YEŞIM SAGLAM:	Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the ALAC Monthly Teleconference taking place on Tuesday the 26th of July 2022 at 16:00 UTC.
	On our call today, from our ALAC members, we have Dave Kissoondoyal, Raymond Mamattah, Sarah Kiden, Maureen Hilyard, Joanna Kulesza, Carlos Aguirre, Laura Margolis, Greg Shatan, and Jonathan Zuck. From our liaisons we have Andrei Kolesnikov, Lianna Galstyan, Joanna Kulesza, and Justine Chew. And just for the sake of time, I will not be reading out the rest of the names, but the attendance will be recorded right after the call.
	Today, we do have León Sanchez as guest speaker. And we have received apologies from Satish Babu, Vanda Scartezini, Yrjö Länsipuro, Michelle DeSmyter, and from Heidi Ulrich.
	And just to cover our staff members, we have Gisella Gruber, Claudia Ruiz, Chantelle Doerksen, and myself, Yeşim Sağlam. And I'll be doing call management for this call.
	Today we only have Spanish interpretation provided. Unfortunately, French interpretation is not available for this call due to the unavailability of the interpreters. Our Spanish interpreters are Paula and Veronica.
	And before we get started, just a kind of reminder to please state your names before speaking not only for the transcription, but also for the interpretation purposes, as well, please. And, as usual, we have real-

time transcription service provided on today's call. Thank you very much, Claudia, for sharing the link. Please do check the link that Claudia has kindly shared.

And with this, I would like to leave the floor back over to you, Maureen. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much, Yeşim. And yes, Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone. It's really great to see a good gathering of the clan coming here this morning—well, it's morning in my world—to one of the final evenings in the run up to the AGM [inaudible]. I need to put my video on.

I just wanted to first of all go over ... Oh, first of all I wanted to welcome our guest speakers, León and Alan before I get too carried away. It's great to have the guest speakers in our usual Guest Speaker Section of our meeting.

But just going through the agenda quickly, we'll start the meeting off with our guest speakers, the first one being the regular update from the board activities from León. And then we will have just a short discussion on some of the changes that Alan Greenberg, who's in charge of that area, is making to the ALAC Rules of Procedure just so we'll have a [inaudible] at that. Then we'll be looking at what's happening in the area of policy with Olivier and Jonathan, followed by a very brief update on any new members At-Large from Claudia.

Then we'll move to any updates from our liaisons which they want to bring to our attention. But they'll be brief because we do have actually quite a big section on the update of the ICANN75 planning that's in progress. Just hoping that nothing happens between now and ICANN75 that we can get into some constructive engagement at ICANN75.

And then that takes us up to the end of our meeting agenda. And while it doesn't seem too much, but I'm really looking forward to the contributions today. Are there any other questions or anything to add to the agenda? Okay, thank you.

I guess what we can do, then, is move back to the beginning of the agenda so we can get started. And I'm just wondering whether anyone noticed that I missed it, Item #3 which says "Chair's Announcement." And I'm sure people are wondering, or probably not, about why this has been left out.

But of course, the big announcement is to formally congratulate—as I have seen on the Skype chat already—our new incoming chair, Jonathan Zuck. And after having been the only ALAC member nominated but supported very much by his ALAC colleagues and other community members, know, we really just had to wait until he accepted the nomination which seemed to take a bit of time.

But of course, I'm waiting patiently, but very easily, to pass on the proverbial baton to Jonathan at the end of our wrap-up ICANN75. But I know we have got two other speakers in the speaking lineup today, but I'd like to give Jonathan an opportunity to speak about what he sees for his new role with the ALAC. So he'll be our first speaker.

But I know that he wrote a great note to everyone when he accepted his nomination, but I also really appreciated the support that he got during that even before he accepted. But I'd like to pass the mic over to Jonathan for a few words from the throne. So over to you, Jonathan.

JONATHAN ZUCK: I'm at my desk, Maureen, not on the throne. So I take this meeting very seriously. And I can summarize my reaction to this new appointment as terrified, probably. There's very big shoes to fill and a lot for me to learn about the role of ALAC chair. I've been comfortably ensconced in my little policy fiefdom, and very happy there. And so there's going to be a lot to learn, and very big shoes to fill. If the level of participation of past ALAC chairs is anything to go by, it seems as though the job is never over once it's begun.

But if I was going to summarize what I believe will be the catchphrase for the next few years, I think it's "coordination." I think one of the biggest challenges in front of us in the next few years is to better coordinate the efforts across the At-Large community—the different parts of the organization, the different working groups, outreach efforts, policy efforts, liaison efforts, etc.

I know that, very specifically, we're going to have to begin the implementation of the ALS Mobilization work that was a great document created by Alan Greenberg and the ALS Mobilization Working Party so that we can really finish out the implementation of our own version of the At-Large Review that was approved by the Board.

And so I think all those things sort of dovetail together to suggest that our catchword for the next few years is "coordination"—better coordination in our outreach efforts, revisiting some of the things that fell to the wayside after the ATLAS, such as the Outreach Ambassadors Program, etc., so that we really realize the potential of the incredible network that we've built as the At-Large community.

So, as I said, I'm entirely apprehensive but also excited and optimistic about what we can all accomplish. Thanks, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much, Jonathan. And I'm sure everyone is really looking forward to the new era. I am. And I think it's really good. It's a good introduction to someone who has been a great support for the ALAC chair as well as for the At-Large community. And I welcome León to take the mic and [inaudible] some updates on what's happening with the Board there, León. Thank you.

LEÓN SÁNCHEZ: Thank you very much Maureen. And congratulations, Jonathan. I definitely look forward to continuing working once you once you're seated as the ALAC chair.

And of course, thank you, Maureen, for everything that you've done. Every ALAC chair has worked very hard to advance the way the At-Large community and the ALAC is perceived by the larger ICANN community and other constituencies and stakeholders. And I think that the evolution and the change is evident through the years with the work of,

as I said, all of the previous chairs included, including now you, Maureen, who of course will continue to be the chair for some time now.

And I hope to continue seeing that positive evolution once Jonathan takes office. And I'm sure that we will be working together in advancing this evolution and this perception from the rest of the ICANN community in a very positive way.

Well, as usual, it's a pleasure for me to be here with you. If I have any bandwidth issues, please let me know because I know that my connection is not the best where I am. So if I need to switch my camera to improve the bandwidth, please let me know.

So the Board, as usual, has been into many things. And we are now looking ahead to our ICANN75 meeting, our Annual General Meeting. And for that, we have already been working on an agenda for both our workshop and the meeting itself. As you know, the Annual General Meeting is a very busy time for pretty much everyone, but also the Board. And for this occasion, we have a plan for a four-day workshop. We usually take three days of workshop, but we are now thinking of four days.

And the reason for adding one additional date to this workshop as opposed to the three-day usual workshop is that we are, of course, receiving new members for the Board. So once the NomCom lets us know who they have appointed to the Board in the cycle, well, of course, they will be incorporated to the Board.

And we usually receive them, we welcome them, we go through an onboarding process with these new members. And therefore, we are adding one extra day to our workshop in ICANN75 so that we are able to run this onboarding process to welcome them to start team building exercises and to, of course, get to know the new members and have the new members get to know us.

After that, we will have our usual dialogue with the CEO. We will also have elections for Board leadership. As you know, every Annual General Meeting, we have elections in which we select the one person who will be chairing the Board, the one person who will be serving as vice-chair, and also the chair of the Board Governance Committee.

And once we run that process of election, then we continue with populating the different committees, caucuses, and working groups in a process that we call the Board Slating Process. So we will be, of course, doing that on the first day of our workshop so to get that done and then be able to concentrate on the work that we need to do in the next days.

Also, we will be having a presentation by Human Resources in regard to conditions of staff—how they're doing, etc. We will be reviewing, also, some topics of DNS security, the status of the SSAD Light, SSAD, etc.—all things related to the WHOIS Disclosure System. We will be having some updates on different processes that are ongoing legal processes, of course. And we will end with a dinner for Board and executives.

On the next day, we will have our regular policy briefing in preparation for our meetings with the community in ICANN75. It will be, of course, all of the hot topics that might come during ICANN75. And we will be

also preparing for our public Board meeting. We, of course, hold a regular public Board meeting at the AGM. And we will also be preparing for the public forum during this meeting of ICANN75 in Kuala Lumpur.

And one of the things that we have been looking into, as you might have already seen—and I've seen some discussion on the list about the topic—is that we took into account the different concerns, the different comments that we received, the feedback that we received on the meetings waiver. And most of them, if not all maybe, were already taken into consideration and included in this new version of the waiver for icann75.

And of course, as every document or any document, it is susceptible of being improved. It may have some new areas of opportunities. It may have some new details that could be improved or ironed out.

But I think the one thing that I would like to highlight is that the feedback that we received from you and other parts of the community was really taken into account and was really considered. And you can see how it impacted or how it helped to shape the new waiver which, even if not perfect, I think it's an evolution from the waiver that we have for [ICANN74].

We also sent some correspondence to Philippe Fouquart and Manal Ismail in regard to the closed generics discussion. As you may be aware and as you may have heard, the GNSO Council resolved or agreed that the ALAC be invited to the party, so to speak, in regard to the discussion on closed generics. As you know, the Board is only facilitating the

dialogue, but it's definitely not taking part on the dialogue. It's just a facilitator for the parties involved.

And I've already received a couple of comments asking when does the Board intend to address the three involved parties in their correspondence. And, well, as you may see in the last paragraph of the first page of the letter that we sent to the GNSO Council and the GAC, we say that the Board expresses its support for the GNSO Council Small Team's and the GAC's endorsements to have a member of the At-Large Advisory Committee to the facilitated dialogue.

Hence, the invitation of course needs to come from the GNSO Council and the GAC to the ALAC to come to the table. But we, of course, acknowledge that you have already been invited by or ... Well, maybe not formally invited, but there is agreement that the ALAC should be part of this dialogue. And of course, as I see it, it's just a matter of timing as to having the GNSO Council and the GAC formally invite the ALAC.

And once that is concluded, I assume that, of course, the communications that flow between the Board and the involved parties will address all parties involved in this effort. So I can see how this can raise some concerns that this ALAC letter was only addressed to the GNSO Council and the GAC. But then again, since the Board is only the facilitator of this dialogue, we are not in a position to invite players to the table. It has to be the GNSO Council and the GAC.

In that spirit, of course, we welcome, as we acknowledge in the letter, that the GNSO has agreed to include a member of the ALAC in this

discussion and this table. And again, once we will see that there is the formality of having been invited to the table by the parties involved, then of course the communications will be addressed accordingly.

So don't be concerned about this last letter not being addressed to the ALAC. We know. We're following. And as you might remember, the Board was also supportive of having the ALAC included in these discussions and in this dialogue. So we're definitely all [keen] for having the ALAC side of the table.

And if this last letter was not addressed to the three parties, even if we received communication from the GNSO that they agreed that they were happy and welcoming the ALAC in, again, the formality and the invitation needs to come from them not from the Board because we are only facilitating the dialog, again.

And other than that, I am happy to open the floor for any comments or any questions, Maureen. And I see that there are some comments on the chat which I will, of course, read as I open the floor for—

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, León. If anyone's got any questions, put your hand up for now. I know that there have been some points mentioned. Oh, of course, Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much. Sorry for the "of course." But thank you very much, all, for your presentations. And I would like first to say a few things.

I would like to congratulate Jonathan, but I would like to raise the issue that we face also with the Board. The fact that we don't have the selection of the Nominating Committee yet.

Okay, you want my camera? I hope that it will be okay somewhere in my ... Okay.

I feel that the organization is in trouble because, for example, if Maarten does not return, you have two months to organize the next chair of the Board. And I think sometime two months [within this organization and within] the Board is complicated. Within At-Large, we don't have two members of the ALAC and yet we have the new chair.

Once again, nothing against the one who was selected, but it's a question of process. And I think we need to fix that. And it's not just because the meeting is in September.

The other point is that León explained that the Board will have onboarding and team rebuilding. I just want to remind you that the meeting strategy was a [not] proposed at the close of the meeting. [A half] day or, even more, one day after the meeting to have this onboarding made by each body. And it was never set up.

I think ICANN Board needs to think about how ICANN could be improved in allowing the same type of work done as a Board at the level of the other leadership teams. It will be great for the future of the multistakeholder system. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Sébastien. León.

LEÓN SÁNCHEZ: Yes. Thank you, Maureen. Thank you, Sébastien. And I definitely see your point, and I value your comments, as usual. I'm happy to follow on the suggestions that you have made. So let's continue the discussion offline. If you would kindly continue this discussion with me through e-mail. I am happy to follow and see how we can achieve that recommendation from the suggestion that you just mentioned from the Planning Team. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, León. Marita.

MARITA MOLL: Thank you, Maureen. As I said in the chat, thank you to León for and the Board for the work that was done in adjusting the waiver, tweaking the waiver. It certainly looks a lot better than it did the first time around. There are still things—thank you for suggesting—that can still be improved. And yes, it can be improved.

The other point I wanted to bring up, though, is why is there a waiver in the first place? I think the Board needs to ask itself that question. Do all other organizations of this type have such waivers that need to be signed now? Because it certainly hasn't been my experience that that was the case. Or is that mainly just ... Is that a post pandemic normal?

I see it first off in this context, and I'm just wondering whether you know whether this exists in other fields in the Internet governance world. Thank you.

LEÓN SÁNCHEZ: Thanks for Marita. Of course, I couldn't speak for all the organizations that are out there in the Internet governance ecosystem. But I can tell you my limited knowledge about waivers in other bodies. As far as I understand waivers ...

Well first of all, waivers have always been with us. Right? It's not something new. It's something that was put in place because of the pandemic. The pandemic certainly could have added some changes to those waivers—some new provisions, again, some new measures that we need to take into account given the new reality we are living in. So that is a consequence of the pandemic.

But in reality, again, the waivers have always been there. We have always signed waivers in different forms and to different extents. And I can tell you that, for example, the waivers that I know that INTA was asking participants to sign was also a very thorough waiver. I know that the IETF also makes attendance subject to acknowledging or signing a waiver.

So yes, I mean, other organizations are also asking people that attend their meetings or their dialogues to sign waivers. And as far as I know, they have always done so. Of course, now the time has come for people to have a closer look at those waivers as changes have been introduced as a consequence of the pandemic. But again, the waivers have always been there and will continue to be here.

We certainly have to try to improve the way we draft waivers so that we don't deter volunteers from participating in our meetings and it doesn't,

of course, put a burden on volunteers that would otherwise make it harder for them to participate in our meetings. I see that point.

That's what I have to share, Marita. I'm not sure if that answers your question or addresses your doubt in relation to waivers in other organizations. But again, that's my limited knowledge about the topic.

MARITA MOLL: Can I respond, please? For a sec?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah.

MARITA MOLL: Thank you. Thank you, León. That was useful. I realized that waivers have been out there for a long time [inaudible] that I know of [inaudible] any other meeting that I've attended in the Internet governance world. But I haven't attended all of them, obviously. And the pandemic has had an impact.

We need to keep questioning this because, as you say, it's a deterrent and it does affect the motivation of volunteers. It makes volunteers feel like, okay, you're not risking anything but I'm risking something, so how does this compute? And I'm going to keep bringing that topic up. I'm sorry if it's a little uncomfortable, but thank you for [inaudible].

LEÓN SÁNCHEZ:
It isn't uncomfortable at all, Marita. I am with you on this. Again, the waiver can be improved. And maybe it's just step by step that we will be achieving that goal of having, if not a perfect waiver, at least something that is acceptable enough for volunteers to both feel safe attending ICANN meetings and not having an unbearable burden on them.

MAUREEN HILYARD:
Thank you, León. And thank you, Marita and others, for raising the issues. Oh, I see Alan has his hand up. Alan, [is this for] León?

ALAN GREENBERG:
Yes, thank you. I just want to add my thanks to León for whatever extent he was involved in the Board and ICANN Org as one of the people who was extremely vocal about the last waiver. This certainly is a new one. I must admit, I was surprised to see a couple of clauses in there which I'm not sure are either legal or enforceable. I'm not quite sure how my signing a document can commit my heirs not to do something in a jurisdiction separate from ICANN's. That just doesn't look like anything that's enforceable at all, and I'd to ...

I understand why ICANN would want that committed, but I think that's out of the realm of legal reality. But nevertheless, it certainly is a better document than the previous one. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:
Thanks, Alan.

LEÓN SÁNCHEZ: [inaudible]. And thanks, everyone, who has contributed with their feedback and their comments. As I was typing in the chat, your feedback is what makes this waiver better than the past one. And your feedback is what will make future waivers better than the one we have at hand. So thank you for your comments. Thank you for your feedback.

And yes, I will continue to do everything in my hands to advance this— well, to push this feedback so that it makes it to the next version of the waiver that we are presented with.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you again, León. And we do trust your promise to undertake this in the best interest of At-Large, at least. But I also just want to say good luck with the elections at the Board level. But I do share the concerns of others how late the NomCom results are coming out. So good luck with that.

Okay, so now we're going to move on back to Alan to his [inaudible] [in participating here] so we can hear from him about what needs to be changed [in that whole procedure].

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. You will recall we went over these Rules of Procedure changes a number of—I guess two meetings ago. And other things seem to have taken precedence so they got dropped a little bit. But we're now back to finalize them.

And if we could scroll quickly through the changes, there is one error in this document that I presented. There was a change made in Section

5.9.11 that does not show here. I'll send out a version that's correct. I'll just [point] it out. Well, sorry. 5.9.11. You'll notice there isn't a 5.9.11. Back up a little bit.

And this is simply a new responsibility for the chair, that the chair is obliged to provide an annual report of things that the community has done. This goes along with a CPWG Accountability Work Stream 2 recommendation, and it simply implements that recommendation. And it does it in such a way that the onus, the responsibilities on the chair are minimal and most of the work being done by staff. We did discuss that last time. Somehow it disappeared from this version. It will be in the final version, and it is not an onerous one.

If we can scroll down, the next changes have to do with Section 19, which goes quite far down. 19.2 is the first. 19.2.3 makes some relatively small changes to the composition of the committees that are associated with the selection of a Board member. They're basically just changing it to make things more implementable, to make sure we have processes to do what we request. In one case there was a requirement for members to be selected. And the wording used was by the ALAC and RALOs. And how one does that jointly was never well understood. So the wording has changed.

One of the groups, the group running the election has been has shrunk in size because it just is not an onerous job anymore. We have it down pretty pat. So these are just essentially administrative changes. The substantive change is in Section 19.13.

All right. And as many of you may recall, in the last selection there was a proposal made that we bypass the whole process and simply reappoint León, [who] was completing his first term, to the Board. In light of the fact that there was general agreement that he was doing a good job and he had just been appointed vice-chair of the Board and it was felt reasonable that we—as other groups in ICANN often do—simply reappoint without going through a long search process, that was not viable. The rules simply did not allow that.

But at the time, as the chair of the group running the election, I committed to proposing Rules of Procedure change so that in the future if it ever came up again, we would have a process to do it. So essentially, this says the overall change says that if ALAC ... And we're talking about the ALAC in place that will make the decision. So this is after the Annual General Meeting.

There is a very small window in which we could decide not to hold an election but simply reappoint an incumbent At-Large Board members. And this provides a process by which we do it. It doesn't require that we do it. It is something that has to be done, has to be proposed. As I said, there's a very, very small window to do it because we have a Bylaw requirements of a date by which we have to name the new Board member if we go through the full selection process.

There were very few comments made when we discussed this the first time. There were only two comments made that needed to be acted on. And if we can scroll down to the first highlighted part. 19.13.4. The original proposal was that because this is an ALAC decision, that the ALAC would propose that we start this process.

The comment was made that since the RALO chairs are also part of the final vote, they should be able to initiate that process as well. And the second comment that's reflected in 19.13.8 is that the RALOs chair should also participate in the vote. The two issues were taken to the ALAC after our last meeting. And in the second case, there was virtually unanimity that the RALO chair should take part in the vote. And 18.8 has been changed accordingly to say that.

There was a general feeling, however, that the RALO chairs, since we were not part of the ALAC, could not make a motion in the ALAC. But the general perception was that they should be able to influence this by requesting that either one of their ALAC members or the ALAC chair on their behalf make that motion.

And that was reflected now in 19.13.4. "A RALO chair may request that one of the ALAC members appointed by the RALO or the ALAC chair, make such a motion on their behalf. If the request is honored, it should be noted in the motion. The motion must be seconded by another ALAC member."

So that's reflected ... A very strong perception of the ALAC members were involved in the discussion. And virtually every ALAC member was involved.

The other question was, in the original proposal where just the ALAC members were going to be voting, the proposal was to have a supermajority of ALAC members voting. More than a supermajority, actually. That was to ensure that even though the RALO chairs were not voting in that process, their vote would be factored in because if

sufficient members ... If you required 11 ALAC members to vote for something and even if the RALO chairs were there, they couldn't upset that vote. There simply weren't enough votes.

However, there was a very strong feeling that the RALO chairs should participate in the vote. There were mixed feelings about what threshold should be used. There were some people who said the same threshold should be used as in the final election, if there had been an election. It is 11 votes that make a decision. There were also some people who felt this was an onerous decision and we should need a higher threshold.

So in this copy, I've provided two options. My personal preference is I think this whole process is unusual enough that it's going to require a lot of focus. And I don't think we need the additional vote. I believe 11 is sufficient. But that's a personal opinion, and I'm not an ALAC member.

So at this point, we either need to decide at this meeting to eliminate one of the options, or they will be presented to ALAC members in the Rules of Procedure vote and the majority will win on that.

And that's all I have to say. I see Sébastien has his hand up.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Alan. Thank you for the proposal. I wanted to ask you about the 19.13.4. What could be the reason for the ALAC chair to not do this pass through from a RALO chair request to the ALAC? And I am asking you that ...

Just to let you know what is behind my head, if there is no reason I would like to suggest just to keep this solution as one. And that it puts

all of the RALOs at the same level with just the chair in charge of doing that. But thank you for your comments.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay. The comments that were made were that the RALO chair could make the request. And it was generally viewed as a request to the ALAC chair. I find no reason not to include the ALAC members appointed by the RALO, so I added them in. To be honest, I can't imagine a scenario where this kind of request would be made through either path and it would be refused. But at the same time, I didn't feel comfortable saying it must be done, especially since that wasn't expressed in the input I got.

So I can't imagine the scenario where it wouldn't be honored. But at the same time, I didn't feel comfortable putting in words—and apparently, other people didn't either—putting in words saying it had to be done. So that's the history.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes, I understand your point. But just if I am not mistaken, there are some RALOs where the vote from the two selected by the RALO member of the ALAC need to be mandatory. And therefore, we may have differences between the different RALOs on that topic.

But if the majority is for this, I will have no trouble. I would have preferred just to have the ALAC chair like that. It would have been a more, I would say, informal situation, not policy decision doing the job

passing through the request. And that's it. But if the majority thinks that we need to include the RALO ...

And the second point. If we keep that, I would like to suggest a little change if the motion must still be seconded by another ALAC member. And I would like to suggest from another region because I think it's important that we don't have one region only involved in that. If it's two from the same RALO, I feel a little bit [strange] here, and I would like very much to have this change. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay. On the first one, nothing stops the RALO chair from going to the ALAC chair. So effectively, you have what you want. There are just other options.

In terms of the other ALAC member, I don't think it makes any difference because it still is going to have to go to a vote. But I have absolutely no trouble modifying it to say that another ALAC member from another region. If there's no objection to that, I think it's a reasonable change. At this point, I will insert that in the version that will go to a vote unless someone else says that it should not be there.

I see no other hands. Does the group wants to select Option A or B right now. Maureen, do you want to? Or do you want me to just include it in the BigPulse vote?

MAUREEN HILYARD: We've got a quorum here. We could actually do it now amongst the ALAC members.

ALAN GREENBERG: Remember, the original one had a larger number than a simple majority because we were trying to factor in the missing RALO chairs. Other than that, it was looking for a simple majority of, effectively, the 20 votes. So my feeling is that Option A is simply the one to go with. There's no reason to require a higher threshold. But I'm open if there are people who believe the Option B is the way to go. As said, I did get mixed input when I went to the e-mails.

MAUREEN HILYARD: I think that what we can do is if there are people who are considering some of the suggestions that Sébastien made and what you've actually raised, probably we could do it by BigPulse and give people time to consider [inaudible].

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay. As I said, my personal recommendation is Option A, but I will include both versions in the proposed BigPulse wording I'll send to you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay, awesome. Thank you. All righty, so I don't see any other hands up. I'm just going to clear this. I can't see my participant list. Okay, so no other hands.

So let's move on then. Thank you very much, Alan, for that. And people will take note. We'll send out a BigPulse thing and everyone can make the choice. Get a little bit more time to think about it.

Okay, so let's move on to our next item which is, of course, the policy update. And we've only got just over half an hour left to do the rest of the program. But no problem because I think we've had a very informative session to date with some important things to discuss. But let's get on to other important things. [Who has] got the policy update first? Thank you. Jonathan? Olivier Anyone?

JONATHAN ZUCK: Is Olivier on the call? I don't even know if he is.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh, I don't know.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yeah, I'm happy to take this briefly. The biggest policy thing that we've been working on of late has been the Transfer Policy for registrars. And we now have a final set of public comments on that document that should be circulated. I believe that Chantelle and Claudia have been working on finalizing that document for circulation, but we've discussed it extensively.

And then the other thing that's coming up that's fairly significant is related to NCAP which has to do with name collisions. And there's a new

study coming out for that, and we expect to have a presentation I believe on our next call. Is that right, Claudia? On Wednesday?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Yes. It's scheduled for next week.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Oh, so a week away.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Oh, wait. No, this week. No, sorry. This week. Correct.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Okay. So in one day, we will be having a presentation from the chairs of that working group. So it would be well worth being on the CPWG call for everyone on this call to become aware of what's going on with respect to that NCAP study and what the issues are of import to individual end users.

So those have been the primary things that we've been addressing in the CPWG. Back to you, Maureen.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Really quick. Sorry for interruption Quick correction. I was right the first time. It is next week. [inaudible]—

JONATHAN ZUCK: Okay, great.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: —next Wednesday.

JONATHAN ZUCK: So in eight days there'll be a presentation on this. So come to the CPWG meeting tomorrow anyway, but be sure and be on a week from now to get a good introduction to this issue of named collisions. Thanks a lot. Thanks, Maureen.

MAUREEN Hilyard: Awesome. Thank you so much. Being off the cuff, too. Thank you. So let's move on to ... Oh, yeah. Who's going to give that brief update on membership [growing]?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Yes. Thank you all very much. So, a quick overview for the ALS applications. We currently have two new applications that we've received—one from AFRALO and one from EURALO. The rest are still pretty much the same—the Due Diligence, On Hold, and the Decertification which we're going to get going. If you click over—Yeşim, the next tab—to the Individual Application Status, we have received a few new applications. So you see the total pending right now. We have 3 for AFRALO, 2 for APRALO, 1 for EURALO, and 2 or NARALO.

So as soon as those have been completed, we will get an update and I will let you guys know and update on the Wiki. Thank you. That's all for me.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much. Yes, it's good to see that steady growth. And like [inaudible] said, they're going to be involved in our RALO and working group meetings. That will be excellent. That's the whole point. Okay, so thank you. Thank you very much, Claudia.

We move to our liaison reports and I have had a—

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: May I?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh, sorry, Sébastien. Of course.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: "Of course," Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Of course, of course [inaudible].

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Of course. Just to let you know that I am very wary with the length of time it's taken to take into account a new application. We need to find a

way ... When people want to join, we can't wait three months to give them an answer and even to first tell them that we received the application and we are proceeding, and so on and so forth. It's too long. Therefore, I would like to suggest something. And it's not to be discussed here. Just to give you my idea. We may change the way to do that and accepting.

For example, giving one week if there is nobody who says "no way to this have application taken care," we can add them as a new—how I can say in English—in preparation or future member. And we'll do the due diligence, but they can start to work or to participate or to do things with us as a type of member. Because it's really too long for the moment. And I have trouble with the application for the EURALO. Really, I have to take into account both candidates and staff, and it's difficult to put them together. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thanks for this [inaudible]. Oh, I just made a comment that I hadn't realized that it actually took that long. I know the process, having gone through some applications in our region. And I haven't realized that it was that lengthy.

Okay, Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. Just a quick comment. For ALSes the procedure is being rewritten with the new ALS Mobilization. However, the overall time has not changed. But there is a provision that allows the RALO to

essentially allow the applicant to participate. They're not a formal member, but they do have a provisional status that the RALO can choose to exercise. That, in fact, was suggested by EURALO because of a current practice they have.

In terms of individual members, the new rules are such that I cannot imagine it's going to take anything other than a day or two to process them. So I think we're in a pretty good state. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Alan. And I agree. And as it was mentioned, I'm sure [not sure if it's off]. Yeah, but we have had people participate before the formalities are over.

But I think sometimes during the due diligence it's not just on the ICANN side. It's also that they're waiting on information that needs to come from the applicants themselves. So, there's a bit of toing and froing. But I think the new procedures are looking at making that a little bit more efficient because we'd people who want to be engaged, and actively engaged, to be able to do so. So we'll continue to work on that in the future, anyway. But thank you for that.

So now we go to the ... Looking at the liaison reports, I did note that Lianna's got a technical issue. But she regularly updates her report if anyone's interested. Is there anyone else who has something absolutely burning? A burning issue in the [inaudible] liaison [things]? All right, [I'll just capture the chat here]. No hands ...

Oh, Justine.

JUSTINE CHEW: Thanks, Maureen. I have circulated written summary reports, as ALT-PLUS people know. But just to highlight one item which is kind of still a little bit unstable at this point in time so I'm going to need to provide an update as in when GNSO Council deals with the matter. Which is the issue of the GNSO guidance process on African support.

There was supposed to be a motion to be voted on in the July meeting, on the 25th of July, to establish what we call a guidance process, which is another version of a PDP kind of thing, if you're familiar with PDP 3.0. And the motion was meant to basically establish a steering committee of a representative and observer model. But what happened at the Council meeting was that there was an amendment that was proposed to address the composition of the steering committee. It was discussed. And basically, Council members felt that the original motion of the steering committee having 20 members plus 10 alternates being a bit excessive. I think they're trying to get a more nimble structure to get the work underway. So that was the essence of the amendment.

And what's happened is that Council has gone away and they're going to re-table another motion at the next meeting to see how they can accommodate the amendment in a constructive way. Thanks.

But in any event, I will still ensure that there will be room for At-Large participation in any structure that is established. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:	We all know that Justine's working very, very hard for us at GNSO. And it's really awesome. Marita.
MARITA MOLL:	Yeah. Thanks, Maureen. I guess no one else is speaking for it, so I will just say on behalf of the Operations, Finance, and Budget update, we did have a meeting last week and we'll soon be looking at the ICANN Draft Budget.
	One of the things that we decided that would be an interesting exercise for us to do was take a look at the responses of the At-Large community in the strategic trends exercise that we did a few months ago and see whether we could pull out of that some of the concerns of the At-Large community that we could then insert into some of the parts of the budget where that would be accommodated.
	So I'm trying to do a little bit more of a ground-up grassroots look at how we can put our suggestions into the budget and where we would get those kinds of ideas from. So, that's kind of a new thing that we're going to try this year. Thank you.
MAUREEN HILYARD:	Yes, pushing it in from all directions. That's fantastic. Thank you, Marita. Okay, Sébastien.
SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:	Thank you very much. And if I can add in the comment [who will be] opening soon, as it's supposed to be next month. And it could be for

both groups. The pilot that is the [previewed] term of reference will be and the comments. Yes, next month. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. Thank you, Sébastien. Right, so let's … [There's no another] [inaudible] comments from the Board Liaison. Right. Thank you very much. Well, actually, I must admit. The Outreach and Engagement, there's going to be … I don't think Daniel's here. But there will be an update coming through shortly [inaudible].

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Maureen, I'm here.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh, Daniel. Mentioned about the meeting next week. The first meeting for a long time.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Thank you, Maureen. Just a quick update here that we shall be resuming our Outreach and Engagement meetings starting next week. As you're aware, we went on a kind of halt due to the challenges that came in with a pandemic—transitioning, trying out new things. So to avoid the …

We saw that it was a continuous thing whereby there was limitation in engagement and outreach activity since most of the things were coming online. So there was no new innovation or new strategies of how we

could effectively engage. And now when the transition came into the hybrid format, at least we began to see a direction of how we can effectively engage.

So we went through a couple of brainstorming sessions with the leadership. And then at least we came up with at least an idea of how we can be able to effectively engage and conduct outreach activities. So starting with next week, it's a kind of reboot but with lots of innovation in outreach and engagement.

I think with that, I welcome all of you to the meeting next week. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you very much, Daniel. We do need to get the At-Large team mobilized again to get back into outreach and engagement.

Okay, so we've got 20 minutes to go, and I think that might be enough time to discuss ICANN75 and what is expected to happen there. And I'm going to leave that up to Gisella who's been running the show anyway. So, Gisella [inaudible].

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you, Maureen. Just checking you can hear me. I should be unmuted.

MAUREEN HILYARD: We can hear you.

GISELLA GRUBER: Wonderful. Thank you very much for giving me the floor. So [ICANN73] is just around the corner. And like the regular meeting schedule, the Annual General Meeting is usually held in October. It gives us a bit more breathing space. But this time around, we are looking at the 17th to the 22nd of September for the AGM in Kuala Lumpur.

So we have already set up the ICANN75 Wiki space. I have also put in the chat, for those of you on Zoom, the ICANN75 website. Please do bookmark both pages. On the ICANN75 website, we already have some health and safety features, what to expect, the layout of the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center. Please do have a look. It will be a very friendly venue, as in it's going to be spacious. We've got a food hall there on site, and the hotels are very close by. So that always makes for a good meeting.

The schedule is in progress. We have not yet put all of the pieces of the puzzle together, but we are doing so diligently with the ICANN75 Planning Committee. We meet weekly on rotating times of 14:00 and 19:00 UTC to allow the Asia Pacific region to participate, as they are hosting this meeting.

With regards to the meeting, the Meetings Team is working on the finer details of registration. I do not believe we will have a waiting list in Kuala Lumpur, as the meeting rooms are going to be much larger than they were in The Hague. Europe versus Asia. And we will also have less social distancing, so it will not be the same social distancing as in The Hague. So we are hoping to have many more people in the meeting

rooms. But masks are mandatory in all indoor spaces. So that is something this time around that is actually mandatory in Malaysia, as opposed to what we did at ICANN74 which was imposed by ICANN.

So, having given a general overview, I'd like to get into what sessions we are planning. And we are still working on these. The forms are to be submitted by the 10th of August. So again, a tight deadline. And we have already identified a few—I have put those confirmed here on the schedule—with three policy sessions so far. We've merged one of them into a 90-minute slot, and that is the End User Survey and UA IDNs.

We have the bilateral meetings. They have already all been plotted into our schedule. And then the next page, we have a few of the other meetings that will be held. And then the other meetings in bold are the ones that we've already really placed on our schedule.

So, all looking pretty good. But we still have a lot of work to do. And we also have the APRALO ICANN75 group meeting. And they are handling all of the AP-specific sessions as well as a social event and students joining us, etc. And we meet weekly as well with them.

If we would like to go on to the next document. Maureen, do you have any comments at this stage? Otherwise, what I was thinking of doing is just to show the Google Document on what we've slotted in so far, where the available slots are. And then today, actually, at 19:00 UTC, we have the Planning Committee Call, and we will continue to work on our scheduling.

Maureen, anything to add at this stage?

MAUREEN HILYARD: No. We'll be discussing a lot of this at our planning session anyway. But I think it would be very interesting to have a look at how Gisella has actually been able to slot in some of these sessions already into our Google Doc, which is our one-stop shop as we're developing and getting to see what other people are doing as well so that we don't ... We don't want to conflict too much with something that we know that people would be interested in getting to. So, yes, I'll leave that up to you now, Gisella. Thank you.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you, Maureen. Just to come back to a comment from Judith in the chat. Do we have an update on the networking event before diving into this document? Networking events we will be holding days running from O900 to 17:30 local time in Kuala Lumpur. For those joining remotely, it is Asia-friendly times. So, many in Europe and in the Americas will be spending some, if not most of their night working. But I guess it's what we call sharing the pain.

The networking events. There are none of planned at this stage due to the fact that the mask is mandatory. We don't have any of the cocktails. Now, a reminder that we'll try and hold networking cocktails on the four days of the policy forum. And then when we get to the community forum and General Assembly (AGM), it is more networking based, but we would have the departing cocktail. We would usually have one or two events in the week and then our external social events.

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But we don't have a final yet. So the cocktail for the networking events, there won't be any. There are none on the schedule. We will have coffee breaks, and coffee will be available throughout the day similar to The Hague and similar to what we've had previously.

However, the food part of it, the snacky part will only be during the actual coffee break, which is 30 minutes between sessions, etc. Just a reminder that we have a slightly longer coffee break due to the fact that we have to turn the rooms around. And there is also a certain element of cleaning the rooms and also just with tech support for each of the sessions. So that is at least one element that we can confer with the coffee breaks.

And vending points. There won't be any because, as I mentioned, there is a food hall in the Kuala Lumpur Center as well as a shopping mall a short walk away. So fortunately, we have many options around us and we don't need the vending points per se.

So, coming back to the schedule, we have ... What we're looking at, at the moment, is Saturday. And noting that the times in the left corner are UTC. If we scroll a little further to the left [inaudible], we have the local time in Kuala Lumpur time. But I know we always work on UTC time. It gives us a little bit of a reality check on what remote people will be facing as well. Which we are taking into account the fact that we are still working in a hybrid format.

We are trying to not have 9-5:30 days and eight starting at each other for the entire day and not being seen and not being able to join any of the other sessions. But also not to fill all of the blanks because it is going

to be long days for us. And we also need to take into account that people will still be joining remotely, and a fair amount of people will be joining us remotely. So we've taken all of that into consideration as well.

At The Hague, I'm sure many of you will agree that the schedule works extremely well, as we had approximately three sessions in the day and we were able to join other sessions.

Again, please note that anything and everything on this schedule is still in a draft format. All groups are still working on their meetings. We are still in the process of moving the elements around, depending on conflicting sessions, depending on availability of people, etc. So please take this as a draft version and nothing set in stone.

However, I would encourage everyone, especially on the Planning Committee, to take a close look to make sure that our sessions aren't conflicting with anything that they think could be of interest to our community or at least that we can assign people to join those other sessions and report back to us.

Maureen mentioned the SO/AC Roundtable on Saturday morning. There are two sections to that which we are still in the process of confirming. Hence, the At-Large Leadership Welcome Session is tentatively put in the third slot as a 75-minute session. And we still have a couple of slots available that day.

On the Sunday, we're looking to having one of our policy sessions, the joint ALAC and SSAC, as we are not able to find a 75-minutes session during the week. And you might recall that the session in The Hague,

after 60 minutes, we did notice that we could have done with a little longer. So we've made this a 75-minute session in Kuala Lumpur.

And we are then moving on to Monday. Again, please note I have not placed all of the sessions yet. We will be doing so later with the Planning Committee and throughout the week. On Monday, we have the Welcome Ceremony followed by the Q&A with ICANN Org executives. We've had those in the past. We have the ICANN Board and ALAC Meeting which is slotted in on Monday as well.

There is a 75-minute slot there that's staring at us. So, no doubt on the Planning Committee that will be filled later on, as there are a few we still need to identify as being 75-minute sessions.

If we go on to Tuesday, we have our second policy session which is a 90-minute session still to be confirmed, as we are looking at merging the End User Survey and the DN UA sessions. Again, in discussion. Not yet confirmed.

We have tentatively put in the APRALO face-to-face monthly meeting. It will be a 75-minute session. And we have coordinated with NextGen and Fellows who have confirmed their availability to join us at that session, as NextGen and Fellows are well known as being future leaders within the ICANN community. Hence, taking advantage of us being on the ground, face-to-face in the Asia Pacific region with the local NextGen and Fellows.

We have the ICANN Board and GAC Session, which we tend to attend. So that is on that day as well.

And going on to Wednesday, we have already slotted in the GAC and ALAC Meeting. And we have tentatively put in the joint AFRALO-AfrICANN Meeting as well as the ALAC and GNSO meeting.

Noting that the plenary is still to be confirmed. We have received an e-mail today, the SO/AC chairs have, to vote on the plenary topics that have been submitted. And we will be discussing this later in our Planning Committee Call. And we're hoping to have a response, well, the votes in by the end of the week from all of the various groups. And hopefully knowing next week what the plenary topic will be in that slot.

So as you can see, pretty full days already and we haven't plotted in all of our sessions. So going from a light schedule, it does look as though we might already be very busy.

And last but not least on Thursday, we have the Public Forum, the Board meeting, the Geopolitical Forum, and our two At-Large Leadership Wrap-Up Sessions.

Agenda is still a work in progress, but there is a good idea of how we are going to manage those two wrap-up sessions. And we will finish ICANN75 with an ALAC Development Session which will be for the incoming ALAC members. And all details still to be confirmed.

There are so many elements still unknown. More specifically around how we can potentially meet either in a hotel meeting room to have some form of networking event, or possibly as an external restaurant. I don't have all of the information yet, but please do keep your ears and eyes open as we will be giving regular updates on this. And again, we will be updating everyone later on the Planning Committee Call.

And by the next ALAC meeting, we will only be probably three weeks away from Kuala Lumpur. So, everything will be set in stone by them. If you do have any questions, please do let me know if I missed anything. If not, we will be continuing our work and reporting regularly on a regular basis.

Maureen, I will hand the floor back to you. Thanks.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much, Gisella. And, yes, there's so much happening. And thank you so much, Gisella for putting that program together. It's starting to come together. We'll have further chats, of course, at the planning session in case there's something that needs to be changed. But it's definitely a work in progress and going well.

We've just got a few more minutes and there's a few more things to talk about. For example, of course, we have our session with the Board. And I have actually … I did put out a request that if anyone got any interesting things that they'd actually like us to present to the Board, they …

I know that we did get a notice to say that the Board would like to start off their meetings looking at the advice that we may wish to discuss with them. A lot of that conversation happens in the toing and froing of advice that goes between once we've put in advice and the Board comes back and says, "We don't understand this, but [inaudible]."

And they wanted to know if we'd like to talk about that at our Board session at the ICANN meeting. I suggested not because we normally

have our own items that we'd like to discuss rather than the advice that was given. And [inaudible] a lot of communication happens between the ALAC and the Board on that.

But at the same time, we do need to hear from you if you have any questions. So, keep us informed. Bring it along to the planning meeting so that we can discuss then what we're going to raise and who is going to raise it.

Okay, so apart from that then, Jonathan, the talking points. How's that going to happen at this meeting? Have you got anything on that just to give a heads up to people who—

JONATHAN ZUCK: Sure. Thanks, Maureen. I guess this is another great opportunity for those that aren't aware that Chantelle Doerksen has joined the At-Large community from ICANN Policy staff to be a policy-focused part of the At-Large staff, and is therefore going to be a central part of managing and maintaining these talking points and then compiling the specific talking points for an individual meeting.

So we're working on a way to have the talking points generally be a living document but then culled down to the specific areas of interest for a particular meeting prior to that meeting.

So I think the various issue shepherds we have should be looking forward to hearing from Chantelle, and perhaps me as well, to get at what the hot topics are going to be at this meeting so that we

incorporate them into the talking points. And that'll be happening here in the next couple of weeks. So I guess that's it. That'll be the process.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Great. Thank you so much. Okay so, yeah, that's another work in progress. Awesome. Okay, so the next thing on this agenda say "Next Call." When is the next call? Last week in August sometime? Does anyone know?

GISELLA GRUBER: So the next call would be on ... August actually has five Tuesdays, but we will have it on the fourth Tuesday which is Tuesday the 23rd of August. Time to be confirmed. It will be depending on our guest speaker. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah, okay. Probably that's why I said the last week because I know that on the 23rd of August, I'll be traveling.

GISELLA GRUBER: Oh, wonderful. So it looks as though it will be Tuesday the 30th of August, which may actually be better as we will be three weeks away from ICANN75 and it will be a good in between before we see each other face to face. And I think that, actually, on the week of the 23rd of August we might have quite a few people on leave. But everyone gets back into the full swing around that time of the month. Thank you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: All right. Okay, that sounds good. Right? Thank you very much.

Now we've got one minute. Does anyone have anything pressing that they'd like to raise at this particular point in time or can we finish on time? I'm impressed.

Okay. Thank you, everyone, for being here. And thank you for really engaging in a really productive call. And of course, the new incoming chair would [inaudible] his hand up. Yes?

JONATHAN ZUCK: No. That's just the applause emoji. Sorry.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay, thank you so much. Okay, everyone, have a good morning, afternoon, evening, wherever you are. And take care. Thank you. Bye.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you. Bye-bye.

YEŞIM SAGLAM: Thank you all. This meeting is now adjourned. Have a great rest of the day. Bye-bye.

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