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Moderator: Gisella Gruber-White
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Benedetta Rossi: Thank you very much, (Tanya). Good morning, good afternoon and good evening. This is the BC candidate call for the currently open BC GNSO counselor and nominating committee small business seat election taking place on the 22nd of October 2013.

On the call today we have (unintelligible), Elisa Cooper, Chris Chaplow, Steve DelBianco, Ron Andruff, Anjali Hansen, Jim Baskin, Phillip Corwin, (Laura Covington), Gabriela Szlak and Glenn Desaintgery and myself, (unintelligible). Robert Hoggarth will also join the call shortly.

We have apologies from Aisha Hassan, (unintelligible), Marilyn Cade, Caroline Greer and Stephan Van Geldere. As a voting officer I will announce the names of the nominees and I would like to advice BC members of both the nominators and the nominees qualify according to the BC charter rules as (paid op) members of the (unintelligible) and all nominations are therefore valid.

Nominations for the two (office) seats were received. The four nominations were received under the BC (vote) email address and were acknowledged by the voting officer.

The candidates were contacted and accepted the nominations. Today's call will allow a discussion with the candidates. The GNSO (is prepared). Glen DeSaintgery will act as returning officer and moderator for this call conducting the interaction with the candidates.

Robert Hoggarth acts as verifying officer for the elections. For transparency purposes, please note that (unintelligible) was nominated by (Gabriella Szlack) for the NomCom small business seat but he was - he withdrew his nomination.

The nominations are the following - standing for GNSO counselor, Philip Corwin nominated by Michael Costello and (Gabriella Szlack) nominated by (unintelligible).

Standing for the nominating committee small business seat, Ron Andruff nominated by John Berard and Anjali Hanson nominated by Stephane Van Gelder.

Candidates will be allocated time for questions in alphabetical order by last name. No questions were received prior to the call. BC members participating on the call may submit questions to the candidates directly with Glen DeSaintgery running the question and answer session as returning officer for the elections.

Candidates may choose to respond on the call or in writing through the BC GNSO list. As a reminder, this call will be limited to one hour. Ballots for the

election will be sent tomorrow, October 23, 2013 opening the voting period which will close on October 30, 2013.

Only paid up members and primary contacts will receive a ballot unless advised formerly to the voting officer before the opening of the vote. Any proxy assignments are needed by today close of business.

Counting all the votes and checks for the returning officer and verifying officer will take place on October 31st and the results of the elections will be announced by Friday, November the 1st.

I will now turn the call over to Glen DeSaintgery to introduce any questions and lead the discussion with the candidates. Thank you very much and over to you, Glen.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, Benedetta. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening everyone. I'd like to start by asking the candidates if they have anything to add to the statements that they have submitted. Phil, (Gabriella), Ron, Anjalie, is there anything you'd like to add to your statements?

Phil Corwin: This is Phil. I have nothing to add to my formal statement.

Gabriella Szlak: This is (Gabby). I also have nothing to add to my statement. Thank you.

Anjalie Hanson: This is Anjalie. I don't either.

Ron Andruff: And then that leaves me, Glen, Ron Andruff here. The only thing I would add to my statement is simply that I was, as all of the members know, I had been nominated to a large business seat, the NomCom and I had pulled my name - accepted that nomination as I said, and I'm happy to have learned from other

members that they see me more in a small business roles and I'm happy to assume that position. Thank you.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, Ron. All the members on the call are now invited to go to questions to the four candidates. I will take a queue. So please give me one moment and (that of) the person who you would like to answer the question.

And as (unintelligible) said, if you've got a question to - the same question to all four candidates, maybe ask the candidates to respond in alphabetical order by the last name. So that would be Phil, (Gabriella), Ron and Anjalie. So fine. Who would like to start the questions?

Chris Chaplow: Glen, Chris Chaplow here. I'll ask a question.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you Chris. Shall I take the queue first? Anybody else after Chris? Chris, to whom would you like to ask your question?

Chris Chaplow: Yes, I would like to ask my question to all the candidates and if they could briefly outline what they consider the most important issues facing the business constituency at this time. Thank you.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you, Chris. So Phil, could we start with you, please?

Phil Corwin: Yes, thank you for the question, Chris. I think the most important challenge facing members of the business constituency over the next two years is the continued effectiveness and relevance of the multi stakeholder model of policy initiation and whether there will continue to be any kind of effective oversight and accountability over ICANN by anyone.

I'm - been doing a lot of research on what's been going on with the (Montevedalo) statement and the announcement of this so-called summit in Brazil. I'm very disturbed by the fact that the CEO took these actions to declare publicly that the present arrangement for ICANN with the US being the counterparty on the affirmation of commitment and as well as the (Iona) contract is no longer sustainable and going out and trying to bring political pressure from other countries to bare on the US to change that which doesn't mean I'm personally opposed to reconsidering those arrangements over the long term.

But I think the way it's being done is improper. I think this idea of a summit with no set agenda with the way it's being structured is extremely dangerous and could result in fragmentation of the Internet or loss of US oversight without an acceptable replacement.

And tied in with that is the future of the GNSO and concern about the fact that the review has been put off for a year when it should be proceeding because I think a new TLD program brings the current structure of the GNSO into some considerable question.

So I know there're be many, many issues before the GNSO council over the next two years which have nothing to do with these overarching questions but I believe those are the big challenges for business members involved on ICANN in the coming years.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, Phil. (Gabriella), could we ask you, your (opinion)?

Gabriella Szlak: I will say that in the first place, I agree with what Phil just said and I would like to add that (far more) challenging to the multi stakeholder model, we also

have challenges for everything regarding that (unintelligible) at ICANN and geographical diversity and I think this is a challenge also for business.

This is a great challenge because ICANN is now facing a lot of threats on the Internet government (statement) in general and we need to really understand what the message of the business is in this new scenario.

And I think it's very important to understand in general what's going on globally. In this sense, I will add that, for instance, one of the challenges that I share around here in my region is the issue of data flow. I'm not sure if you know that there is some (project) around here to change this within internal legislation.

So I see this as a big, big challenge for businesses all over the world to keep data flow actually flowing and I think we should pay a lot of attention to this and to understand that maybe some of the issues are going on around here are related to these threats and that we should be really concerned about this and send the message of businesses within ICANN and to the world as well.

With that, I will say also I agree with what Phil said about the use of GLDs (unintelligible) of the structure of the GNSO and everything that is going to be changing at ICANN review members, you know, (specific ones) and also this kind of (globalization) that ICANN is affording in the next years. Thank you.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, (Gabriella). Ron, may I ask you for your views, please?

Ron Andruff: Thank you, Glen. The most important issue facing the BC right now, as it refers to the BC and fully to the BC, is a GNSO issue in my view. What I've been observing over the last 13 years within the BC, where we used to be a

very unique entity insomuch as they were very clear lines drawn around what the BC was, what the ISPs are and the IPC constituency.

Now there's been a bit of a morphing of constituencies one and together. And so there're no clear lines within which to build consensus as there once was. And this also, at the same time, a fragmentation if you look at the registries constituency you have the registries that are members of that constituency.

Then you have the new gTLDs that will come in, the wannabes if we can call them that, and then you have a third group in there that fragments from that and that is (unintelligible) versus normal gTLDs.

So within all this fragmentation I see that we're going to have a very difficult time as a community and as a constituency, in particular, to find a way to be able to come to a consensus on particular issues.

In fact, it almost looks like we're drifting back towards the DNSO generally assembly where we have all of us in one room debating and dialoging so it's - I think the question for us is how is the BC going to work with this challenge in terms of finding it's distinct voice within this cacophony of sound? Thank you.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much Ron and Anjalie, may I ask you, please, for your views?

Anjalie Hanson: Yes. I want to start by saying that I'm incredibly impressed by the business constituency and the members, the caliber of the members of the business constituency are really strong.

They come from really great businesses. They work very hard. They're very engaged. So I would commend overall the business constituency and I think a

lot of the problems facing ICANN are not necessarily things the business constituency can, on its own, fix.

But I think that the engagement of the business constituency is very high and the one thing that I see could be worked on, and this is an area that I have agreed, or volunteered to do, is perhaps represent a larger aspect of businesses.

Right now, we have a lot of very specialized businesses, very tech savvy businesses represented on the BC. And ICANN has a much farther reach, of course. It reaches everyone and all businesses do business on the Internet.

But I just feel that not enough businesses are aware of ICANN's organization, let alone the incredible policy structure and complexity of the organization. And I think as the BC, because we're supposed to represent businesses, I think a direction that we can improve upon and perhaps is a weakness, is to reach out to everyday businesses throughout the world, worldwide, and maybe educate them on ICANN and what's coming down the pike.

So that - I agree with what everyone else has said, all the candidates that there are a lot of internal issues with ICANN and there're geopolitical forces that, you know, are threatening it, but the BC, in general, is a really high caliber constituency.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, Anjalie. Would anybody else like to ask...

((Crosstalk))

Glen DeSaintgery: Yes, yes, yes, please.

Gabriella Szlak: Okay, so this is (Gabby), (Gabriella). I just want to add that also I've been discussing with our BC members that some of us believe that there's going to be a huge challenge to reach out to businesses around the globe regarding the new TLD programs (implementation).

So I also think that's a concern and I have been working a lot on awareness and outreach in general and I think we should unite forces with different members of the BC that can reach out to companies particularly small and (unintelligible) businesses to educate, just at Anjalie said, and bring more information about ICANN (unintelligible) and particular in the GLD. So just wanted to add that. Thank you.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, (Gabriella). Would anybody else like to add another point?

Phil Corwin: Yes, yes. Phil here. The only thing I would add to what I said before, and particularly about concern about what's going on with the (Montivadelos) statement and the Brazilian initiative, is that I don't believe there's any bigger policy issue for ICANN than the oversight on accountability structure.

And I find it quite ironic and somewhat cynical that management is going out and taking an initiative which it says it's necessary to save the multi stakeholder model without in any way employing the multi stakeholder model. There's been absolutely no communication with the community about these matters.

The NSA revelations were well known before the Durbin meeting. We could've discussed it then and at least gotten a sense of where the community was at in regard to that, and instead these actions were taken without any advanced notice and came as somewhat of a surprise to say the least.

So that's all I wanted to add. I think we need to insist that whatever the future is as accountability for ICANN and control of the (Iana) function that it be hammered out with the community before management goes out and takes additional steps to implement the community's views.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, Phil. Thank you, Chris, for your question. Would anybody else like to pose a question? Are there any more questions for the candidates?

Woman: Maybe we can ask each other.

Glen DeSaintgery: Or for a candidate in particular? Of course, we have got two candidates for the GNSO council position and two candidates for the NomCom position.

(Jimson Everett): Okay, maybe I should break the ice and ask a question.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you. That's (Jimson Everett).

(Jimson Everett): Yes, it is (Jimson).

Glen DeSaintgery: Please, (Jimson), go right ahead.

(Jimson Everett): This is to the candidates. Currently the IGF is (unintelligible) in Bali, Indonesia. I would like to ask, how do you expect ICANN to be more effective in the global Internet governance discourse? Thank you.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you (Jimson). Phil, would you like to have a go at this?

Phil Corwin: Well, sure. Let me - I think the question assumes that ICANN is not already effective in the - or is not as effective as it could be in the dialogue and I'm not sure I accept that starting premise.

However, I repeat, I think the most effective way for ICANN to be effective within any context, whether it's an IGF or dealing with various parts of the community or dealing with individual nation states is to make sure that it's representing on policy matters the consensus views of the community.

And, again, I don't want to repeat myself, but I don't see the basis for the current management initiatives in community sentiment. There was no outreach made. I'm monitoring the IGF. I'm not remotely participating because of the time difference but I'm following it through people there through Facebook and Twitter feeds and through press articles.

And, of course, just the first day is over so there's no real basis for making a judgment yet on what's going to come out of that. But I think, my perception is that ICANN generally does a pretty good job in its interactions with the other I organizations that manage and keep various parts of the Internet infrastructure operating and up to date and is well regarded in international circles.

So I think the structure is there. The personnel are there but if the positions taken by management in those meetings are going to have credibility and not create problems back within ICANN there needs to be a better job of outreach and making sure that the leaders have followers on the - particularly on major initiatives they undertake.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, Phil. (Gabriella), would you like to respond to (Jimson)'s question?

Gabriella Szlak: Yes. Thank you, (Jimson), for your question. I woke up this morning at 3:00 am to listen to the opening ceremony at the IGF. I was quite asleep but I listened to some of the speeches and I - just managed to listen to finally to (Hadi) and he just goes - at the end he said that if you want to get fast, then you can work alone but if you want to get far, then you should work together.

So I think that is a strong message and the way I see how this message, work together, walk together, I think he's referring to the whole Internet landscape of organizations but also within the ICANN community to be - to reflect more voices.

I hope that - I also agree that there is a need for more accountability regarding the community and all these (molds) as Phil just said. But I also agree with the fact that ICANN can - has to keep to the multi stakeholder model but also to a representation of the whole world.

And for that, I think it's very, very important to do more outreach than it is and to actually become a more international or diverse organization that will be able to gain more credibility around the Internet governance landscape organizations in general.

So I think the way of being more effective is by being more sensitive of the whole world into the community and doing outreach to have more members and more members to go reflect the views of the whole world.

I think it's a very, very challenging time for ICANN and we should support more participation, more awareness and this way we will let you have more credibility around the globe. Thank you.

Glen DeSaintgery:Thank you very much, (Gabriella). Ron, may I ask you for your views next please?

Ron Andruff: Thank you Glen. The question that is the IGF is happening right now and how do we expect ICANN to work effectively within the Internet governance is how I captured it and I see it that we really need a board of directors at ICANN to set the agenda of how that's going to function.

And then once the board has set the agenda, the CEO president and his team to execute that agenda. And that is, you know, the most important issue in my view and for this reason, you know, the selection of the board members to join the board is absolutely critical that we have a very strong board and a knowledgeable board.

And my view is that business and large board experience, financial experience, candidates without conflicts, this is critical and this needs to be looked at with a very sharp eye. And so this is what I would bring to the NomCom on behalf of the BC, is to make sure that because ICANN, the very big business right now, that it's managed appropriately as a business and we don't have a CEO who runs amuck.

For those of us who've been with ICANN now for many years, we've watched many CEOs come in and they all look extraordinarily strong in the honeymoon phase. That honeymoon phase isn't a very long one in the case of some and is longer in the case of others.

I think that (Fadi) is still very much in the honeymoon phase and he's starting to take steps that one wonders whether the board has sanctioned these things or is reading about them and starting to realize the depth of these actions.

So I come back to the point that for ICANN to work effectively, we need to have a very strong board and that board needs to set the agenda and that's what the NomCom does so that qualified board members for that reason I'd like to see that kind of practice going forward and would like to participate in a NomCom for that reason. Thank you.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much Ron. Anjalie.

((Crosstalk))

Anjalie Hanson: Yes, well, this - one of the themes of the Bali conference is building bridges. And I think that's pretty a propo to what ICANN also needs to do and I agree that a strong board is highly critical to doing that and I think it's also incumbent on the NomCom candidates to go out and find and seek and recruit board members that will do that.

I don't see it as a passive role. I see it as a role where we would actively engage folks who we think would be good board members and from a very diverse background.

I think that one of the criticisms and why perhaps IGF is, you know, in this role that it is and why there's this tension is because ICANN is not seen as representative enough of the worldwide community.

So I think it's - one of the most difficult challenges for us will be to go out and recruit candidates from developing countries and other regions where we have less representation right now who are very qualified, and they exist. And we just have to go out and do a better job of recruiting them and promoting them.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much Anjalie. Would anyone like to add something to what they've said?

(Steve): I have a question...

((Crosstalk))

Glen DeSaintgery: Yes, (unintelligible). Sorry.

((Crosstalk))

(Steve): ...in the queue.

Glen DeSaintgery: Please yes. Welcome (Steve). Please, what is your question?

(Steve): A, I wanted to thank all four candidates for actually the courage to stand for an election where you get voted by your peers but more importantly to stand for the work that's involved when you win.

As you know, there's quite a bit of effort implied by these posts. They're (surrogate) leaders as many of you understand that, so thank you for standing. All four candidates provided excellent qualification statements but I would ask each of you to give a very brief answer.

You just tell us this - among your qualifications, what do you think makes you uniquely positioned at this time in the evolution of ICANN and the BC to deserve the vote of your peers on the BC? So what uniquely about you, at this time, makes you the right person to vote for? Thank you very much.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you, (Steve). Phil, over to you please.

Phil Corwin: Yes, thank you very much, (Steve), for your question. (Steve), when you were speaking I was trying to just (step) on my previous remarks. I'm going to do that very brief, but I kind of left my phone on mute so I'm going to do that very briefly and then address your question directly.

I just wanted to add to my prior statement that ICANN's effectiveness globally is that I don't want to seem - it seems I'm critical of all management initiatives. I think the establishment is a hub in Istanbul and Singapore and the outreach offices in other places were very good but I am concerned by, in terms of the IGF, reports I read indicated that (Fadi) had once again brought up the fact that ICANN was looking at, while maintaining its US corporate nexus and establishing a legal presence, in another jurisdiction - and again, this is an area where this is a central concern for business members of what body of law and what type of accountability there's going to be for ICANN. Will there be a continued vital role for the private sector and civil society and not a government-dominated role?

So, again, there needs to be more consultation with all of us before these types of announcements are made.

Turning to your question, Steve, I believe that the top skill I bring to the job of GNSO Council, which I conceive of as after the BC in its diversity and expertise, reaches a consensus position on a matter before the GNSO to most effectively try to get the full Council to embrace and adopt that position is the decades of experience I have in policymaking activities and my understanding that nobody gets 100% of what they want but that there's a need to focus not just on differences but on common ground and to build - identify that common ground and build it outward.

So I think those are the skills that are needed to build bridges within ICANN so that different constituencies and different interests can work together to the maximum extent possible to pursue their common interests.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, Phil. Gabriella.

Gabriella Szlak: Thank you. So in my case I think what makes me (unintelligible) geographic diversity in the sense that my network, ICANN and beyond (unintelligible) organizations (unintelligible) to draw on and to other members of the Business Constituency and in general the ExComm. So I have a strong network not only in my region but also in the whole TLD world through my experience in the fellowship program.

So people that go through the fellowship program are the leaders of the present and of the future of these organizations. And (unintelligible) much easier and better way because we have built trust relationships among each other.

So my network will benefit the BC in a way that has never been benefited before because I think that there has never been a member from the Latin American region as councilor in the BC. I think there has never been also a member from Latin America in the ExComm in general.

Also I believe that in this particular time with all that is going on at ICANN not only the new gTLDs but also the international challenges that we've been discussing so the scenario where ICANN face in all of this we need to bring the strong message to the ICANN community and to the world that the BC is a work group of big and small businesses but also of international - an international group of businesses not only from the developed world.

By having to represent (CCs) and assuring ones from the not of the US or the developed countries we will be able to send this message together with of course others (unintelligible) that are related to bringing in diversity in general within the BC.

So I think that would be my unique way of my (unintelligible), I mean. Of course I said other things about myself and about my skills as a negotiator or a mediator but I think that that's what makes me really different in that it will benefit the BC.

Of course I understand that in this position I would be representing the BC positions. And this is, of course, the role that I will also - will bring in different views from different networks and (unintelligible) that are relevant for us and that will help us make a difference in the GNSO in the future. Thank you.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, Gabriella. Ron, over to you, please.

Ron Andruff: Thank you, Glen. And also thank you, Steve, this is a very good and pointed question and I appreciate it. Among my qualifications what uniquely positions me to take on the NomComm seat again for a second year is the long history if have with ICANN.

Over the course of ICANN's history I've missed about three to four meetings so I am very familiar with the growth and the dynamics of ICANN from the beginning through to this day and can appreciate the quality of people we need to be adding to the various positions that the NomComm is tasked to do.

The second is the deep understanding of the NomComm process. Now having participated on it last year I am very clear on what the NomComm 2014 needs

to bring to the party, as it were. And one of the things that we spoke of often was let's raise the bar so that the 2014 NomComm really has to do that much better than this past one did. So we have a good sense of camaraderie within that group.

And the third then is I'm a bridge-builder. That's my nature. I come from a long career of sports, as many of you know, and as a result of that I realize how important it is to have cooperation within your team if you're going to have success so I am very long in that suit.

And then finally I'm completely unconflicted. I have no dogs in the race on any front and therefore as an unconflicted member I think I could bring value as well. Thank you.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, Ron. Anjali, over to you.

Anjali Hansen: Yes, thank you. I think what I bring to the table is fresh new energy and brand new networks across North America. We have - I'm supposed to be representing the small business seat. And we represent over 381,000 small businesses that we work with that are in our network not to - those are just the accredited businesses but we reach out to many, many businesses across North America.

And we also work a lot with other countries and form partnerships; with Japan, we're about to start an entire (business) bureau in the vast and growing market of Mexico. And I have a lot of contacts and new areas that I can help ICANN reach, new network that perhaps people who've worked very hard for long in the ICANN system they know that network very well but I bring a brand new outreach effort and network to the organization.

And I'm passionate about building bridges with developing countries. And I've already set up - I've already set out some outreach goals with our developing member representatives on the BC, Jimson, (Mamud), Gabby, to reach out to businesses in their area.

And I think that's really what ICANN needs right now. They need to be outward-looking and reaching out to beyond their inner circle and beyond their inward-looking policy, you know, issues. I think they have to realize their effect that they have on the rest of the world.

And I think it's also important to allow new people to fill some of these seats so that I appreciate all the work that people have done who've been there since the beginning of the Internet and the beginning of ICANN. I truly admire them very, very much.

But I think it's also important that new people are allowed to serve and bring in their experiences and perhaps more of the outward world's perspective. And I do not have any conflicts either.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, Anjali. May I ask for another question please - or questions?

Bill Smith: Yes, this is Bill Smith.

Glen DeSaintgery: Yes, Bill.

Bill Smith: Yeah, my question...

((Crosstalk))

Glen DeSaintgery:Please go ahead.

Bill Smith: My question is for all of the candidates and is around basically who they and larger question who ICANN serves. Does ICANN serve itself or should ICANN be serving a larger community, basically the public? And if so how do we - how will they serve the larger public as opposed to a small constituency?

Gabriella Szlak: I'm sorry, I cannot hear Bill properly. Can someone repeat the question please? There's noise on the line.

Glen DeSaintgery:Bill, could you repeat your question please?

Bill Smith: Sure. It's around - for all of the candidates who are they serving, okay, number one, small question. And the bigger question is who does ICANN serve? Does ICANN serve the ICANN community or is it serving the public? And how you choose to answer those two questions I'd like to know then how the candidates would execute their job.

Glen DeSaintgery:Gabriella, did you get it this time?

Gabriella Szlak: Yes, yes thank you.

Glen DeSaintgery:Thank you very much. So, Phil, we're start with you again please.

Phil Corwin: Yeah, thank you for the question, Bill. I think it's clear that ICANN, while it needs to be a well-managed, well-run and solvent organization, it serves a public purpose. It has the responsibility to maintain the global Internet addressing system in a way that's reliable and secure and is pursued in a manner that's consistent with the global public interest.

So I am concerned that if changes come where ICANN is not as accountable and is free to go off on its own that it could become a very self-serving organization particularly when you look at the type of (unintelligible) that's coming in now where an annual budget approaching $200 million a year, close to 1/3 of $1 billion in new TLD application fees, more money to come in from contention auctions, I think there's nothing wrong with ICANN finally having substantial monetary resources.

It was started with a loan of about $1 million and nine staff people and now it's got a $180 million annual budget and is moving up to 300 staff people. But there's got to be accountability to make sure that it serves the broad global public interest and not just its own internal interest as a institution where there's a great danger with that type of income and without sufficient accountability.

I think there's also something we need to all watch. There's nothing wrong with adding staff particularly as new global offices are opened for international outreach. But if you know anything about large organizations people in them, when you hire bright ambitious people, which is generally the type of people hired by ICANN, they want to move up the career ladder.

And if moving up the career ladder becomes more a matter of pursuing top-down management initiatives rather than supporting the community in a bottom-up process that's another danger.

So that's my view. As to what I can do about it as a member of the GNSO Council that's a challenge. It's just one vote on behalf of one constituency within a broader group.

But I have no worries that the BC members will be watching these issues, will be tackling them and that the views coming out of the BC, which it would be my role to represent on the Council, will be views that take ICANN's global responsibilities to the public and the need for adequate accountability and transparency into account as we go forward.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, Phil. Gabriella, you are next please.

Gabriella Szlak: Thank you for the question. Regarding the - I think that Bill asked first who are we serving so if that's the question as the way I understand it I have to answer for that first question in the sense that on the one hand, well, as said in my statement, I represent an organization which is a federation of the commerce chambers in Latin America.

That means that each chamber has its own members from each of the Latin American countries. So at some point I'm representing all of these organizations. And with our activities and (unintelligible) we'll reach around 80% of companies that are active or online.

But at the same time if I'm elected as GNSO member - I'm sorry - as GNSO councilor in this case is different because I will be expressing the BC concerns (unintelligible) at the Council level so I will be serving the BC. And I will bring the voice of businesses to the GNSO and I will be sure that what is decided within the BC was reflected by the councilors inside the GNSO.

Regarding the second question of course I feel that ICANN - well in my case I think that ICANN is the community that serves the public interest. That's the way I see it. It's not that it has to serve its community but this community is here to serve the public interest in general. That was my answer. Thank you.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, Gabriella. Ron, over to you please.

Ron Andruff: Thank you. Thanks, Bill. How do I serve and - or who do I serve, number one, and then the bigger question, who does ICANN serve, the community or the public? And how would I interact with that?

The answer to the first question, I serve the BC. And anyone who's elected by BC members to fulfill any role within the constituency has been given a specific mandate to do exactly that, to serve the BC. And that's the role I see myself playing.

The larger question, who does ICANN serve, the community or the public? Clearly ICANN mission-creep has been around for a long time but it's floating much faster now with so much staff and such significant budget that we have and hundreds of millions of dollars on the bank.

So this, again, comes back to my point earlier about the importance of selecting a board that sets an agenda. And I think with respect to having people who have less experience in ICANN (unintelligible) those individuals is something we want to be mindful of so that we are clear about who these individuals are that we're selecting to fulfill these important missions.

And ICANN's mandate really is to serve user interests. And that subtlety, that nuance between serving new - user interests and yet steering us clear of the shoals of ITU and other threats that ICANN has they're competing interests and you really do need to have a very broad experience of ICANN to be able to fill those roles.

So I see that the NomComm is the same. Our job is to ultimately serve the public interests. And in order to do that we need to make sure we do very, very careful selections. Thank you.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, Ron. Anjali.

Anjali Hansen: Yes, hi.

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Anjali Hansen: So I work - I'm the second lawyer in the organization. I'm the Deputy General Counsel for a large business nonprofit association. So we don't serve - our mission is marketplace trust.

And it's to promote standards that businesses will adhere to to protect consumers and also to enhance the businesses' trustworthiness. And in that it helps promote businesses. So I see us as somewhat parallel to ICANN getting to your next question which is who do they serve.

And they definitely are supposed to be serving the public; they're not for profit as well just as our organization. They're a public benefit corporation technically. So they are not to be - their mission is to provide the security of the Internet. And that's for all users of the Internet; it's not for a contracting party to exploit profit through domaining or anything like that. It's really to provide the stability of the Internet and the domain name system. It's a very technical role for the public's benefit.

So the way that I see that I could help promote ICANN's mission is to find candidates that aren't too wedded to any one particular constituency group;

somebody who really takes the mission of ICANN seriously and that it's for the public benefit at large.

And I just - as a NomComm representative I think that we are supposed to be representing ICANN's mission more than anything else, their public mission. And so I would definitely see it in that vein. And I don't believe that we should be representing any particular group even if I am representing the small business group. I think you want to make sure that overall that the entire organization's mission is being accomplished by whoever you nominate.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, Anjali. We have about 9 minutes left on the call. Could I ask for another question please?

Sarah Falvey: Hi, Glen. It's Sarah. I had one more question.

Glen DeSaintgery: Hi, Sarah. Please go ahead.

Sarah Falvey: Okay, this is kind of the flip side to Bill's question but sometimes we've heard inside the BC that once people get into particular positions are they really there representing the constituency or themselves? And so I'd like each candidate to kind of talk about how they intend to represent the constituency in their various roles. I think that would be helpful.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you, Sarah. Over to you, Phil.

Philip Corwin: Good morning, Sarah, and thanks for the question. Let me start by - on the last question I hadn't understood if we were being asked to say who we represented. I think you all know I've been a member of the BC for six years representing the Internet Commerce Association, which represents domain investors and developers.

I've been very active in the constituency. We've agreed with the BC on most issues. Sometimes we disagree and been very careful in speaking outside the BC but within ICANN to state that where there is a disagreement I'm expressing a client's view not my own.

But I think I'm pretty much of a known quantity to members of the BC after the years involvement and participation both telephonically and at ICANN meetings.

As to who I would serve if honored by the election to this position of GNSO councilor my sole goal would be to completely and faithfully serve the Business Constituency and the positions it has reached on matters before the BC where I would use my knowledge of cyberlaw, of intellectual property law and my experience in negotiating policy matters on behalf of the BC.

I would keep the BC informed of the state of discussion of key issues within the Council. I would come back to the members of the BC for guidance when I felt that was needed because of developments on those issues. But I am running for this position solely to serve the BC and not to advance any personal agenda or any agenda of any client whether it's ICA or any other client which may have interest in ICANN matters.

I understand what my responsibility would be if I'm elected to this position. And I would put 100% of my energy into fulfilling it as best I could on behalf of all of you.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, Phil. Gabriella, you're next please.

Gabriella Szlak: (Unintelligible). Thank you for the question. I also understand, as just Phil said, the responsibility that comes with this position. I think that in my case - I don't have any clients - or actually there's almost no information about the new gTLD program so I have no relationship with any registries.

There's - actually my work is to bring awareness in my region about what's going on at ICANN. And in general the way I see my position is a position in which I will be guided by all of you as it has happened from the beginning that it joined ICANN and the BC. From this far I have been learning and learning endlessly.

It has been an amazing journey. And what I want to do to keep learning and to be able to serve the public interest, as Phil just said, in the best way and also, as I said before, to bring diversity to the BC in general and to ICANN in general but always representing the decisions and the consensus that we take at the BC.

I think this is a very, very important role and I will do it with good faith and the responsibility and I am very passionate and what I want to achieve is to represent you the best way possible. Thank you.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, Gabriella. Ron, over to you.

Ron Andruff: Thank you. So with regard to representing yourself or representing the constituency on the last call I think I made very clear that my activities within the NomComm 2013 were really to bring everyone together and park our constituencies at the door.

I took a leading role in that activity that we said our constituencies have sent us here, however, we have a specific role that we need to be true to each other

and to our committee to find the exact right people, the best people we can find for these particular jobs. And so that would be the singular focus of the committee to serve ICANN and end users. And so that's what we did.

I also pointed out in the last call that when we actually arrived on the first meeting at the NomComm at that moment is when the constituencies are parked outside.

So while we're serving the interests of the constituents insomuch that we're serving the interests of ICANN to find absolute qualified individuals to take on the roles within Council, within the ALAC, within the ccNSO, within the Board of Directors of ICANN, that is important to understand that distinction that while we're representing the BC because we've been sent there our job is to find the absolute right person. It's certainly not about trying to advance ourselves.

And over the past decade I've personally covered all of my travel expenses to ICANN at my own expense and I've never been privy to funding. And I think that shows the dedication that I have for ICANN.

I would also point out that while others have used their various roles within ICANN - and we know them well - to build their businesses and develop their businesses I have not taken that road. So I think the clear point here is that we represent our constituency to the best of our ability but when we get inside the NomComm doors we represent ICANN and end users with the perspectives that we bring from our constituencies. Thank you very much.

Glen DeSaintgery:Thank you very much, Ron. Anjali, over to you.

Anjali Hansen: Yes, I agree completely with Ron, I must say. You know, I've read all the background on the Nominating Committee, the Code of Conduct. And really what we're supposed to be doing is while we come with the perspective and the background and experience of our constituencies back from our private lives as well as from the BC, we're really supposed to be acting only on behalf of the interests of the global Internet community and within ICANN's mission.

So we are not supposed to be beholden to any constituencies but we're nominated by those constituencies because of the backgrounds that we bring and the belief that we will - of our constituencies that we will have the integrity to do - to follow the guidelines of the bylaws and support the overarching mission of ICANN and the stability of the Internet.

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you very much, Anjali. And that brings us one minute before the hour when we close the call. Is there anybody who'd just like to add something before we close the call?

If not may I thank the four candidates and may I thank everybody who asked questions on the call and for all those that participated in the call, thank you very much. And thank you very much for asking me to lead this call again. And it is just left to me now to say good luck and good elections. Thank you.

Ron Andruff: Thank you very much, Glen.

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