CLAUDIA RUIZ:	Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the NARALO Monthly Teleconference Call on Monday, the 8th of March, 2021 at 20:00 UTC. On the call today, on the English channel, we have Eduardo Diaz, John Moore, Jonathan Zuck, Alan Greenberg, Alfredo Calderon, Bill Jouris, Badriyya Yusuf, David Mackey, Jeffrey Neuman, Jose Lebron, Judith Hellerstein, Louis Houle, Maureen Hilyard, Wes Boudville, and Dana Perry. From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber, Evin Erdoǧdu, Joe Catapano, and myself, Claudia Ruiz, on call management. We do not have any apologies so far.
	Before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state their name when taking the floor for the transcription purposes and to please keep your microphones muted when not speaking to prevent any background noise. Thank you very much. And with this, I turn the call over to you, Eduardo.
EDUARDO DIAZ:	Thank you so much. And thanks, everyone, for being here on this call today. Today, we have guest speakers, like Gisella Gruber and Maureen Hilyard, that will give us some information on ICANN 70, which I believe started this week, I believe—the pre-week. It's going to be next week.
	And today, this is not going to be a webinar. It's going to be all about reporting. And that's why I invited them here. Main reasons are—the reason to know what's going to really happen in the ICANN 70 and what At-Large is going to be doing and other SOs and ACs. What are they doing, too? And the reason for this is just to motivate everyone. If you're

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not going to participate the whole week, at least you know which things are important for the region to participate in.

And I thought about today's meeting. And I think we are in mid-terms—not mid because I think we have been on this almost a year now, on the pandemic. And I thought that it would be a good idea for having this report so people know what's happening in the OFBWG, CPWG, and current work in the EPDP, which Alan is going to give us some information about. And also, the NomCom report from Glenn to tell us how is that going.

I just wanted to mention also that all these RALO chairs have a one-to-one meeting with Göran. And I believe there's going to be some kind of documentation coming out of that meeting. The three questions that were sent to everyone, I will put a couple words of what I was able to capture from that meeting but I will do that offline. But these meetings with Göran are good, in the sense that really, they are basically … You can send questions beforehand. But really, it's an informal meeting. You can really ask whatever you want during that meeting. It's a good thing that he does this, not only with us, with other people too, because it gives us an opportunity to get closer to our CEO.

So in any case, we have Judith reporting on the OFBWG. And also, she will tell us a little bit about the Strategic Plan. I wanted her to present some of the results but I understand there was some information that she could not get. But she can tell us about that.

I invited Gisella to give us a runoff of the sessions that At-Large is going to have for ICANN 70. And, Gisella, if you can pinpoint the ones … If

nobody's going to participate in all of them, at least pinpoint the ones that are more important that we participate on. That's really what I'm looking behind this. And the same for Maureen. Maureen can tell us not only what's import for At-Large but other things that are happening with the other SOs and ACs.

And then, we will have Alan bringing us up-to-date on the EPDP update. And I asked him to give us a historic runoff of the thing, how this happened so everybody understands—to put this whole thing in context and where are we now?

And then, our new movie director, Jonathan Zuck, will give us an update on the CPWG—on the current work and what he sees is coming up in the pike.

So, at the end, we'll have a brief report by Glenn on the NomCom. So, with that in mind, everybody okay with this agenda? Not hearing anyone. Then, the agenda is approved and the order too. So, Judith, why don't you take the floor and provide us your report.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Sure.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: I had hoped to report to you on the statistics that Eduardo talked about. But despite that, we have this front page where we have all the correct ALSes listed and the correct representatives. The data I got from staff was not the same data. So it became apparent that there are several lists out there and that some staff are using some lists and other staff are using other lists. So the list I had gotten from staff had all the decertified ALSes on it and none of the correct ones.

But what I was able to glean from that—and I'm not even 100% confident that that data's accurate to begin with—is that we have several of our ALSes who don't participate in the NARALO meetings. So that is something that we were going to be working on and trying to figure out why are they not engaging? How do we get them to be more engaged? And then what can we do to get them to be more engaged into the calls? So I guess we'll be working on that, [also] issues. So that's why wanted also to … We're going to work on them there.

And on the other issue, on what are we doing on the other working group, is the Operations, Finance, and Budget Working Group. And our group has been very busy. We meet once or twice a month, depending on the months, we are working not only on the finance, and budget, and planning issues but we are also working on very other important details, such as the multistakeholder model, as well as on the follow-up from the ATRT3 and also the Workstream 2 decisions.

So lately, there's been a small group working on identifying priorities that come out, both from the multistakeholder model and also from the Workstream 2 decisions, the ATRT3—all these other past reviews—and highlighting what are the priorities from these recommendations for

At-Large, and strong, medium, or large, and high priorities. And then, we've been moving on and going to report back to the Operations Committee so that we can actually figure out what should the At-Large strategy be on that area.

But on the planning and budgeting side, we've been working to get a better understanding of the of the finance issues and of how do we make sure that At-Large priorities get positioned well into the finance and budgeting plan? So we've been meeting actively, both as a group and also to formulate our strategy for the prep meetings that are coming up with planning, and to get a better handle on the budget as it's been released from them.

I see Marita's on the call. I don't want to steal her thunder because he's been doing some really excellent presentations on the Strategic Plan for ICANN and the multistakeholder model. And if she's willing, she could better give a few-sentence summary on that. And if you don't want to be put on the spot, Marita, I can do it. But I know you know this stuff so well. So if you'd like to say a few words.

MARITA MOLL: Hi. Judith, I just came in as you were going over the stuff that's happening at the OFB. And you were doing a fabulous job but thank you so much. We've had, as Judith was saying, closely looking at the multistakeholder evolution stuff and it's all in-progress and in-process. And last time, we had a good look at one of the new budget papers. And what else were we doing, Judith? Sebastien gave a—

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yeah. I said the ATRT3.

MARITA MOLL: Right. Thanks. And I think that's—

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: And the Workstream 2 priorities.

MARITA MOLL: Right. That's been the bulk of our work. And thanks for taking that on. Sorry for being late. I missed this. I missed the call.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: No problem. But yeah. So, Marita has given us an overview of what are the most important issues within the multistakeholder model that At-Large should be focusing on. So she has done some excellent presentations, which we can send out to the NARALO list because they're up on the website and we can post it.

And then, maybe staff can put links to them because I think they were really excellent in summarizing this very detailed work that they've done, and what are our priorities, and what we need to be focusing on with them. So I thank Marita for all her great work on that area. She's really been leading this really, effectively well.

And ICANN's Strategic Plan is also related to the multistakeholder model. And in that vein, also, I encourage … And it's still open. Eduardo and I have been on the meetings with the new—in the North American

stakeholder meetings, working on what should be the North American strategy plans going forward. And many of them are taken straight out of the ICANN Strategic Plan and the ICANN Multistakeholder Model.

We've had our first meeting but we're going to have our second meeting in April, after the Cancun virtual meetings. But I encourage everyone. It's not too late, and Naela said today on this morning's stakeholder call. It's not too late to join us if you're interested in getting involved in helping formulate the North American Stakeholder Advisory Group. We've got some new members from outside of At-Large on there today. And we welcome everyone on there.

I know some people couldn't make the last meeting. But they are also looking at several of the At-Large priorities, such as DNS abuse, as well as other activities in the multistakeholder model. So I encourage everyone, if they're interested—either Joe Catapano or Naela directly and ask to be put on the list. And then, that way they will send out a Doodle when the next meeting is going to be held. Marita, did I leave anything out from the multistakeholder model?

EDUARDO DIAZ: Are you asking me or Marita?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Marita.

MARITA MOLL:	Sorry, Judith. No. We're going to carry on with that work. We did not talk about it at the last meeting. Other things came up. But we'll be honing in on some specific activities that are happening around the multistakeholder model. And I expect that maybe during the ICANN meeting prep week this week and the Cancun meeting in a couple of weeks, we're going to hear some more stuff. So it's going to get more interesting around that, as some of the activities that ICANN is planning in order to fulfill the Multistakeholder Evolution Plan—as that starts to get rolled out. So stay tuned, I guess.
JUDITH HELLERSTEIN:	Yes. Marita, thanks so much. Yes. And that is also the case. And another of the NARALO topics that we talked about in the operation plan and budget is also universal access because we looked at … A lot of the main topics are mentioned in the budget.
	And we also discussed is there enough emphasis by the planning committee or by the money allocated to meet these goals? So many of these goals, not only in the multistakeholder model but also in our At-Large goals, about universal access, domain name abuse, and other things, are highlighted in the planning documents and the budgetary documents. So we discussed these issues also in that committee.
	So I encourage everyone who's interested in coming to come to a meeting for follow up re the focus of the meeting afterwards, if they can't make the meeting itself. The notes and the RTT transcript from the meetings are all listed on there, as well as the presentation. So if you have any questions, you're welcome to come. And either address them

to me, Marita. And we're happy to discuss them with you. The chairs of the meeting is Holly. And Ricardo is the secondary chair. But happy to discuss them with any NARALO people.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Okay. Judith, thank you so much for your report. And if anybody has a question, please do not hesitate. And contact Judith offline and she can give you more details of what is happening there. Thank you so much, Judith.

Next, we have one of our people that I invited today, Gisella. Everybody knows her. So, Gisella, give us a view of what's happening with At-Large during ICANN 70. Thank you.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you very much, Eduardo. Thank you for the opportunity to provide a brief overview of ICANN 70 Community Forum. We were all due to be in Cancun but we will be going virtual again. This is our fourth ICANN Virtual Public Meeting. So I'll just run through the general logistics. And if I may, Eduardo, I will be brief. But I think that if we just run through the general logistics, including registering, etc., I will then hand over to Maureen to the other sessions of interest and Silvia for the LACRALO events. I will touch base on the At-Large events.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Okay.

GISELLA GRUBER:	So, as I said—thank you, Eduardo—this is our fourth Virtual Public ICANN Meeting. And we have a few new features and I'm going to list the main ones during this session. So, what we have on the Zoom Room, for those in Zoom, is the main ICANN 70 webpage. And we have already started with the ICANN 70 prep week and the series of webinars which are listed here. We had two today and there are a further eight over the rest of the week.

So note that registration is compulsory to access the meeting schedule, both for this prep week as well as for the main ICANN week. And registration is here, via the main ICANN webpage. As you can see on this webpage, there are three main features, registration, networking, and engagement.

So under registration, once you have registered, you will receive two emails. You will receive a first registration confirmation email five to 10 minutes after completing the page and then a second email within 15 to 30 minutes, which will provide you the access link to ICANN 70 schedule.

Note that you do need to confirm your account. You'll receive a link, which is a "claim your account." And please make sure to follow the steps very carefully with regards to setting passwords, which is not the same as your registration password. And this is for security purposes. So, it takes about 30 minutes after completing the registration process to have everything completed.

And important factor, we are virtual. Participation links will only be posted 24 hours prior to the session start times. And this, again, for security purposes. And staff will not be circulating access information via

mailing list. So again, very important to register for ICANN 70 as well as the sessions.

Under the middle feature, with is networking, this is a new tool which is essentially a one-on-one private virtual meeting feature. So you've got the ability to schedule a 30-minute private virtual meeting with one or more participants. And this directly from the website. So, this feature's available 24 hours each day during this week and during ICANN 70. So please do go and read all the details.

Then, our third feature here is engagement. And this is starting conversations with community members, like a chat forum. So again, please do go and check all this out on the ICANN main schedule.

A very important feature for us—especially for our community at ICANN 70—is integrated interpretation service via Zoom. We had a demonstration of this on the ALAC call in February, for those who joined us. And the change here is that interpretation is only available through the Zoom and participants are not able to dial into Adigo bridge like they would on many of the At-Large community calls. So an important note here as well is to make sure that your Zoom app is updated to the latest version, to be able to access the ICANN 70 session.

And if you look on the page which I have here in the Zoom, which is "how to register," we have a section, which is "how to participate virtually." And underneath, you have the guide, in seven languages, of how to participate. And in this guide, you will find all the necessary information on how to use the new integrated Zoom interpretation feature.

And now, coming onto the At-Large meetings, which I know we're all very interested in, which are our sessions, these are all listed on this page here, which is what we refer to as the one-stop shop. So if you could bookmark this page, you will then be able to have easy access and also find all relevant information for ICANN 70.

So our actual At-Large sessions start next week with two webinars, the ICANN 70 here in purple—ICANN 70 At-Large: What to Expect on Monday. And on Tuesday, we have the At-Large Social Media Webinar. We are just finalizing the details. And the invitations, as well as the agendas, will be posted very shortly.

Then, if we go further down on this page, we get to ICANN 70 week. So there, we have a total of nine sessions, including the LACRALO Roundtable and social events, which are counted in these nine sessions. Silvia will be providing a little bit more information on this.

With regards to At-Large, the leadership have a welcome and wrap-up session. The ALAC will be meeting with the GAC. That is the only group we're going to be meeting with at ICANN 70. The ALAC and Board meeting will be held mid-April. So, the date has not yet been set. But that will be communicated as soon as it has been. And then, we also have our traditional AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting and three At-Large policy sessions.

I thought I would give you a quick overview of the policy sessions, as Eduardo was asking also to point out the sessions of interest. Maureen will be doing the non-At-Large ones. And we have put a lot of time and

effort into our three At-Large policy sessions, which I'm sure will be extremely well-attended throughout the ICANN community.

On Monday, we've got At-Large Explores the Future of the ICANN Mandate and the Development of the DNS. So that is running from 17:30 to 19:00 UTC. I'm providing the UTC timing because that is usually what we work in, in the At-Large community. And the title of this one is The Future of the ICANN Mandate and the Development of the DNS: Voices of the Next Generation.

Matthias Hudobnik, ALAC member from EURALO, will be moderating the session. It's going to involve NextGen's ICANN program alumni, as well as former ICANN Fellows, and third, At-Large Summit participants who currently work in constituencies. Yes. Apologies, Judith. I will show this. This is showing on the Monday. There will be eight presentations from the various constituencies, sharing their views, and a question-and-answer session. Thank you very much, Judith. There, we have the agenda so you can see the agenda on the Monday. And it is going to be a busy 90-minute session with Matthias moderating.

Then, on Tuesday, have our second At-Large policy session, At-Large Considers Challenges and Opportunities of New Legislation and Regulation. And this will be running from 15:30 to 17:00, moderated by Hadia Elminiawi and Holly Raiche.

A cross-community roundtable on the topic of Reimagining ICANN's Role: Responding to National Pressures. The aim of this session is to explore how new national legislation and regulation can affect the ICANN multistakeholder model. The session will attempt to introduce

the challenges and opportunities and discuss how the ICANN multistakeholder model can be agile in the face of change. The session will bring together members from each of the five regions and members from different ICANN constituencies, with the aim of sharing and understanding the different stakeholder perspectives.

And I'll just give you the last session, which is on Wednesday. And that will then conclude my part of the presentation. On Wednesday, we have Applicant Support: What Does Success Look Like? That's running from 15:30 to 17:00 UTC. Claudia, thank you very much for putting the links in the chat. This will be moderated by Hadia Elminiawi and ALAC vice-chair for policy, Jonathan Zuck.

The session will consider the 2012 applicant support program, including the Community Mentoring Initiative. The New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group made proposals for the improvement, leaving the details to the Implementation Review Team.

The question that remains and should be considered a matter of policy rather than implementation is the identification of goals for the program. Goals need to be results-oriented, not measures of effort. Goals could include number of applicants for support, number of awarded and delegated strings, and the geographic distribution of applicants. So, in this session, the At-Large community will discuss community objectives for applicant support, including some possible concrete goals and measures of success for the next round of gTLDs.

Sorry. That was a bit of a long description. But at least you have the three main policy sessions that we've just listed. Again, please do bookmark the At-Large ICANN 70 wiki page. And do take a look at the daily agendas. Maureen will take over from me. She will also explain how we try to keep these extremely light, with only nine sessions total during the week running from Monday to Thursday.

So hopefully this has been a useful overview and we look forward to welcoming many of you over the next few weeks. Again, please don't forget to register. And I remain at your disposal for any further questions, may they be by Skype, email, etc. Please don't hesitate to ask. I will now hand it over to Maureen Hilyard, ALAC chair, who will be providing us with details on other sessions of interest. Thank you very much.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Gisella, before Maureen, I have a couple hands up. I don't know, Jonathan, if you want to ask any question or—

GISELLA GRUBER: Add. Yes, please.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Thanks. I just had a quick question that was back when you were talking about registration and information only being released behind the registration wall. And there's been some discussion about making the YouTube re-streamings of the plenaries and high-interest topics—those URLs, making them known and getting them out to the community in

advance so that we can work to get people to participate via YouTube, where there's no chance of them doing any Zoom bombing or anything like that.

So I just wanted to know where that stood because having those links in advance would really be powerful, in terms of getting At-Large participants with lower bandwidth connections and others that might want to just watch and not be on the Zoom. Thanks.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you, Jonathan. So yes. I'm just waiting for the final list of all the sessions which will have YouTube streaming. And I forgot to mention. I do send out a daily email with the sessions of interest and just a link to our wiki page. And also, there's always a link to the main ICANN 70 page.

So what I'll be doing ahead of time is making sure that I have the full list of those sessions, which we can then send out. And as you said, this is just a way of people joining without having to register and yet still being able to participate and avoiding Zoom bombing. So that is an action item that I'm still following on and I will action it as soon as I have the information. Thank you, Jonathan.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you, Jonathan. Judith, your hand is up. Do you have a question?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yes. Jonathan already asked my question. We had already cleared this with ICANN Meetings beforehand and they have given the approval to

publish this widely on the YouTube. So we've been waiting if it can be published, because we want to publish this widely, because it's not only for At-Large staff. It's just any people who are interested in sessions but they don't want to register or they don't want to go through the hassle. And we've gotten a lot of questions about these sessions. So we've asked for this from the ICANN Meetings team and they gave us their blessing. They said yes, that these can be published widely.

And so, we are trying to make sure that we get this list as soon as possible and not only publish then on the At-Large page but publish them also on our Facebook, on any social media. We want to blast out the YouTube links everywhere, just so that we can get some information out to people who may not know about this and don't want to go through any of those hassles.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Okay. I don't know, Gisella, if you want to respond. If not, we'll go to Maureen. And Gisella, if you want to stay, you are welcome to stay in the meeting. If you have to go, it doesn't matter. I want to thank you for taking your time and giving us this report to the Region. I think it's very important.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you, Eduardo.

EDUARDO DIAZ: So, Maureen, you have the floor.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Eduardo. And thank you to NARALO for the invitation. And if I can have my slides up. I'll try to be quick. Thank you. Next slide. My job is really just to check that … These are the wrong slides. Oh! That's better. Just to check with everyone that you're up with what else is happening in ICANN 70. We've got a pretty short schedule of presentations from At-Large ourselves. But one of the reasons was that we really wanted to make sure that people were actually reaching out and looking at what's available in other constituencies as well.

Of course, we've got prep week this week. And we've already had some feedback in the chat about what was been on today. But tomorrow, there's the Planning at ICANN. And of course, that is a session that's going to be held. There's another session, I think, that we're trying to hold with the planning group to just get a little bit more information that might be relevant to us. But it's good that if you're interested in the budget and planning, belong to the OFB Working Group, come along to this because it just gives you that extra bit of information that we could use.

Then, on Wednesday, there's the Policy Update from the GNSO Council. And again, if you're a member of the CPWG, this is an important one for you, as well as the Council meeting, which comes later on. But this is the actual policy update session.

And on Thursday, there is a session on universal acceptance, which has been an issue for At-Large. I think it would be good if people went to that one, as well as the ICANN 70 Policy Update. Error in the spelling.

Sorry about that. And of course, it's like the policy update that we have before every meeting. And it's really good because you get to hear not only what we are doing—and it always sounds really good when Heidi's doing the presentation—but we also find out what's happening in other areas as well. Next slide.

And then, of course, we get into the ICANN 70 sessions themselves. These are the things that are happening where we've actually given time. We've actually made sure that people can actually get to these sessions. So, we've left those free. And because we are not running as many sessions ourselves, it's good that we can actually get to see what's happening in other areas.

And of course, this next one is really important because we've got Jonathan and a group of others who have been liaising and working with this group. His team is still doing so. But of course, DNS abuse is very important to At-Large and I really appreciate that the GNSO invited us to participate in this working group.

On Monday also, later on in the day, there is a DNS Women's Panel Discussion. And it's good to see that DNS Women are coming back into ICANN. But there's a lot of At-Large people that attend, especially in this one where we've got Holly and Vanda actually presenting on the panel. So that's great, that we're [represented] there as well.

And on Tuesday, of course, that's when we had our first plenary. And this is the Governmental Regulatory Development Community Discussion. I'm not quite sure. I know that there was a little bit of a change required for this session. But the governments, European and United States, are

looking at their proposed legislation. It should be quite interesting. Can we have the next session, please? I know I'm zooming through but I know that we're a little bit short of time.

On Wednesday, that, of course, is the GNSO Council meeting. And we have specifically made sure, just as we have in our At-Large and ALAC sessions, we have allocated specific time to attend the GAC and Board meeting. The GNSO Council meeting is also an important session for us because it gives us some input into what sort of topics are on top for Council and could be filtering through to us in our CPWG.

For Thursday, which is the final day … And, of course, for Thursday, the only session that we've got in At-Large is, of course, our wrap-up. And at our wrap-up, we will have the CEO, and the Board chair, and the vice chair coming along.

But as well that session for us, because they will wind up for the meeting, there is a second plenary, which of course came from At-Large. And that's the Registry Voluntary Commitments: Getting it Right. And I think that this is going to be a very … This is important to us and we'll be getting more input from other constituency members in that session. So it would be good for everyone to be there at that session.

Then, of course, there's the Public Forum. There's only one. And it's everyone's opportunity to have a [inaudible] to the Board. And of course, then, the meeting, of course, finishes off with the public Board meeting which usually has something of interest to us. So, it'd be good if we'd go to that as well.

So that's it. That's what's on in other places that might be of interest to us. And if there are any questions … No? Thank you, Eduardo.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Maureen, thanks to you for taking the time and being with us today. Thank you so much. I don't see any hands up so let's move to the next report by Alan, the EPDP. Thank you, Maureen. Alan, the floor is yours.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much, Eduardo. Could we have the slides, please? Thank you. And the next slide? Thank you. A little bit about history, how we got here. Privacy legislation has been around for quite a number of years. And generally, ICANN ignored it. The WHOIS records that we're all familiar with, or many of us are familiar with, have been around since before ICAAN was started. And part of the agreement with the US Department of Commerce always was that WHOIS should be publicly available.

The fact that it, to some extent, ignored privacy legislation was something that was largely ignored. Some accommodation of it was made for registrars who felt that they might be prosecuted locally. But generally, it wasn't an issue that was on the front burner of many people within ICANN.

The major change was in the European General Data Protection Regulations, which came in effect in 2016. And they set penalties—large penalties—for people who did not follow them. And suddenly, this became reality because not only would our Contracted Parties be liable

but ICANN could be liable as well. GDPR is complex, it is expensive to implement, and it its unavoidable, to a large extent because of those penalties.

ICANN had to react quickly because our policies were directly in opposition to GDPR. And the Board enacted a temporary policy. Normally, policy for gTLDs is set by the GNSO. But the Board has the right, in our contracts, to set temporary policies for emergency situations and that's what they did. It was called the Temporary Specification because the various clauses within our contracts are called specifications. And this one was, reasonably, a temporary one. The right of the Board to set policy includes the requirement that it can only last for one year and it has to be replaced by real policy in the interim. Next slide.

That resulted in a policy development process—in this case, an expedited one, which meant certain steps can be bypassed to allow it to complete a little bit faster. It's still a very rigorous policy process but it omits a couple of steps.

The mandate was to develop a new policy to replace the Temporary Specification and to develop a methodology to release information for those who needed access. That is, since we expect some information to be redacted because of privacy considerations, there needs to be a way to get it for those entities that need it, most commonly people trying to enforce intellectual property laws and cybersecurity people. Next slide, please.

So, the EPDP Phase 1, which was to replace the policy, resulted in a policy which eliminated some fields that existed, such as they included contact information for an entity managing the registration—street address, mailing address for technical contacts, and a number of other things were eliminated. Virtually anything which could be construed as being contact information was redacted. Now, it didn't have to be under GDPR but that was what the policy ended up doing.

We effectively erased the contents of any organizational field because it might have contained something which would be considered personal information in some cases.

We allowed but did not require the distinction between legal persons and natural persons or information about legal persons and natural persons. It is only natural person information that is regulated by GDPR. But we allowed registrars redact everything.

Email anonymization was a contentious issue and it was unclear how it was left, due to a number of reasons. But it would be further discussed, as would legal and natural.

There was a major issue of accuracy, and whose accuracy did we care about, and what could we do to make sure information was accurate. That also was not resolved.

GDPR only refers to information about individuals in some geographic locations. There was no geographic differentiation on the theory that all registrants should be treated alike. And there's other privacy legislation other places.

And the temporary specification was to continue for several months until the new policy was implemented. We are now two years later and the new policy still has not been implemented because they're still working on the implementation. So, the Temporary Spec, effectively, is still governing what we're doing. Next slide.

Phase 2 was to develop a method to access information for those who needed it. That is redacted information. We ended up developing something called the Standardized System for Access and Disclosure, SSAD. It's a centralized portal where requests can be submitted and they would be logged and tracked.

The bottom line is, it would be a very expensive system. Almost no requests would actually be satisfied by the portal. Almost all of them would be passed on to the registrars or occasionally the registry. Therefore, no uniform handling which was one of the original criteria. And it was unclear whether further evolution of this SSAD would require additional PDPs or not. The issues on legal/natural, email, and accuracy were not addressed.

The policy is now before the Board. The Board has not acted on it yet. So we don't know whether, in fact, this policy will be enacted or not. Unusually, the GNSO approved and passed on to the Board parts of this policy which did not even have consensus within the working group. So it's a rather unusual beast.

Because some of the issues which were supposed to have been addressed in Phase 2 were never addressed, the PDP continues. There was strong opposition to calling it Phase 3. So—next slide, please—we

have a Phase 2a. And we are in the process of renegotiating, rediscussing the issue of legal/natural and email anonymization.

We haven't gotten very far yet. And there is a report that will be due to go to the GNSO Council at the end of this month. And we are supposed to have a draft final report by May. In theory, if we do not seem to be moving forward fast enough, then the GNSO Council might just pull the plug and stop this whole process. It remains to be seen how it turns out. Next slide.

Now, something new has happened, however. There is a directive out of the European Commission that it's a revised … There has always been, or has been for a number of years, the Directive on Security of Network and Information Systems. There is a revised one that is being proposed. It is currently out for public comment. It will then have to go through the European Parliament and then member states for enactment. Many aspects are included. But the DNS and domain registration data have been identified as particularly critical issues. So we're essentially being called out by name in these and there's a number of issues. Next slide.

It calls for the requirement to have accurate data. That is, it must be accurate so that it is usable to identify and communicate with the registrant. All non-personal data must be published. So, it's not optional anymore, once this directive is enacted in national laws. That is, you must redact information that is personal. You must not redact information that's not personal. That sidesteps the question of how do you recognize the two? Because it's not always obvious.

All aspects of the public DNS are considered critical. I'm expecting this to go through the European Parliament by sometime, if we're lucky, this year or early next year. And overall, probably about three years before member states enact this. So, it's not going to happen overnight but it does address almost all of the issues that have been key to the At-Large's participation in the EPDP.

And I dare say, if these regulations had been in place with legislation, the overall EPDP would have been a lot quicker and the results would have been a lot more satisfactory from our point of view. But they weren't and we'll now see where it goes.

The ALAC will be submitting a public comment to the European Commission. That's currently being drafted and a version of it should be out to the CPWG, hopefully early tomorrow. And that's where we stand. Last slide, please. Eduardo, I don't know if there's any time for questions or not. But I'm available if they are. Or people can contact me privately, if not.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Sure! Are there any questions for Alan now? You can always contact him offline. But having him here, talking about this that we have been hearing for … I don't know. I'm so glad this an EPDP which is very expedited.

ALAN GREENBERG: I will say that the New gTLD PDP went on for over four years. So by some standards, it's fast.

EDUARDO DIAZ: I will tell you a joke about this. Next one will be double, E squared. Expedite the expedite. That's funny. Anyhow, if we don't have any questions for Alan, Jonathan, you are next. And there are only five minutes or six to go on the top of the hour. Is that enough time for your report? Or I can promise …

JONATHAN ZUCK: I think it's enough.

EDUARDO DIAZ: It's enough? Okay. Go ahead.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yeah. So I'm going to try something new. Many of you saw a presentation that I gave a little while ago. I'm giving presentations online. And I know, Eduardo, you in particular asked about how you could make use of the presenter view so that in PowerPoint, you could not only see the slides but see your notes at the same time and how could you present that way over Zoom.

And so, what I've done in this particular case is actually share a link with Claudia. So she's brining the link up in her screenshare. So, I'm not sharing her screen. She's sharing the link in her screenshare. And on my machine, I'm able to look at the full PowerPoint presenter view, where I see the current slide, and the next slide, and my notes, just to give you some idea how that can work.

The Consolidated Policy Working Group—there's supposed to be the word policy in there—has become the mechanism that facilitates participation in ICANN policy development by At-Large volunteers. So it's a group that's always evolving but it become the policy talk shop for the At-Large community, and develops positions, and drafts correspondence, and advice, and public comments for approval by the ALAC to be submitted.

So if we look at how the CPWG works, there's kind of a funnel. So, the top of the funnel is a presentation of a particular issue. And then, we ask some questions about that issue to see if it's something that the CPWG should take up. Does it have an individual user perspective? In other words, is the issue specifically relevant to individual end-users? Because that is what we should be trying to limit ourselves to.

The second question is, is the issue within ICANN's remit? In other words, if the issue that's being brought up is network neutrality, for example, it may be of interest to individual users but it's not really within our capacity—the advice that we give to ICANN. We can't really advise them on things that are outside of their ability to act. So is the issue within ICANN's remit?

If it is, then the CPWG works to develop a position on that topic. And then, once that position is developed, the position is sent to the At-Large Advisory Committee for review. And if it's approved by the At-Large Advisory Committee, then we begin to engage on that issue in a number of different ways.

So to break it down a little bit further, if we look at the process by which we develop a position, we start with an internal presentation. We set up a workspace. We look at community members to be the shepherds of the issue within the CPWG. Those shepherds propose working position points to the CPWG. The CPWG then discusses those points. And those discussions, then, include the Regional Organizations as well. So part of my job, as your representative to the ALAC from NARALO is to bring these issues back to you and to discuss them here so that I can bring that feedback back to the CPWG for those discussions.

So then, the RALO provides feedback. The CPWG finalizes its position points and then once those position points are finalized, a draft position statement is drafted. The CPWG discusses the final draft. And then, it forwards that position statement to ALAC, once again, for approval. So it's important to remember the CPWG is just a body to make recommendations to the ALAC for positions.

And then, once the ALAC approves that position, there's a number of different ways that we advocate the position. That can include ALAC advice to the Board, public comment participation, public discussion, and participation in working groups.

Just to make this a little bit crazy, this is what the lifecycle, if you will, of an issue is when it comes to the At-Large. An idea is generated. A presentation is made on the idea. A position is developed with input from the Regional Organizations. It goes to the ALAC for approval. And then, the first step, usually, is that there are volunteers that are put in place to advocate for that position within a particular work group.

And then, as support is needed, those volunteers come back to the CPWG to get questions answered or get issues resolved. And that's done, again, with input from the RALOs. And then, back to the working group. Then, that work group generates a request for public comment. And that comes back to the CPWG to draft a public comment, again with input from the Regional Organizations. That has to be approved by the ALAC and then submitted to the work group.

And then, once the work group finalizes its report with the input of the community, it submits its final report to the Board, which in turn generates another public comment, which creates another opportunity for the At-Large community to make its voice heard. So the CPWG is once again drafting a public comment, again with input from the Regions. That's put forward to the ALAC for approval, which then submits it to the Board, which sees the public comment summary.

And if we see that our issues are not being sufficiently addressed through the public comment process, we have one last bite at the apple, as we say, which is to generate advice. So, we might generate advice to the Board. Again, this is done with input from the Regions. That advice is approved by the ALAC and ultimately submitted to the Board for consideration.

So, this crazy process, it looks like a staff of music here. I'm half inclined to try and come up with the music that this would sound like. But that's the entire lifecycle of an issue, and the role that the CPWG plays and the volunteers play within ICANN Policy development, generally.

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Eduardo asked me to talk about a couple of issues that were most important. In the past year, the GDPR. You've just heard a great summary about that from Alan so won't go into that. But that's an area where we were really the only voice of individual users outside of the ICANN ecosystem—the people that just want the internet to work—and what the implications for ICANN's policies would be on those individual users. And so, our role there was really critical because it wasn't just us saying the same thing as everybody else in the community was saying.

Another area on which we had a lot of focus is the possibility of a new round of applications for top-level domains—things like .top, .photos, and other top-level domains. There's a lot of pressure within the ICANN community to have another round. And the At-Large are once again concerned about what the implications of that will be for individual users. And so, there were a lot of discussions and a lot of input into this, particularly in setting new rules for how DNS abuse is dealt with. We've had quite a few discussions about geographic names and what those implications are. So those were big issues and they'll both continue to be big issues going forward this year.

The other issue that we talk about quite a bit is DNS abuse. And that continues to be a hot topic within ICANN, trying to figure out how we want to define it, and who's responsible for what, and how the At-Large may be able to be helpful, not only policy development but in individual user education. So it's our hope and our expectation that over this year, we'll be working on materials that will come out through the RALOs, through the ALSes, to help teach individual end-users how to protect themselves better from DNS abuse. So, that's another big initiative for the At-Large in this coming year.

So I'm happy to take questions but I hope I covered what my friend, Eduardo, asked me to cover. And I'm happy to answer any questions.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Yes. You definitely, did Jonathan. I don't see any hands. Any questions on the fly? I don't see that.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yeah. So, quickly, Claudia, if you can bring up that image I sent you, I just wanted to show you quickly because this was an answer, again, to your question, Eduardo. This is the screen I was looking at while I was presenting. So you can see that on the left here, I have the slide that's currently visible. On the right is the slide that's coming next. And below it were my notes about the current slide.

So using this technique of doing an online presentation and giving a link to ICANN staff enables you to look at the full functionality of PowerPoint and advance your own slides but still share it through the staff link, rather than sharing your own desktop. I hope that part was helpful as well. Thanks, Eduardo.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Definitely, it is. Yes. Definitely. And it can be used here or in other meetings as well. Jonathan, thank you so much. We ran out of time. Glenn, he put a report and he sent his report about NomCom to the Region. Thank you, Glenn. My apologies for running out of time here. But we're glad to have you, on the next meeting, reporting—providing a brief report at the beginning of next meeting.

So with that in mind, I want to thank everyone for helping and reporting today. I think it's important for the Region to hear about this. Pretty sure some people will come back to our recordings, just to hear some of these presentations. And we will see each other during this prep week and next week. So thank you so much. This meeting is adjourned.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Bye, everyone.

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