no possible relationship in the future. The timer is running, but I'm not following the order of the questions. Let me answer Adrian's questions.

First of all, I want to acknowledge the great role of the Internet Governance School. People who are qualified to act in a multistakeholder environment, thanks to this school, we are in a better position to understand a RALO is, what an ALS is. This is the knowledge that does not flow. We have this love for the endogamic that prevents us from expanding towards other organizations in the region and make them know how relevant and important LACRALO is. As I said at the beginning of my presentation, this generates an atmosphere where we are not at the center because the dialogue and the discussions continue but we are running around the wheel and we need young thinkers.

So back to your question, Sergio. I think that in LACRALO, there are things that have to be changed. First, we have to break away this disruption, the cycle in which we are at now. We might perhaps enjoy this participation, this involvement in the same actions but we are not really advancing. I do understand this discussion but we should look into inside. We go back to this endogamic starting point, which is a natural position of Internet organizations where it seems there is just a rotation of individuals. That same individuals change their hat and we have to do away with that. I think that the key is to find more young people with multistakeholder thinking. Even more so, now with Lia's drive, I will dare now and make a bold movement and I will withdraw my candidacy and promote Lia's proposal.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. So if that is your way, I will kindly ask you to send an e-mail to confirm your withdrawal if you have already properly assessed it. But before I give the floor to Lia, I see she has raised her hand, let me make a few clarifications. LACRALO has already completed a process of ongoing discussion, there was some mediation. This was a process that allowed us to move towards the rebuilding of this region. LACRALO was the first region of ALAC. But as any first region, there were many mistakes made that we had a big price to pay for them. But now the situation in the region is very different.

And thank you for this mention of the youth because in our regional strategy, ICANN's regional strategy to which LACRALO's leadership is contributing, we have this intention to gather more young people even for leadership positions. We, the old ones, have to make, of course, our

contributions, but we have to move towards others spaces and bring new blood. So if there is any withdrawal – Luis, if you're going to withdraw your candidacy, please weigh it properly and then submit it to the region.

LUIS MARTINEZ: Thank you very much, Sergio. I recognize all of your work to truly start living this not vicious circle, but a circle that was not living up to much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much to our Mexican friend. I'm going to drink tequila in your honor.

LUIS MARTINEZ: Tequila will be waiting for you here.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Lia, you now have the floor so please go ahead.

LIA HERNANDEZ: I would like to thank Luis for his kind words and for his support, in declining his candidacy to support our candidacy. If I am elected, I will not be represented myself, I will represent the interests of the region, the different ALSes through me. If you vote for me, you will be represented in LACRALO. So I'd like to thank you for this.

I would also like to ask if you have any other questions or comments. Please do this now because in 5 or 10 minutes, I need to attend another webinar that we have organized with IPANDETEC that I will be completely at your disposal. So I will be open for any questions or concerns or any support materials that you may need to see my track record in the field of Internet governance. I'm open then to receive questions on e-mail, chat or any way you'd like to send it through staff or the team and the leadership authorities in LACRALO. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Lia. There will probably be some members in the region who will ask you questions throughout the space. Do know that you will receive a card so that those of you who are active representatives or rather the appointed representatives for each of the ALSes that are members of LACRALO can vote, you will receive this in a few hours. And once we have this, we will fortunately have a new Chair Elect and the next Chair after 2020. I see Lia is leaving. But I would like also to tell you that –

LIA HERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, I'm still here.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I thought you were leaving.

LIA HERNANDEZ: I was just waiting for some questions.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I see no hands up. If you'd like to ask a question now, please go ahead. I see no questions, Lia, so you're free to go. I would just like you to remain two minutes more to listen to this, which is very important. As you know, we had one candidate, who was an ALAC member, Tracy Hackshaw. He's now the NonCom representative. And theoretically – not theoretically, actually – there is a provision from ICANN that a NonCom member may not be appointed as an ALAC member or as a member of any other constituency. So that is why, in principle, Tracy cannot be our ALAC member. We will need to go back. That's why he did not attend this call as the single ALAC candidate to be called or considered by acclamation.

Vanda today said something that I will consider. I will also talk to Maureen and to the other ALAC members to see if we can revert this. I was really surprised by the fact that Tracy could not be an ALAC member, and now we need to rethink and we need to issue a new call for a member of the Caribbean to hold the position of an ALAC member. So based on that, I am now going to be in contact with Maureen Hilliard and also with staff to review this, that Vanda has stated in her e-mail.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: You can count on me. I love you. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:	Yes, we will need you to explain your position. Now it's 9:16 PM. I see there are no other questions. I think Lia has already left and Agusto Ho has left as well. And Dr. Luis Miguel Martinez has declined his candidacy orally. We now need to receive a written declination by e-mail. So we're going to consider this meeting adjourned. Before that, is there any other persons would like to say something, make a comment or ask a question?
LUIS MARTINEZ:	I would like to thank you all for your attention. I think we need to take this as the beginning of a change that, as I said in the chat, Sergio bravely started and has continued. Thank you all.
SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:	Thank you to you, Luis. Thank you for your words. The fact that you were here with us, sharing this meeting with us is also very significant. So now I would like to send you a hug or perhaps an elbow. This COVID world has changed our life. A big hug to you all. Thank you very much. This meeting is now adjourned.

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