YESIM NAZLAR:	Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone. Welcome to the APRALO monthly call taking place on Thursday, 20th of August 2020 at 6:00 UTC.

On our call today on the English channel we have Satish Babu, Maureen Hilyard, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Aris Ignacio, Lianna Galstyan, Amrita Choudhury, Prateek Pathak, Priyatosh Jana, Pavan Budhrani, Suhaidi Hassan, Laxmi Prasad Yadav, Nadira Al-Araj, Syuzan Marukhyan, and Ali AlMeshal.

Currently, we don't have anyone listed on the Chinese channel.

We have received apologies from Justine Chew, a tentative apology from here, from Holly Raiche, Fouad Bajwa, and Gisella Gruber from staff.

On our call today from staff side we have Heidi Ullrich, Evin Erdogdu, Save Vocea, and myself, Yesim Nazlar on call management.

Our Chinese interpreters today are Ray and Sandy, and before we get started, just a kind reminder to please state your names before speaking, not only for the transcription but also for the interpretation purposes as well, please, as usual.

And new people have been joining the Zoom room while I was doing the roll call, so just want to underline that the participants list will be updated right after the call. And now I would like to leave the floor back over to you, Satish. Thanks so much.

SATISH BABU:	Thanks very much. Welcome to everybody from the APRALO community to the August 2020 monthly call. As usual, we begin with our membership matters. Currently, there are two applications which are in the pipeline, one is the Cyber Jagrithi and Safety Foundation, which is an ALS applicant, and the other is Jaewon Son who is an individual member applicant, an unaffiliated individual member applicant, to be correct.
	Regarding the Cyber Jagrithi and Safety Foundation, we have said that we have to find out some more details. At this point, we are not convinced that they can be admitted as an ALS. So we might set the application aside until such time that they become kind of more eligible in our leadership team's view.
	As far as Jaewon Son's concerned, this is a person who's known to us from APIGA and APRIGF and various other forums. We would be happy to let her in, but there was this question, since one of her e-mail IDs was outside Asia Pacific, we asked Evin to find out if she had moved residence, in which case we would have a problem because our general consensus is that the individual member applicant has to be a resident in Asia Pacific for the most part. So, Evin, do we have a response on this?
EVIN ERDOGDU:	Sure, Satish. Thank you so much. Yes, we just received a response from Jaewon before APRALO Monthly and she confirmed that she had been in Austria for graduate school but she finished and she's been in Korea since January of this year. So she's residing in Korea. Thanks.

SATISH BABU: Great. Thanks, Evin. So that would remove the last doubt that the leadership team had, and I think we can go ahead in admitting Jaewon as an individual member. Now we will move on to the item number three on the agenda. Can someone check if Alfredo or Glenn is on the call?

YESIM NAZLAR: Hi Satish. Currently, I'm trying to reach out to Glenn over Skype as they're not on the phone bridge yet, as well as I know. Just maybe you would like to continue with the next agenda item, and meanwhile, let me see if I can get hold of him.

SATISH BABU: No problem. That's fine. Glenn had informed us that he may not be able to join because he's feeling unwell, and if Alfredo also does not join until after the next item, then I will run through the presentation on behalf of Alfredo and Glenn [inaudible] At-Large community initiative led by Alfredo and Glenn.

YESIM NAZLAR: Okay, Satish. Sorry, so just to confirm that Glenn has already confirmed that he's not feeling well so he will not be joining.

SATISH BABU: Right.

YESIM NAZLAR:	So I will need to try to reach out to Alfredo then. Okay. Thank you.
SATISH BABU:	No problem. So we will now move on to agenda item number four and come back to the virtual SIG after agenda item four is over. So we have apologies from both Holly and Justine today, and we have requested Evin to make the formal presentation, and I would like to request Cheryl to add on if there's anything that needs to be highlighted especially. So it's over to you, Evin.
EVIN ERDOGDU:	Thanks so much, Satish. I'll just run through a brief update of what is currently on the agenda, but with also a note that the Consolidated Policy Working Group recently, that is last week, decided to start experimenting with a new format looking ahead to upcoming public comment proceedings. So stay tuned for that. I know many of you are joining the CPWG meetings, so they'll be discussing the upcoming public comments in advance.
	There are currently no ICANN public comments new that are open for decision, but there's been a lot of activity earlier in the month of August. Recently ratified by the ALAC since the last APRALO monthly meeting were five, actually as of today, six, and those weren't all through the CPWG, the Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group is also shepherding comments that relate to operations, finance and budget, and then the CPWG is dealing only with the policy-related

comments. But the executive summary are on the agenda, and that includes enhancing the effectiveness of ICANN's multi-stakeholder model, the final report of the CCWG on Auction Proceeds, the ATRT3 final report, the ALAC statement on EPDP which was in July, and also a LACRALO statement on the LAC regional strategic plan for fiscal year 2021 to 2025. This was a RALO statement and it was ratified by the LACRALO leadership team and the ALAC. And as of today, there was also a unanimous ALAC endorsement to support the GAC EPDP statement as well.

So those are the latest updates, and you'll also see on the agenda the upcoming public comment proceedings. I'll turn it over to Cheryl, please, to provide detail. Thank you so much.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I just wanted to mention, in terms of upcoming in particular, you're hearing it here first, ladies and gentlemen, at the end of this week, by Monday or Tuesday, that the huge tome—and it is a huge tome—for public comment which is the draft final report for subsequent procedures, and as you know, Maureen and a number of us have been spending a lot of time under Justine's gentle guidance there with the CCWG work on this, so I would assume that this region would also be in a good position to put in a public comment to it. There'll be all sorts of details, it'll be a form, we're making it as easy as possible, and obviously, you've got me on tap if you need any assistance with the specifics of it. That's about it from me. Thanks. Satish, back to you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Cheryl and Evin. Now, I think we do have some time today, so are there any questions on the policy aspect? Either the substantive part or the procedure part, because we are actually trying to make a change in the way CPWG works and I think make it more efficient. So if anyone has any questions, you can raise it now, or anytime during the call, we will be happy to take them on.

I don't see any hands at the moment, so I'll move on with the agenda. I think we will go over to Maureen and listen to the ALAC update and then come back to the virtual SIG presentation. Over to you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Satish. I'm in one of those drama sessions at the moment, no Internet, lucky to have a phone connection, and I've got a very tiny Zoom agenda on my mobile which I'm squinting to have a look at. But anyway, hi everyone.

The ALAC's been very quiet over the last month or so, and I think it's because in Europe, people are on holiday, and we have even had to cancel our At-Large leadership team meeting last week because some people who were going to be the main presenters of items were not available.

So it's interesting that with all this COVID around, that people are able to travel around as much as they do, but that's the way that it is. And we do have these quiet times during the year, and I think we should probably make the most of it. But at the same time, there's still a lot going on within At-Large.

For several of you I know who've been part of Alan Greenberg's ALS mobilization work party, that document is nearing completion. So that's been something that came out of the At-Large review, and it's been a major mission but it's going to be a very helpful document for another group which is starting up next week, the unaffiliated individual members mobilization group, and that's going to be led by Roberto Gaetano from EURALO, and it's going to be following on from what Alan was doing about ALSes but this time looking at our individual members and the criteria that [inaudible]

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible].

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. Okay, so in the group that's going to be starting up next week, there have been questions raised about what is the difference between members and participants. The RALOs have been asked to produce two members from the RALO and one member from the ALAC from each RALO, really for ensuring that there's regional representation at the meetings just in case there's some special decision that has to be made, which is usually done by consensus, but it's really helpful if there's somebody from—at least a couple of people from each region just to provide that balance for that decision making.

So that's the only reason, because otherwise, it's an open meeting and anyone can attend, but it's advisable for you to contact the staff members so that you can get registered and you sign the GDPR form and that kind of stuff. But it does put you on the mailing list and you will

get any notices, and generally, there's a bit of work that happens on the mailing list as well. So if anybody is interested in joining that, especially if you're an individual member, that would be a really good work party to join.

The other thing that's happening at the moment is the Capacity Building Working Group is working on two ICANN Learn courses at the moment. One is something that Cheryl, Heidi and I are down to finessing and getting ready to pass over to ICANN Learn, and it's to do with introducing the At-Large community, "The At-Large Community, Welcome to Our World." We just realized that we didn't have a course on the ICANN Learn platform that introduced people to what it is that we do in At-Large.

And the other course is ICANN policy development and At-Large perspective. One of the things that we have to tell people is that we actually don't write policy, but we comment and actually assist in the development within the SOs about the policies that they're producing. It's part of that multi-stakeholderism and that actually, our voices can make a difference as to what sort of direction a policy might be going towards. This is an introduction to how important it is to be one of those voices contributing to this development.

Of course, there's another Capacity Building Working Group that is pretty busy, and that is the webinar team. Hadia Elminiawi has got a team of people who are looking at producing educational, informational webinars each month, and I hope that everyone is going to be available on the 7th of September which is when the next webinar is on, because at that one, Holly Raiche will be presenting and explaining the DOH/DOT

sort of comparison of the DNS over HTTPS and the DNS over TLS. Too technical for me, I'm going to be coming along to listen to that and I hope there are lots of other APRALO people there as well.

But of course, I think the last thing I have to mention is ICANN 69, which is coming up in October, and that was the one that was planned for Hamburg, Germany, and of course, it's now going to be virtual. Now, I think the other two times that we had a virtual ICANN meeting, they've been a little bit different. The first one was just one week, the second one was a prep week and the one week of conference. This time, we're actually having a prep week and two weeks of conference.

Okay, so it's going to be three weeks. The first week is prep week and it'll be very similar to the prep week that we had last meeting, and we may have our own prep. We haven't decided yet. We'll be making that decision very shortly. But we may have a prep webinar or some kind of meeting in that first week.

I think we're actually thinking of doing an introduction to ICANN 69 and the policy session that we are going to present, we may do an introductory presentation during that week.

In week one, which is the first week of the conference, is when the supporting organizations and the advisory committees like us will hold most of our sessions, but it's only over three days. It's 13th, 14th and 15th of October is when those sessions will take place. So we're going to probably cram in quite a bit into those three days.

And week two, which is the main conference week, the AGM meeting, that will have the welcome ceremony, some ICANN plenaries, and there

may be some sessions that we may be holding things specifically for At-Large. I know that on the very last session, we will hold a wrap up, and at that wrap up meeting, it's sort of like the changing of the guard. It's the very last meeting of the year, it's very close to when the board meetings for their AGM, and so at that time, we get new ALAC members and other leaders, and we say farewell to some people who have been with us for the two years.

And the thing is, not only is it three weeks, actually, honestly, the timing is going to be horrendous for Asia Pacific. For me—and I'm right on the eastern edge of our region, and it's going to start at 9:00 PM and finish at 5:00 or something, whatever. So everyone else, it's going to be right in the middle of your night. So I feel really sorry for us, but we're going to have to work on ICANN with regards to the timing of the conferences because I would say for the next few conferences, we're going to have that as an issue.

Now, I can't see if anyone's got any questions, so someone's going to have to tell me if there is anyone. Happy to take questions.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Maureen. I don't see any hands up right now, but let me comment on the first two things you mentioned, which were the ALS mobilization work party and the individual membership. I think both are very exciting developments as far as the organizational aspect of our RALO is concerned, because these are going to impact fairly deeply the way we structure ourselves.

As far as the unaffiliated individual members are concerned, it has been a long journey for us in different RALOs. APRALO was one of the first to include individual members, and thanks to the farsighted approaches taken by the leadership of APRALO at that point in time, whereas other RALOs are lagging behind. Now most of the RALOs are—I see Cheryl's hand, I'll be with you shortly.

So now it is important to develop this group of individual members further because each RALO is having a different model of how we mobilize and group and organize individual members, and maybe some uniformity would be good.

There are some issues that cause friction, and I think this is a good opportunity led by Roberto who's a very senior community member, and I'm sure this'll be a great opportunity for us to streamline our individual membership and ensure that they participate better in our policy aspect. Now, Cheryl, over to you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. I just wanted to follow on, actually, Satish. Something Maureen mentioned, and while Satish was just outlining the importance of this activity, I wanted to do a little bit of a sales pitch to you all, and particularly to the unaffiliated individual members that are, I think, a growing and very important resource for us here in our region.

Satish is right. NARALO has of course always had them from the very beginning, but we were one of the earlier ones after NARALO. We've had them for a very long time, but we were only really getting towards a

critical mass as we moved through this past 12 months and into our next 12-month period.

But it is a very valuable resource, which of course, if we set it up right, will help us work far more effectively and efficiently. And to that end, I really wanted to encourage not only each and every one of the unaffiliated members in the region who can spare the time to at least put their name in as a participant—that doesn't mean that you're committed to attending every single meeting, etc., but it does mean that you'll be able to contribute your thinking, what I'd like to think is fresh thinking, on what Roberto's work party is doing.

But I'd also want to encourage individuals from the ALSes—not representatives. Personally, I couldn't give a D-A-M-N about the representative model that's being used on this, because consensus is how it should be running. So they're really just like, I guess, a sea anchor to ensure that if we did have to take some sort of consensus call, that we would have regional balance.

But what is important is the voices being heard. So I'd also want to encourage individuals, even though they are ALS members, to also have a close watching brief on what we do, join whenever you can, and the easiest way from this is to take up this participant role where you will be included on the e-mail list, you will be able to see what's going on.

Obviously, it would be wonderful if you could commit to the meetings. They'll be, I think at this stage, fortnightly, but this'll only be a short block of work. It is not going work that'll go beyond a couple of months.

So if you can commit the time to also attend the meeting, which may eventually go as frequently as weekly, that would be a huge assistance for us to build a truly resilient model. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Cheryl. I think these are very important points, and we look forward to the kind of outcomes from this working group that'll help us to orient our community of individual members much better so that they are [in active roles,] because we do have individual members like Justine who are extremely active people in our community, but over the period of time, we see that this group is going to become larger and would therefore implement the entire [inaudible] that would be following.

Are there any comments or questions on any of the other aspects that Maureen mentioned? Especially the timing of course. There's little we can do, so this is a problem, and if we're going to keep on having virtual meetings, I think this problem will get even worse. And we now realize some of the advantages of the face-to-face meetings. Are there any other comments or questions?

Not seeing any hands, we will move on with the agenda. before I go back to the virtual SIG, there is one topic that I should announce so that you can get back to me if required. Under AOB, item eight, the first topic, it is written as regional topics for ICANN CEO's call with RALO chairs. Before every ICANN meeting, the ICANN CEO has a call with the five RALO chairs, and usually, before the meeting, the staff ask us for questions that are regional in nature, priorities.

This time, [since our call was today,] I wanted to consult the community on if there are any issues that you would like us to raise with the CEO, please write to me or to staff with any question that you might want us to raise in this meeting with the ICANN CEO. Unfortunately, this has got to be done within a day because the deadline is looming.

So to summarize, if any of us in the community think that there is any particular topic of regional importance that the RALO should take up with the ICANN CEO, kindly write to us and pass it on to us so that we can raise it.

We will now move on to the presentation from the virtual SIG. Right, so now, what Glenn and Alfredo have been part of the NARALO's North American School on Internet Governance which had two editions already, but then at this time, they could not have a face-to-face edition, so they have actually suggested that they create a virtual school on Internet governance which will help in several ways.

One would be for regions or countries that have no national or regional SIG. This would be useful to get people to a certain minimum level. The second one was for anyone who's running a school on Internet governance. This is a [prerequisite] program that the participants could be asked to take so that they understand the basic concepts of Internet governance. So it is meant to be not a substitute perhaps but a complementary way of delivering information. Next page, please.

So the objectives are, assess available face-to-face and online training, that is a gap analysis, provide a comprehensive free online training option for anyone, provide an interactive experience, encourage

feedback—this is not to replace the face-to-face SIG but to provide complementary information—and recruit for the long-term body of international editors, and translate the content into multiple languages. Next slide, please.

So basically, Alfredo and Glenn have been leading this effort from the NARALO experience, and many of us who have been involved in the SIGs have been supporting them, and the delivery system is on something called Moodle, which is a well-known system that has been existing for the last 20 years, and it is therefore quite mature, and hopefully it'll be easier and everybody can proceed at their own pace. Next slide, please.

Yeah, so this is a cloud-based element, Moodle, and of course, we can have different kinds of media. It is mobile friendly, and it provides an entire—it's like an ERP for a learning or a college or a school. It's got all the different aspects from a student perspective, teacher perspective and admin perspective. You don't have to be on the Internet all the time. You do have ways to contact teachers and directly interact with them on a person-to-person basis, and there are various formats of interactions, including discussions, quizzes and all that. And finally, the participant gets a certificate that can be used as evidence of having completed the program. Next slide, please.

This is a timeline, I'm not going to get into it, but you can contact the— actually, there's a video also which we'll be circulating after the meeting. Anyone interested can use the video to understand more. Next slide, please.

So, the first program, I think it is more or less done. The second is going to be in November. So if you're interested—I think the first batch is already full, this is the information that I'm getting informally, but it's an ongoing program so there'll be more batches. And if you're interested, please contact the website of the virtual SIG. Next slide, please.

Now, the SIG being virtual has some advantages. One is that it can scale up. Once the basic material is in place, the scaling up is almost effortless. Almost, not entirely, because there are some cases where we have to interact with the batch of students. But still, it is much more scalable than a face-to-face school. So there are various possibilities that this opens up. Next slide, please.

Okay, this is a kind of commercial pitch. They're looking for sponsors, and if there is someone interested in any funding agency who would like to sponsor, maybe we should help them out, and it can be in kind also, it can be money or in kind, and it could be materials also. Cheryl's asking, "Is Moodle still a thing?" Yeah, it is like 20 years old but it's still going strong, and I'm aware of several institutions here in my country who are very happy with it because that's the way for the entire lot of—

So for these organizations which are using Moodle, going online in the COVID time was actually much simpler. So it is not the best in terms of user experience or from a contemporary sense, but it is still useful.

So I think that's it. Now, if there are any questions on the virtual school on Internet governance, here are the links. Please contact Glenn or Alfredo if you want to reach out to them directly. Else, the materials are all here, and I'm aware that in Asia Pacific, we have multiple regional

and national schools. We have two regional schools, one is APSIG and the other is APIGA which ICANN runs the with Korea Internet Security Agency, KISA.

There are also about six different national schools, some of which also admit international students, but after COVID all of them are being forced to now go online. APIGA was cancelled, APSIG is going online. Some of the national SIGs are already done on an online basis. The hybrid model was proposed, but that couldn't really take off. So the COVID has actually caught us all unawares as far as the schools are concerns.

Okay, I will stop here, and if you have any questions—I see a hand from Amrita and Lianna. Amrita, please go ahead.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thanks, Satish. The virtual Internet governance school does look interesting. You mentioned that perhaps this could be one of the courses which people who want to go through the national SIGs or regional SIGs could participate in. So my question is, while there are enrollments into the courses in the virtual SIG in a different manner, how would for example if INSIG is going to come up with a fellowship through this time and if we want the people who are interested in participate in INSIG to go through the virtual school on Internet governance, and considering that the entire lot in September is filled, how would we manage that?

And this is just an example, it could happen with any school.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Amrita. That's a valid point. At this point, I don't think the virtual school is ready for being used as a prerequisite training program like the way ICANN Learn can be used, and INSIG has actually been using ICANN Learn in the past.

But this is a point because the virtual SIG works on batches of students and a formal time schedule, whereas ICANN Learn is without any batches, it's a personalized individual, self-paced kind of thing. So we can pass this feedback to the virtual SIG and tell them, look, this year it is too short a notice, but from next year on, any national SIGs who want to use the virtual SIG as a prerequisite program, there should be some way to let that happen. Thanks for this. Lianna, please go ahead.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Thank you, Satish. Thanks for the presentation. This is really interesting, to see different experiences in different regions and schools of Internet governance. I don't have a comment or question but wanted to update on your [last one] that you said. We do have many national and regional SIGs. We in Armenia just announced the call for applications for the fourth edition of Armenian SIG, and we plan actually to have the hybrid version of it depending on preference from participants themselves. That will be run on September 14th, 17th, 18th for this type of [inaudible] and we make the program in a way that we can accommodate both online and offline format. So that's not to be too long or too overburdened for different participants themselves.

For the program, yeah, that's really a very valid point that Amrita raised for how different other programs and SIGs—but I guess that the organizers should take into consideration all the peculiarities of the country or regional format that we have.

Another thing that I wanted to mention for the Armenian IGF is [we've run for this call] for just a couple of days already and one notable thing is that mostly, the schoolteachers are interested at the moment from the application, like for one or two days, I got around 30 applications from teachers. This is really interesting. I see that changes, that they want to learn and give back that knowledge to the schools and students [for the schools themselves.] That's it. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Lianna. We of course are aware of the Armenian initiatives. I myself participated in the Armenian school remotely. Yeah, Maureen, I see your hand's up. Please go ahead.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. I just wanted to mention about the virtual SIG. When Alfredo and Glenn were first talking about it, one of the things that I did was mentioned it to The Pacific. Now, we don't have a SIG in The Pacific and we're only just starting up Pacific IGF. Well, resuming it again.

So this sort of initiative is really important to us because most of our islands are too small to actually have our own little SIG or even IGF. So even though it's COVID time, it was also a really good time for The Pacific to actually be introduced to what a SIG actually incorporated

and how we might go about developing something of our own, probably a little bit more focused on Internet governance topics of our own.

So we put the call out when they first put forward the idea of a SIG, so we've got some Pacific members actually part of that first cohort, which is going to be good for us for looking at how we move forward. And we're very grateful that there's people like yourself, Satish, and Amrita and Lianna. Just the wealth of support that we'll be able to get when we start looking at doing our own. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Maureen. I think that's a very interesting and important point. Now, since the virtual school is a global school, the regional content may be much less than what a Pacific school would have for The Pacific. So that's an area where we can actually work with the virtual school and ensure that we can build some content that is specific to the region and for the future, that can be kind of enriched over a period of time so that it is a virtual school, plus the Pacific content that is contributed by the Pacific community, and the participants then get to see both sides, the global and the regional aspect.

Right. Are there any other questions or comments? I think this is a very good initiative and there's a lot of support from the chat. If not, we will go back to the agenda and continue with the next item.

Right, so the next is actually an important update. I'm requesting Ali to speak about this. But before that, I'll introduce the topic. Now, APRALO had a mentoring initiative a couple years back, before the last AGM in Abu Dhabi, and that was well received and we had quite a good

response, and we eventually had to close the batch because some people were waiting and all that.

Then of course we had the outreach and engagement working group which is working on how best to reach out, especially given the COVID-related cancellation of all travel, it was pointed out that we have to be more inclusive in the way we set out these outreach programs, particularly because we wanted to include the ATLAS III ambassadors in whom we have invested quite a bit in terms of effort and who are actually very capable people.

So the question was how do we kind of bring together the whole leadership development and the mentoring aspect of our earlier program with the current priorities of the outreach and engagement, the group that handles it, and our representative on that committee is Ali, and Ali was also coordinating the last mentoring program. And kind of adding on to the COVID-specific limitations that we have.

So we wanted to kind of look at how best to combine all this in a way that benefits participation from our region, and this is the program that we—it is based on what you see on screen now, which is the outreach and engagement plan, and we have specifically mentioned here that we will work with the ATLAS ambassadors to enhance our outreach. So I will ask Ali to talk to us about this program and how it could be rolled out.

ALI ALMESHAL: Thanks, Satish. A long time I feel we haven't even chat. I don't know why. Anyhow, yes, by all means, this is a continuation of the whole

investment that has been done on ATLAS III, and the excellent outcomes that have come out of that and the excellent attendees as well. So it is most sense that we continue to develop and capitalize on all of those outcomes and look into those ambassadors that have attended the ATLAS III. Even not to forget about the others who have an interest but didn't get a chance to be there.

So we will start now looking into this program and I will coordinate with the leadership team on how to start the cooperation on this in line with the outreach and engagement overall strategy for the At-Large, plus the capacity building and even the sub-working groups that are under this.

We have lots of activities within our regions. We have lots of potentials, but now we need to take them through the program, not the same as what we have done before because the environments and the requirements have a bit of change, so we're looking to a way that we get more engagement and we look into more interested potentials to be active participants within our activities within the region and within the ICANN community.

So going forward, I think after this call, I will have some discussions with the leadership team and we'll start building the framework of this mentorship program, and then definitely, we'll have some volunteers who will join to run the program together as a team, and we'll go on to the announcement and the program itself.

Definitely, we will need all of the support from all of the people who have a great expertise and mentorship into this area. Cheryl Langdon-Orr was one of the aggressive support to us and to me

and personal for the first program, as well as Maureen when we started putting this program in place.

So with all of the leadership team and the ALS community, definitely, we will reach out to a good program that will help the community. I think this is for the time being right now. I will not go through all of these remarks because this was [part] of our strategy, but we'll get back to you on all of these details here [inaudible]. Back to you, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Ali. I think if anyone has any suggestions on the program, please pass it on to Ali. Now, one of the points to be noted is that given the COVID situation, international travel is not likely to resume over the next several months, so the focus may be on intracountry programs or intraregional programs, and we may have some funding available, small amounts of funding, for local program, and I'm sure Ali and the volunteer team would welcome this and see how best we can reach out to our own local communities or communities within the country and not plan around international travel resuming anytime shortly. We don't have any visibility into when it's going to happen, so a higher component of this program may be within the country.

ALI ALMESHAL: Absolutely right, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Yeah. You want to speak? Go ahead.

ALI ALMESHAL: No, I'm just confirming you.

SATISH BABU: Right. Thanks, Ali. Thanks for taking this on. Now we move on to the agenda. So, it is item seven now which is the NomCom update from Amrita. Please go ahead.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you, Satish. I don't have much to update on NomCom. It's just that we have finalized the list of candidates who would be interviewed in the last final round, and we hope we should be starting the last round. You know this year, we can't have face-to-face interviews, but we may be having virtual interviews. We plan to have it somewhere from September, though the entire process has been delayed this time, but we should be able to complete it by then.

                           So this is from NomCom. In a side note, as usual, I would request each of you that in case your ALS has or if you have individually done something this month, please do share your updates with me and ICANN staff at least by the 25th so that we can put it into the newsletter. Many times, it so happens that there may be some things which are done but it goes unreported. I'm sure you would not want that good work to go unrecognized, so that is something which I would respect all of you.

                           And Satish, if you may, I would also want to, while you would be sending an official mail around, I wanted to mention that the fellowship

for INSIG is going to be announced in a day or two and we would request you to spread the word. This time, it is a virtual event, so more could apply for this fellowship.

And Nadira, to answer your question, yes, while the ICANN board and PTI board would be interviewed, the interview committee also wants to interview for the other positions, but we are still contemplating that. That's all from me, Satish, at this point, and I'm happy to take questions.

SATISH BABU: Right. Amrita, I had a question for you. When do you think the final list will be announced?

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Because after we do this, staff would be doing their own verifications also, hopefully by end of September is what we are looking at to the staff so that they can do the needful. However, the final dates have not been decided yet, Satish. And this last month, many were on holidays, etc. so that's been some amount of a challenge.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Amrita. We are now at the end of the agenda here. Are there any other questions or comments from anyone?

Under AOB, I'd like to remind you all again that if you have any topics that you want to refer to the RALO chairs meeting with the ICANN CEO, please suggest that. Otherwise, we move on to the last item, which is the Any Other Business, which is the next APRALO call, which is on

17th September, Thursday. I am not seeing any final hands up, so I'm assuming that there are no other further questions at this point in time. We still have a few minutes left over.

Okay, so since there are no more comments, if there are any questions on any of the topics—yes, Amrita, please go ahead.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Satish, I wanted an opinion from others. Though we have discussed it in the ICANN 69 program, I was planning to suggest a session wherein we can have feedback coming in from the different RALOs and the ALSes involved on, for example, what they have been doing, how they want to improve, etc. It's more of an open house session wherein we have more feedback coming from the community itself. So in case it is okay with all, if anyone on this call has suggestions, etc., happy to kind of take it.

SATISH BABU: Right. Thanks, Amrita, for the suggestion. I'm not sure the exact format of the next ICANN meeting, whether we'll be having some coffee rooms, breakout rooms like last time for the—

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: We'll be planning to have a session, a particular time slot wherein we can have these discussions, because policy discussions are very important, other discussions are important where you have a lot of top-down discussion. However, we also need something coming from the bottom, perhaps some best practices from each of the RALOs. One of them could be shared of something they have done. ALSes who have

not participated much sharing something, because I think that would also help to bring in more engagement from people who are not participating that much.

Okay, and [inaudible]

SATISH BABU:

Yeah, so I think Amrita, you should take it up with Maureen and decide on how you want to structure it so that we can—keep in mind the time zone differences. Unlike a physical meeting where we get all day, this is going to be an issue, like Maureen mentioned, for her, it's going to be a tough time. So keep that in mind, and let's organize something useful to all of us.

Right, so with that, I think we have come to the end of this meeting. Thank you very much for participating and taking time off to attend this meeting, and thanks for all the contributions, both in chat and the other inputs on the call. I'm passing this one back to Yesim for closing the call. Thank you very much.

YESIM NAZLAR:

Thank you very much, Satish, and thank you all for joining today's call. This meeting is now adjourned. Have a great rest of the day. Bye.

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