
YEŞİM SAĞLAM:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to At-Large Regional Leadership call taking place on Thursday, 27th of April 2023 at 14:00 UTC.

On our call today, we have Sébastien Bachollet, Natalia Filina, Augusto Ho, Claire Craig, Greg Shatan, Glenn McKnight, Eduardo Diaz, and Alfredo Calderon. From staff side, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber, and myself, Yeşim Sağlam. I will be doing call management for today's call. Just to cover our apologies, we have received apologies from Amrita Choudhury and from Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong. In case someone joins or would like to join the Spanish channel, we do have Spanish interpretation provided for today's call, and our interpreters are David and Veronica.

Before we get started, just a kind of reminder to please state your name before speaking, not only for the transcription, but also for the interpretation purposes in case someone joins the Spanish channel. And with this, I would like to leave the floor over to you, Greg. Thank you very much.

GREG SHATAN:

Thank you very much. Welcome to the call for Regional Leadership of the At-Large RALOs. Just jumping right into the agenda, the purpose of the call is a couple-fold, if you will. One in front of mind is planning for ICANN77. We can go over some of the specific RALO activities planned for that, and as well as cross-RALO activities that could or should or will be taking place at ICANN77. Also, discussing and first on the agenda,

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cross-RALO priorities and issues and activities between now and ICANN77, other than planning for ICANN77. Next, our upcoming call with the interim CEO with Sally Costerton and possible cross-RALO topics to raise in those calls. We can also at that time or before the end if we need to discuss the CEO search process as well, especially since some of us just got off the listening session with At-Large Leadership and Membership with the Board Search Committee. Then we'll turn to Claudia for an update on the individual application form. And Heidi on Additional Budget Requests recommended for approval. If we have time and AOB, we'll have AOB and then we'll set the stage for the next call.

So that is our agenda. Be looking of course for lots of participation, contribution from all of you. I'm here to facilitate and not to engage in heavy-handed leadership. So in the spirit of contributions, I see Sébastien has his hand up, and I will call on you. Go ahead.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you very much, Greg. Just to say that I would like to have some time to discuss the proposal after ICANN77. But if we don't have time for Any Other Business, I would like to have it before because I think you may want to leave discussion in some time for that. Thank you.

GREG SHATAN:

Thank you. We'll reserve some time for that in AOB. I'll open the floor for a discussion of cross-RALO priorities through ICANN77, and for that matter, beyond what should we be doing as a group of RALOs and in order to provide essentially the regional voice singling and in combination in the At-Large processing system. So, to be honest, I can't

remember exactly kind of what I'm following up on. I don't have the minutes of the prior call in front of me. If anybody wants to remark on what we essentially have in hand, I'd be happy to take contributions on that.

I will say, generally, we've been discussing RALOs having a greater and more organized voice within the process, and there is recognition what's called the ALT Plus, we are the Plus in that equation with the At-Large leadership team being the ALT. Also, I think we've discussed in terms of ICANN77 planning that the RALOs and particularly the host RALO, which is NARALO, making sure that they have an active and respected role in planning the agenda for ICANN77, and for the future host RALOs to have the same somewhat elevated role in planning so that it's recognized as both contributions from the ALAC and from the rest of the At-Large, if you will, channeled through the RALO and particularly adding a somewhat [inaudible] to the agenda for the overall At-Large activities at any given ICANN event. Sébastien, please go ahead.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Greg. I feel it's one important point, it's to see how we can evolve different, let's say, structure and responsibility within At-Large and within ICANN. For example, I consider that you may have been a co-chair of this Prep Meeting for the next ICANN meeting, and not just the chair of the ALAC. It might be a good enhancement of recognizing the roles that we are playing at the level of the region.

For the question of what is our priority for cross-RALO, I don't see too much as we have a lot of things on our plate. But we are not organized to do something at cross-RALO. The search for CEO, we can discuss that. Next, the older element or policy. If there's some time, it could be useful to have our voice and not just the voice of two people. But it's a complicated work to be done, then it will take time. It's not just before 77. Now, I feel that during the ICANN meeting, things could happen and it will be great to discuss it, but it's the next item on the agenda. Thank you.

GREG SHATAN:

Thank you very much, Sébastien. I think those are all very good points. We'll try to address some of them in this call. Certainly, I think beyond that, I think in terms of the Planning group for ALAC or At-Large at ICANN77. Unfortunately, I missed the first call due to business conflict. I agree that a co-chair role I think would be useful. I don't intend to miss any other calls if I can help it after that. Because I think that without having a formal role, the next best thing is to be active and to have a viewpoint and make contributions and take on responsibilities and not to wrestle away responsibility, necessarily, but to welcome it. In that regard, certainly, if there are things that we feel should be prioritized, we, RALO leaders, as a group feel should be prioritized in Washington. That's important. And beyond, I think we need to have a longer arc about this. The Washington mini is a little challenging because it's the policy forum, so it's only four days. There's a lot on everybody's plate, especially given recent changes in ICANN leadership. But I think that's kind of my view is that responsibilities and roles are often recognized

when they're taken rather than just merely nominated. So that's my thought on those points. If we don't have anything further—

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Just to say that we all are embarking in an election process, and that's an important time for our democracy within each RALO. Therefore, it's one point we are doing it.

The other point is that we are all working and some are more advanced than the other about how to implement two working groups on mobilization, both ALS and individual members. Just to tell you that we just put on the table for all the members. It was done before the leadership level of EURALO and new. Of course, for us, it will be the first rough rule of procedures for EURALO, and it will be discussed during two weeks by members. And then we will put that for a vote in the next few weeks. Just to let you know where we are on that. Thank you.

GREG SHATAN: Thank you. That's very helpful. We'll look forward to seeing more on that shortly. Natalia, please go ahead.

NATALIA FILINA: Thank you very much, Greg, and thank you very much for this meeting. It's a great opportunity to discuss our important things. So I would like to ask all of you, if we are discussing not the next ICANN meeting but all future hybrid ICANN forums and meetings, and we understand see now that in this general worldwide situation, many, many attendees cannot attend this meeting in person just because many, many people have

some problems to come to different countries. Maybe we can put on the table, I don't know, for more decision for the future about the chosen places for the future ICANN meetings. Because I think it's not so good that we can see the situation in some countries might prevent poor people from other countries for visiting. I think that is an issue and it will be issue for the future years, and maybe we might prevent the many, many questions in the future from our volunteer community members. Thank you.

GREG SHATAN:

Thank you Natalia. That's certainly a challenge. I'll note that we actually have three upcoming meetings. That is the next bunch that will be taking place in the United States. We have Washington, Puerto Rico, and Seattle. So those who have challenges specifically getting visas or entry into the U.S. will be facing a number of challenges in the near future. It seems that the cycles are a little bit off in terms of rotating between the five regions. A couple of years ago, we had ICANN year of speaking Spanish where every one of our meetings was in a Spanish speaking place, although somewhere in North America, of course. But now it seems like we have a fairly U.S.-centric grouping with Hamburg, and then wherever else TBD, we'll get in there. Unfortunately, geopolitical realities are what they are, and we have challenges in that regard. I don't know that there is any place that everybody can get to. But it's certainly worth looking at. Hopefully, the geopolitical realities will change for the better, but beyond me to know how that will happen. But definitely, point well taken.

So with that, I think the next thing on our agenda is ICANN77 itself and running over the plans of the different RALOs and RALO-wide plan. I don't think we have anybody on by now from AFRALO.

YEŞİM SAĞLAM:

Greg, if I may, I am not seeing any participants from the African region.

GREG SHATAN:

Okay. So we'll just note that AFRALO-AfrICANN joint meeting will almost certainly be on the schedule as so often and perhaps always is, but can't go into any more depth on that. Then do we have anybody from APRALO now?

YEŞİM SAĞLAM:

APRALO, no one from APRALO region.

GREG SHATAN:

Okay. Well, we have NARALO here. We are planning three NARALO-sponsored activities. That would have been NARALO-specific, but they are NARALO planned. One is a roundtable and that will be a substantive discussion of Internet governance issues with a North American focus or flavor. Topics are still being discussed. We want to make sure that we have a topic that isn't completely an insider topic that will be of interest to those and other RALOs, those in At-Large generally and beyond. But something that reflects stuff that's going down in North America.

Secondly, we're going to have a NARALO networking lunch, where we'll invite, obviously, all NARALO members, but also a number of other participants and leaders within the At-Large community, as well as NextGen and Fellowship or Fellow participants in Washington, a number of whom will be from North America and who, of course, we hope will continue to participate in ICANN, generally and specifically, through At-Large.

Last but not least, we're going to have a version of our NARALO monthly meeting, but it will be run as an open meeting in town hall and the general discussion of NARALO items and concerns, but with the idea of getting broader discussion and back and forth on issues that have to do with the business of being a RALO and the business of At-Large Structures and the like. There will also be the North American space as well, which isn't coordinated directly by NARALO, but of course, we will be intimately involved. Glenn, please go ahead.

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

You said a really excellent word there. We didn't talk about that yesterday. But when you mentioned the word town hall, for those who are not familiar with the idea, maybe you can say a couple of words, I think it's really on target what a town hall aims to achieve. So if you don't mind, you can indulge us and just sort of explain the concept.

GREG SHATAN:

Sure. The concept of the American town hall, really, is a concept that's rooted in the idea of direct democracy. In other words, not representative democracy, but the voice of the people in being directly

heard in the space, and that everyone who is part of the grouping can show up and will be heard, and that there'll be a dialogue where the floor is open. And indeed, everyone is on the floor, so to speak. It's really intended to disintermediate and dehierarchize to [mangle a word]. The idea is where representative democracy gets away from the direct voice of the people. So the idea is to have very much an open forum and be focused on substantive elements. The danger of any town hall, of course, is that it gets dragged too far in one direction. It can get kind of hijacked, but that's obviously something that we and ICANN have a lot of experience in keeping meetings appropriately on track while recognizing, as Glenn says, democracy is messy, and that the alternative to democracy ultimately is authoritarianism, totalitarianism, and other isms that are far more problematic than the mess of an open democracy. So enough pontificating about it, but it is, I think, an important point that we're not just using the town hall term as a nicety but it's truly meant to throw the doors open for discussion. So that's a point there.

That really is it for the NARALO activities. I don't know if there's anything specific that EURALO or LACRALO are planning at ICANN77. So I'll ask leadership of those organizations to weigh in. Claire, please go ahead.

CLAIRE CRAIG:

Hi, good morning, good afternoon, good evening. Thanks for giving us this opportunity, Greg. At this point, we at LACRALO don't have any specifics that we have identified for ICANN77. However, I know that at most ICANN meetings, the GSC team tends to organize some type of

LAC space. I hope that for this meeting, we will continue to do that as well.

The other thing is concerning Natalia's comment. I'm already seeing some comments in our chat about persons considering that they may have some issues getting to the U.S., and that is something that I think we may have to consider very carefully and very seriously moving forward. So that's it for our comment for now. Thank you.

GREG SHATAN:

Thank you, Claire. I appreciate that. I think one of the things that is an issue, it's not particularly U.S.-centric, but of course, is making sure that we have sufficient support from travel staff and from specialized third parties, if need be, to get visas and entry worked out where it's not impossible, but it's just difficult and bureaucratic and time-consuming. There's nothing we can do other than changing a venue to deal with, or perhaps some targeted lobbying by ICANN to get some sort of special status. But to the extent that there are ways to open up even a fairly closed, problematic entry system, it would be good to get help from ICANN or, again, from third party organizations that specialize in such thing. There are almost no absolutes in life until there are. So there can be ways. Obviously, the UN has a special status so people can get to the UN even if they can't get elsewhere. We don't have that status, of course, but to the extent that there is a recognition that we are a representative of or we are an organization that thrives on having a completely open and represented society, anything that can be done to make that a reality in any jurisdiction is critical. ICANN can always do more. The question is whether, in this case, they are doing enough, and

I don't know enough to know whether that's the case. We'll just mention to staff that if there is anything that can be done, that it should be done in order to bring our brethren from everywhere around. Obviously, to my view, anybody who is coming here has the best interests of global harmony and unity in mind, it's worth overcoming whatever political barriers there are in order to bring people together. That's how we, in the end, permanently lower those political barriers until the apocalypse occur.

With that, any other concepts for RALO coordination at ICANN77? I'll just kind of plant that seed and also hope that all the RALO leaders, to the extent they possibly can, are at or represented at the future At-Large planning sessions. I certainly plan to make it to the next one and take on the mantle of the role of host RALO.

Heidi says there is a RALO coordination meeting being scheduled at ICANN77. Okay. That's important to know. So, we will need to establish an agenda for that and take advantage of the fact that most of us will be in a room, we will have a hybrid meeting, and try to have some homework in advance of that so that we can have a fruitful discussion about RALO coordination work to be done. So, that is indeed the next item on the list, the agenda for RALO coordination for ICANN77. So, we'll take suggestions from this group for agenda items for that. Sébastien, please go ahead.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you very much. I think it would be good to go up in a wiki page to work on that. But I feel that we need to follow some discussion we

already had during ICANN75-76. It's how we better organize, how we can be sure that we have a monthly coordination meeting with how we enhance the topic we discussed, and how we can evolve our organization at the level of the RALO but also the level of the coordination. I think at ICANN77, it will be great to have a feedback from each RALO about where they are with implementation of the At-Large review, and specifically about ALS and individual member mobilization, and to see if we face difficulties on that end.

My second point is that we are working on decertifying a number, not too much, but a number of ALS. I would like that much to have an exchange with all the RALO leaders about that, how you feel about that, how we can enhance the process.

Then my third point will be what I will be talking with you later when the time will come about what we can do together in one specific time. That's some of my input for the next coordination RALO meeting at ICANN77. Thank you.

GREG SHATAN:

Thank you. Sébastien. I think a wiki page to start building that agenda is an excellent idea. I'll ask staff to get that underway if it's not already underway, and then we can start taking notes on that page, including the topics you brought up. I think we also need greater coordination on outreach and engagement. We need more sharing of best practices and lessons learned. Each RALO is in its own way doing the same job so we should take advantage of the fact that we all are moving in the same direction. Claire, please go ahead.

CLAIRE CRAIG: Thanks, again, Greg. I just want to support Sébastien on the whole idea of looking at decertifying some of the non-functioning ALSes. I think that is something we in LACRALO need to start looking at, particularly because coming out of our last GA, we have on record, I think it might be about 62 ALSes, but we could not get even 50 of them to appear to attend either in person or online at the General Assembly. So we need to find out even though our theme was to reconnect, reboot, and reengage, we need to find out why we try to do some of that, if they are interested at all. The time has passed, whether they have changed, what their interests are, and look at probably decertifying them and looking at doing reengaging and getting some new ones to join. So I just wanted to support Sébastien and say that that is a topic that I really think that we all should probably like to find out how the other RALOs are going about doing it and what can we do to enhance in that process as well. Thank you.

GREG SHATAN: Thank you, Claire. I'll note that, as Glen points out in the chat, that decertification processes is fraught with challenges, and there's a caution to make sure to follow the proper process and documentation, if you proceed that way. I'll remark that while we have not been kind of engaging in the RALO-led decertification in NARALO, we have been trying to revive and reboot some RALOs. We found that one particular disappointment about our General Assembly, which was in Los Angeles, California was that the San Francisco, California ALS was not represented, even though it's one that has been active until relatively

recently in the business of NARALO. What we found was not that the group was inactive but that the point person who had been nominated to take the place of the person who had been quite active was completely inactive themselves. And by communicating only with that person and failing to get a response, we had an image that was not accurate of the ALS itself being dormant. What was happening just was that that point of contact was just not being responsive and was not passing on the information about our attempts to contact them and to invite them.

So I think it's important. I should note that that issue has now been rectified, that Gonzalo has been appointed as the new representative from ISOC, San Francisco, which is the At-Large Structure in San Francisco. He was at NASIG in San Juan. And, presumably, hopefully, we'll be participating in Washington and beyond in At-Large activities. But the point I'm making is that you have to try multiple points of contact and to find out if everyone is dead, dormant, left, the organization has no current structure, that's obviously problematic, but it's perhaps less common than it might appear at first blush. And it's important to try to contact your previous contact, contact other people you have, just try other ways to scare up the person who is being non-participatory. So, just important to try. Even if you have essentially a shell of an At-Large Structure, that it may be more problematic to try to find new leadership for it than to decertify it. Decertification is really kind of the last resort, that if there's no interest, there's no one to pick up the torch, no one in that jurisdiction who has any interest in participating, and no one can be recruited, no one can be identified, at that point, it may make sense to decertify because it does create a false

image of what we have are a bunch of abandoned buildings in our community. As with any community that has abandoned buildings, it's better to renovate and refill them than it is to raise them to the ground because that just leaves you with more work in the future. But of course, if it is permanently abandoned and a nuisance, plus it creates a view from the outside of us having empty chairs and poor participation, it doesn't help our legitimacy as a representative organization of 7 billion people if we can't find one person in an area of significant population to be our friend. Glenn?

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Yeah, I just want to add very quickly. We recognize that some of the ISOC chapters have been going through reformulation or a little lack in their communication. In the case of our Washington, D.C. case, John Moore, who was a dedicated volunteer, he helped us with revamping our rules and procedures, he passed away in the summer, and they're going through a process of who to replace that person with. It's not a high priority for them, but we have to keep communicating with the chapter. Dustin and others have left.

But one of the strategies—and I haven't even had the chance to talk to Greg about this—there was a couple of Fellows from North America, one from Toronto and one from PEI, and I reached out to them. I knew that they received a fellowship, there were two Canadians. And so I made sure I went out and introduced myself and brought them to the meetings that brought them to the NA space meetings, got them involved with the IDNs, and now they're actually involved with Louis Houle because she's bilingual, and working with the native groups in

North America in terms of the IDNs. So you'd have to find what their interest is and sort of bring them in gently. This lady is part of ISOC Quebec, which is another one of our ALSes that are completely absent. So now we have young blood, new person, energized, and actually is involved with something. And that's I think an important part of this is not just come to the meetings, give them a job to do. Get them energized. So I think that's an interesting way that you can approach it. I'm just saying that might be something—look at the Fellowship, look at the NextGen. In our case, get a job, because the NextGen are all going to be from North America. But look at the Fellows that are coming in. Befriend them. Go to their meetings, go to the social, introduce yourself. Instead of making a new ALS with them, have them join one of the local ALSes. So that's my quick comment.

GREG SHATAN:

Thanks, Glenn. That's very helpful and important to note. These efforts are ultimately really local, retail, people-centered, and kind of task/inspiration-centered. You have to grab people, literally and physically, and get them involved and get them energized. It's not an abstract concept. Sébastien, please go ahead.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Just to say I'm sorry, guys, but we ask that to be put as a topic for the next meeting, and you are already talking about it. If we will spend half an hour on that, that's not the way the meeting was supposed to be organized. You asked for inputs and now you are giving us how you think in North America you are doing, and you are doing great. But each

RALO do the same. We are done in half an hour and no time for discussing the other issues. Sorry for that.

GREG SHATAN:

Well, good point. We got off into the weeds on that point. So that is part of our agenda for the next meeting. So let us actually take that as a signpost to move to the next point, which is the upcoming call with the interim CEO, possible cross-RALO topic. Let me ask for clarification. Are these one on one? I thought they were one-on-one calls with each RALO leader separately exactly.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

One on one but we are plus one. It's one on one, but we are five. We are one. It was always like that. We have a meeting. Just five RALO chairs at a meeting, one on one with the CEO. And it's not a one-one, it's one-five.

GREG SHATAN:

Okay, okay. So a little bit of a false advertising. So I guess the question is what we want to discuss with Sally and how to organize that meeting. I think that given that we are both one and five, there may be some things that each RALO wants to bring up. But I think we need to use the time wisely and coordinate. We probably should have a specific prep call or at least a prep e-mail string to coordinate and discuss what the topics are. They're kind of like the preparation for the listening call with the Search Committee. We need to have a kind of a coordinated view of

what we want to say. So I'll open the floor to topics, some of which may cross over with the topics we had for the Search Committee.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Hi, Greg.

GREG SHATAN: Heidi, please go ahead.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, and I know that Claudia is on the call. And I thought that she said that we had just confirmed the date for that. So that's depending on when that call is, it's going to depend on whether and when any kind of prep call will be. Claudia, are you able to say when the call is going to be with Sally?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hi, everyone. We have a tentative date. The only problem is Augusto is not available for that day so we're trying to figure out if somebody can take his place. Is that okay to proceed without him because it's going to be extremely difficult to find a time that works for all five regions? But if everyone is okay with that, then we do have a date, and I can send that over to Brenda. As soon as we have that, I will let you guys know and you guys will get a calendar invitation for it. Do you want to know the tentative time?

GREG SHATAN: Yes, please, because that would help us discuss whether we have time for a prep call.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: One second, let me pull it up. Sorry, it's taking a while to open up. One moment. Okay. The time that suits all is May 5 and that is at 17:45 UTC, May 5. That's all for me.

GREG SHATAN: Thank you. So that's at the end of next week. So that would offer us enough time for a prep call earlier in the week. So I suggest that we find time for a prep call, again, even if all five can't be there. We can have a call somewhere in the middle of next week to come up with an action plan for how to attack that meeting appropriately. So I know it's going to be a challenge just because every meeting of this group is a challenge. But I would ask staff to see if they can organize that.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, Greg. We'll take a note of that.

GREG SHATAN: I'll ask each RALO leader who is on this call to come up with potential topics. Yeah, I certainly want to hear more about the view of her role and how she's distinguishing it from the role of her predecessor, would like to hear more about how she plans to support and enhance the multistakeholder model and to have a greater balance in terms of listening to different sectors of stakeholder groups and structures. To be

blunt, I've felt that the ICANN lately has been listening far too much to contracted parties and far too little to everybody else. I don't know that that's always the CEO, but the CEO can set that tone. And also get thoughts about how ICANN can better deal with the externalities, whether it's NIS2 or ITU or whatever it may be. Those are a couple of topics I would put on on that list. What else? Anybody else have thoughts on that?

I'm not seeing anybody right off the top. We'll save that for next week's call and for a preparatory e-mail thread. So if staff could just start that e-mail thread, that would be helpful as well. By the time we actually have the call with Sally, we'll be well organized to have that call. Claudia, why don't you tell us where things stand on the individual application form?

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Hi, everyone. Yeşim, if you can please put the link in the chat. So a few of us went over the form and we tried to make it as simple as possible and also as thorough as—

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Why we are discussing that here? We will have the same one for all the RALOs or do we need to fulfill to follow the same one from the NARALO? Just a question.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Sébastien—sorry, Claudia—yeah, this is only the new form. It's a much easier form for both our individual members to apply as well as for staff to process. So that is what we are discussing, not the format. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: It will be for all the RALOs or it will be for some of the RALOs?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: This is a suggestion, an example of what we came up with NARALO, and we are sharing it with the other regions, and hoping that if they want to adopt it or use it as an example of a way going forward.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I just want to tell you that it's three minutes to bring my proposal and I think it's from my point of view much more important than that discussion, but it's up to you, chair.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Okay. We will share the link in the chat. Everyone can take a look at it. The main points of this form is that eliminates back and forth. Pretty much the applicant just needs to complete the form. Also it helps us with the GDPR form, which everyone loves. There is no need to complete it or to go back and forth with questions. Basically, you just need to complete the form. We asked the leadership if they approve the individual. And we are done. Thank you. Any questions?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, just to add, this is not for EURALO or LACRALO. This is only for those RALOs that have individual members rather than an ALS or an ALS about to be formed. Thank you.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Correct. Thank you.

GREG SHATAN: Okay. Thanks. So if everyone can look at that and think about that. Heidi, do you have one minute on the—

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, I have maybe 30 seconds. Yes. So really quickly, the Fiscal Year '24 draft budget was released and within that budget are the recommended Additional Budget Request for Fiscal Year '24. Seven in total across the community were approved. Three of those were for At-Large. The ones that are recommended for approval are the At-Large campaign book, the cross-RALO [E2] for the welcome. That is the first cross-RALO ABR. So that's fantastic. And also there was one from LACRALO, it was from the Caribbean DNS observatory. So I just wanted to let you know that those will be reviewed by the Board very shortly. Thank you.

GREG SHATAN: Thanks. That's good news, especially the cross-RALO one. Sébastien, you have the floor.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much. As you know, ICANN will be in its 25th year of creation. I would like to suggest that we, the RALOs, organize. We were talking about roundtable organized by each one of us. This time, I would like to suggest to one organized by all of us. And for that, I would like to suggest that we take the time that NARALO set up for its monthly meeting on Monday, the 18th of September, it will be the date of the 25th anniversary, and that each RALO bring one of the founder of ICANN. We can discuss in more detail how we organize this conference. But I suggest that we organize a roundtable together on that specific topic about 25th anniversary of ICANN. And the 18th of September will be a great day, it's a Monday. It's why I suggest to take your time, but it could be another time in the day. Really, my idea is that each RALO bring people who were participating to the foundation of ICANN, first Board member, somebody from NTIA like Becky Burr, the one who's created DNSO General Assembly, and so on and so forth. If you think that it's good to pursue, I will try to send the first draft of a possible, let's say, agenda or participation. Thank you.

GREG SHATAN: Thank you Sébastien. I personally think that's a great idea and would encourage you to send the first draft around. We have [inaudible] in terms of North American contributors, but of course there are contributors from all over the world who will be there. So any other comments on that? But I think it's a very good idea and to try to bring things back to the beginning. Glenn notes we need a nomination

process perhaps. If we're only going to bring one person, who is that person, and how are we deciding to do that?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: My suggestion is that each RALO decides to have maybe it will be two persons because in one hour or one and a half hour, two hours, we will decide our length of this meeting, but it could be different people, but it's just to have a flavor of what happened 25 years ago, and with the people who were on the wheel at that time will be great. But I will send the mail in the next few days. Thank you very much.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Greg, this is Heidi. I'm sorry. I wasn't able to raise my hand. Is this a possible topic for the cross-RALO meeting in D.C.?

GREG SHATAN: I think that definitely should have been well underway by then. But yes, I think I would put that on that I think that's a good face-to-face topic. So not to take away from planning for it in advance, but I think it should be on that agenda. Glenn, please go ahead.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Yeah, I think it's a great idea. I think it'd be worthwhile because I think we've seen some ICANN history, videos or project, just as a great opportunity to do short video clips from their perspective looking back, and maybe asking them how things have changed. So I think we could take advantage of the fact that they're not just having a body, but

getting them into a situation where we capture this information. So I think it'd be quite valuable.

GREG SHATAN:

Thank you. I think that we should think about finding or focusing, at least to some extent, on those who have are kind of end user representatives or have spent time in the At-Large community, not to the exclusion of someone like Becky Burr who was at NTIA and present at the conception. But given who we are, we should find our own spin. And maybe that's another reason to bring two people, and also to some extent, to find people who aren't participating today and try to bring them back from wherever they are, to talk about what it was like back then. Excellent idea overall.

So I think we're beyond time. Yeah, Esther Dyson is definitely someone who kind of fits into that. Rita—I can't remember—Board member who was a lawyer from Skadden. Another person—

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

It's [undercut]. I released the first list of the member of the Board.

GREG SHATAN:

Yeah. Excellent. So we're beyond time, but I think that's an excellent idea. Sébastien, you sent around the draft, I'm sure that will inspire quite a lot of discussion and planning. I think it will definitely be good to pursue.

So with that, when is our next meeting of this group? Our last topic, so I'll ask staff have we scheduled a meeting or we need to do another Doodle for sometime between now and sometime in May, obviously? Gisella? Sorry.

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry. You may take the floor, Heidi. I was just going to respond to logistics.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Sorry. Yeah, I just can't see who has their hand raised. I'm sorry. So I know from Gisella that we have now, as requested from all of you, that we've set a day, a monthly set time. And I believe that is the 27th or it's the last Thursday of the month, Gisella, correct, at this time?

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry, Greg, if I may. Just on that one. So yes, the last Thursday that what was initially planned. And apologies, we will keep that rolling now. The ball went off track a little bit. But the 25th of May would be the next call, and I'm just hoping that this time is suitable. I don't know if you would like to look into rotating time. I know it's not great for Australia, but it should hopefully work for Aris and for Amrita. Always difficult to find a time that suits all. But let us know what your thoughts are on the time. But otherwise, we can just go ahead and get the next one already in on everyone's calendars.

GREG SHATAN: That would be great. Let's get that in there. So the next one, it will actually fall after ICANN77, we can discuss having a more Asia-friendly time as well.

YEŞİM SAĞLAM: Greg, if I may. This call is actually booked. I just wanted to remind that this call was actually booked for 13:00 UTC. However, due to the clash with the Board listening session, we moved it to 14:00 UTC. So my question would be are we sticking to 13:00 UTC or 14?

GREG SHATAN: Let's stick to 13:00 at least for the next call.

YEŞİM SAĞLAM: Okay. Thank you.

GREG SHATAN: With that we've completed our agenda, only a few minutes late, but we started a few minutes late so we did our hour. Well done, all. I look forward to our next call and to communicating on the list between now and then. This meeting is now adjourned.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Bye, everybody.

YEŞİM SAĞLAM:

Thank you all. The meeting is now adjourned. Have a great rest of the day. Bye.

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