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BRENDA BREWER:

Hi, everybody. We're going to get started here in just under 30 seconds. One minute, please. Thank you, Sayer. Hello, everyone. Welcome to the IRP-IOT Membership Closed Work Session. My name's Brenda. I am your participation manager for this session. And this session is governed by the ICANN Expected Standards of Behavior. If you wish to speak, please raise your hand in Zoom when called upon. Virtual participants will simply unmute their line and ask their question or comment, make their comment. And as we move on, I would love to turn the floor over to Susan Payne. Thank you.

SUSAN PAYNE:

Thank you, Brenda. Lovely. Hi, everyone. It's Susan Payne here. Welcome to the IRP-IOT. This is our first session at ICANN79. We do have two sessions scheduled, so we have a second session on Thursday. If you're in the Zoom room, you should be able to see the agenda. Although it's also, for those in the room, it's also up on the screen. We do not have quorum for this meeting.

At the moment, we have four people. And I was getting excited that the door opened. And I was hopeful it was a fifth member of our group, but unfortunately it isn't. I'm a bit uncertain, really, what to do. We are agreeing the text that's to go out to public comment. And so, in that sense, I'm not sure that we can really agree the text with only four of us.

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I feel a bit uncomfortable doing so. But at the same time, I appreciate everyone who has attended. And I'm a little disappointed that we don't have a full-- We need at least one more person, really, in order to be able to do anything substantive. I guess what we could at least start with just to give a few minutes, in case we get any more joiners, is we could just start to look at what the agenda is, which is really a sort of joint agenda for both meetings. And then we'll see where we get to. Flip, did you have a suggestion?

FLIP PETILLION:

No, I agree, but we could add the following. If all along in the next, I don't know how many minutes, you find that the quorum is clearly not reached, why wouldn't we then propose that we fix a date? At that date we have the next meeting. Maybe it's within ICANN79 or it's later. And at least then you have a date in the future where you can take a decision. And sorry. If the quorum is then not, but then you have properly notified everybody that that is going to be the decision.

DAVID MCAULEY:

Thank you. I need to think about what Flip just suggested, but I think it's a reasonable suggestion. With respect to quorum here today, I think you're right, Susan, we shouldn't probably go forward substantively without a quorum. We do anticipate a meeting I think it's Wednesday or Thursday?

SUSAN PAYNE:

Thursday.

DAVID MCAULEY:

So, that would be good. And also, Brenda, I appreciate that you and Bernie and with Susan getting us time together. I think that's really great. I was speaking with Greg Shatan earlier, there's conflicts, there's always conflicts. And so, I guess we just have to do the best we can to try and figure out what would be a non-conflicted time. I don't even know if there is such a thing. But it's good, I think, that we're on a path to get us meeting at ICANN meetings. And I hope we can get past this particular issue. And hopefully next Thursday, I mean this coming Thursday rather, we'll do that.

So, I need to think about what Flip said. But maybe setting a date certain and saying we have to get the rules out to public comment. We're really close. And once we do that and we start on CEP and then on to maybe limits on appeals or whatever other work, it will be a little bit more interesting, maybe a little bit more stimulating for folks. I don't know. So, I guess I'm just sort of saying I agree with you that we should not move on without a quorum today. I do look forward to Thursday and I hope that we can get the rules out sometime soon. And just we have to work on trying to avoid conflicts. Although that's a big order of business. I don't know how we could do it.

SUSAN PAYNE:

Okay, thanks. And I noticed we're now quite a long way past the start time for the meeting. So, I think realistically we aren't getting anyone else. I think our Thursday meeting, we are conflicted against one session, but relative compared to today, we probably have far more chance of getting members. And I'd perhaps encourage all of us here to

see if we can encourage our colleagues to come on Thursday so that we can get through because we are so close. And obviously we can finish the review of the rules in our usual regular time slots without being in person, but it's disappointing not to be able to make some progress in person.

Since I have you all, if you wouldn't mind, I had one question that I thought would be useful to get an update on the standing panel. I'm not putting you on the spot to give us that now, Liz, but it's more a question about whether you think on Thursday it would be possible to give us an update on the standing panel. I think we all appreciate that the board has now made a decision on which candidates are being taken forward. So, it's really just to get more of a sense of where the process of appointing them has got to do and what the likely time frame is for when the standing panel might be in place. Do you think that's something you can give us on Thursday, Liz, or is it someone else really that we would need to be asking that question of? Thanks.

ELIZABETH LE: Thanks, Susan. It's Liz Le with ICANN Org for the record. Yes, that would be me. And I can definitely give you an update now, or I can give you an update or the group an update on Thursday, whichever the group wants, I'm happy to do so.

BRENDA BREWER: And we can post this recording on our wiki page.

SUSAN PAYNE: And I think, yeah, why not? Let's have an update, because then at least we feel like we've got something out of this meeting. Thank you.

BRENDA BREWER: Okay, so what we've done following the board's decision on confirming the slate of panelists is we have reached out to the members to notify them and confirm their continued availability and interest, which they have all confirmed that they are. And also, to what we did was where we're currently at with the processes. We've engaged with the ICDR to understand from them what are the list of requirements and administrative and so on that the standing panelists will have to complete before the panel, before they are in panel, and that they can actually be listed and start work, because there will be some initial work on that relating to training that the ICDR requires that their panelists will go through, as well as just administrative setup for the panelists themselves.

And so, the ICDR is working on getting us that list, which we will provide to the members. At the same time, we have, ORG has been compiling the list of training materials for the panelists themselves. And also, we have been working on a contract for them, which we expect to shortly be able to send out draft personalized contracts for them. So, I think that there are a couple of prerequisite steps that they need to complete, including certain required trainings, also getting their contracts signed, doing the checking off the boxes that ICDR requires them to do, including the training itself before we can panel them and release their names. We are hoping that we can move pretty fast with this.

And I can't, I don't know what the exact time frame is, but we're pushing as fast as we can and we're hoping to be able to do so within the next month, not month and a half, to get this work done. I think some of it will be driven on once we get all the requirements to the panelists, how fast we can move with contracting with them and also with them to complete their requisite requirements before they can be paneled.

SUSAN PAYNE:

Okay. Thanks for that, Liz. That's a really useful update. So, it looks as though, if I understand you correctly, it looks as though we might have the standing panel sort of identified and kind of in place in about one and a half to two months' time, perhaps. I think from my perspective, it seems to me that by that point, our rules should be out to public comment, I think, around about that time. Well, before then. I mean, they should be in their public comment period.

I think nearer the time, once the rules are out, I think maybe we should have another conversation about whether the appointment of the standing panel is advanced enough that we could offer them to explain the proposed amendments or to give them some kind of a briefing on what we've put out to public comment or even just to encourage them as individuals, even if we don't know who they are, to encourage them as individuals to review the draft and submit comments. I think I certainly am not suggesting here that we're going to postpone what we're doing in order to wait for the standing panel, but I think since it's so close, it would be nice to be able to have them engaged on the public comment on these rules. David? Sorry, I thought you had something.

DAVID MCAULEY:

No, I do have a question and it's for Liz. I didn't mean to interrupt, though. Liz, here's a question. I'm going to read a little bit from bylaw 4.3J1 and it says, the last sentence of that says, members of the standing panel shall receive at a minimum training provided by ICANN on the workings and management of the Internet's unique identifiers and other appropriate training as recommended by the IRP implementation oversight team. So, I guess my question is to us, as well as Liz.

I mean, have we given thought to whether we think there's training that the members ought to get in addition to the training from ICANN on the workings and management of the Internet's unique identifiers? I don't know, but I mean, maybe that's something we should put on the agenda for the next meeting or the meeting subsequent. Because, I mean, the bylaws call it out and if we put our thinking caps on, especially practitioners may say, this kind of training would be useful. I don't know. But since it's there in the bylaws, I thought I'd call it out. Thank you. And Liz, I'd be interested in what you think. Thanks.

SUSAN PAYNE:

Thanks. Liz, over to you.

ELIZABETH LE:

So, thanks. This is Liz Le with ICANN Org for the record. And yes, David, you're right to quote and reference that. I think what we've done in terms of compiling the list of training materials for the panel is to look at the requirements, the bylaws in terms of the experience level that the panel should have. And really, the training materials are materials that

are already available on ICANN Learn itself, which will be transparent and visible in terms of what the panels will be trained on.

But I think certainly what we can do is when it's appropriate for this group to talk about it, we can definitely provide a list of the training program that the panels will we've identified for the panel. Some of it will be required. Some of it are optional. And, for this group's review and consideration, and perhaps we can even have a discussion or suggest like if there's anything else IOT might think would be appropriate to supplement to the already program, that list of materials that we've developed for the program.

SUSAN PAYNE:

Thanks for that, Liz. So, I think you were saying that's something you could share with this group. Actually, I think that would be really helpful. Again, not necessarily for us to discuss on Thursday, but I think it could be that that is actually the time for us to discuss this task actually is kind of pretty much now, isn't it? If you're in the process of getting these panelists sort of onboarded and signed up to their contracts and so on, then they do need training kind of now.

So, I'm not suggesting that we need to have that by Thursday, although obviously if it's something that you have a very convenient list to hand that you could provide to us before then, then that would be super. But I do think maybe that needs to be on our agenda for one of the upcoming meetings. Clearly, we want to get through what we need to review in order to get these rules out. And so, I don't want to hold off on doing that, but I do think that maybe that's the next thing we need to turn our mind to. David?

DAVID MCAULEY: Thank you both. And I agree with you both. That's all I wanted to say. Thanks.

SUSAN PAYNE: Thank you. Yeah. So, again, not to put you on the spot and say, can we have this by Thursday? Because I don't think that's necessary. But I think perhaps for the meeting, the next meeting we have after we've been here in Puerto Rico, assuming we've made great progress on our rules by that point, I think we might be looking at turning our minds to the training materials, sort of the next meeting or the subsequent one after that. So, that would be really helpful.

And then, yes, I'm sure as a group we can then, if we can see what's been identified already, I'm sure then we'll have an opportunity to see if we think that there's anything else that would be useful. I very much suspect that what you've already identified will be very fulsome. But certainly, I think it is something that is, we're tasked with also considering. So, that would be great.

All right. Okay. I think then with that, unless I will just see if anyone has any other business. I will just confirm, I think, for the record that I'll send a message to our mailing list now. Well, not now, but when we've wrapped up. Just flagging that, unfortunately we didn't manage to have a really full meeting just now. We have had a discussion on the standing panel status. And so, people will want to listen to the recording of that. And that would really, really appreciate if people can do their very best to attend the Thursday meeting. And again, just

encouraging us all if we see members of the IOT around the meeting space, if we could try and encourage them to come on Thursday, that would be good.

DAVID MCAULEY: Thank you.

SUSAN PAYNE: All right. Anything anyone else wants to raise before we wrap up?

DAVID MCAULEY: Not here.

FLIP PETILLION: Thank you.

SUSAN PAYNE: All right. I will just check in the Zoom room in case. No. Okay. All right. And thank you, Liz. Very much appreciate. I'm guessing since you're just remote, I'm guessing you've dialed in on your weekend. So, thank you for doing that. And we'll let you get back to your day.

ELIZABETH LE: You're very welcome. I'll be there in person on Thursday. So, I'll see you then.

SUSAN PAYNE: Oh, super. Okay. That's great. All right. Thanks, everyone. Thanks, Brenda.

BRENDA BREWER: This concludes today's meeting.

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