
JULIA CHARVOLEN: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening everyone. Welcome to the LACRALO monthly teleconference, on Monday 17th of June 2013 at 23:00 UTC. On the call today we have on the Spanish channel, Antonio Medina, Johnny Laureano, Alberto Soto, Jose Arce, Sylvia Heirlein Leite, Juan Manuel Rojas, Eric [? 0:00:30], Carlos Vera, Natalie Encisom, Guillermo Zamora, Aida Nobila, Alejandro Pisanty, and Fatima Cambronero.

And on the English channel, we have Roosevelt King and Dev Anand Telucksingh, who will be dialing out shortly. We have apologies from Sergio Salinas Porto, Cristian Casas, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, and Lance Hinds. And from staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Matt Ashtiani, and myself Julia Charvolen.

May I please remind all participants to please state their name, not only for transcript purposes but also for the interpreters to identify you on the other channel. Thank you very much and over to you Jose.

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JOSE ARCE: This is Jose Arce for the record. Thank you. As you know, we devoted the first part of our call to our capacity building sessions, started by

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Fatima and Natalie. So I would like them to take the floor so that they can introduce today's presentation.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima speaking for the record. Thank you Jose. Can you hear me?

JOSE ARCE: Yes go ahead, Fatima, please.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima speaking. Thank you Jose. Today, actually I'm going to go over last month's call. As you recall, Olivier Crepin-Leblond spoke about procedures on policy discussions, mechanisms, and engagement mechanisms within At-Large. And he spoke about public comment period, about a statements, about how to engage. So we thought it might come in handy to incorporate the use of practical tools.

So we're going to see how to use technical tools for participation in order to participate in policy discussions. That's why we have members, At-Large staff members in charge of these sessions So before we will listen to Matt Ashtiani, then to Heidi Ullrich, and then to Silvia Vivanco.

They will speak about the mailing list, the Wiki, and the Adobe Connect. So Matt, if you are on the call, you have the floor. And thank you for accessing this invitation.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Hi. Thank you Fatima. This is Heidi. I'm actually going to be... I'm actually going to go first, and just have Matt direct us through some of the mailing lists, the Wikis, and then hand it over to Natalie for the Adobe Connect. So you can see on the screen that we have our main ALAC Wiki page up on the screen.

And I'm going to just ask Matt to click on the At-Large outreach workspace. So this space, you can take a look, it has a lot of material...

DEV ANAND TELLUKSING: Dev Anand Telluksingh.

HEIDI ULLRICH: It has a lot of material that talks about both capacity building information, the beginner's guides, you'll see those for At-Large, for ICANN. There are podcasts. There are also all of the regional At-Large Wiki pages there. And at the very bottom, there is one called an At-Large starter kit. Matt, can you click on that?

Now each one of you, when you joined the At-Large community, will have received this At-Large starter kit. And we have this in Spanish, and in English, and in the other UN languages. And Matt if you can click on the English one just for the moment. This list includes an entire discussion of the various At-Large mailing lists.

So we can just switch down to there. So again, the main ones for all of At-Large. The first one is ALAC announce, and that one is listed for ALAC members, regional At-Large officers, and we post information on voting

on that list. We post information about various ICANN and At-Large announcements on that list.

Another mailing list that we have for everyone is the At-Large Worldwide list. Matt, if you can just push this. The At-Large Worldwide list is an absolutely open list for everyone within the At-Large community. That list discusses various issues as brought up by the people from the At-Large community.

Each of... There is also an ALAC working list that we use for only ALAC members, and that's where they actually do some policy development work. Each of the five RALO's have their own mailing list. LACRALO is the only list that has an active English and Spanish list for policy development and other RALO discussions.

We also have working group lists for all of our working groups. Actually, even some of the sub-groups within those working groups have mailing lists. So I think that we're very active and very useful for those working groups. Okay. So I think that's basically it for the working groups.

So moving on now to the Wiki's, I'm just going to go walk us through with the assistance of Matt, to some of our main lists. I'm going to bring us back to the dashboard, so when you login to the Wiki, you're going to come to this page. So if you click... Always at the very start, you can either click the ALAC, right there, as Matt can see that, okay.

This brings us to the ALAC portal. Okay. Some of the main points to look at in that gateway, there is a purple gateway box at the very top left, and that has the link to some of the most important pages that we like to use. The first one is, as Olivier has often mentioned, is the ALAC,

the At-Large policy development page. So this is really a key page that if you don't open any other Wiki page, I ask that you do take a look at this one.

This is where all of the At-Large policy statements are developed. And since Matt does an absolutely great job at keeping this up, I'm going to hand the call over to him just for a moment, so he can go over some of the key aspects on how this page is setup. Matt, you have the floor.

MATT ASHTIANI:

Hi everyone. This is Matt Ashtiani for the record. As Heidi noted, this is the At-Large policy development page. This page is almost live, I update it at least once a day. So if you have any questions about what statements ALAC are thinking of developing, currently are developing, or have developed, this would be your main gateway. Currently, all open PC's are listed on this page.

If you look into the status, you can see where we are in terms of that specific PC. For some of them, it's voting, and sorry, for the public comment. Some of them are voting, some of them are to be confirmed, but this is where you would go to find information on everything including when the reply period closes, what the status is, who wrote the statement, when do we issue a call for comments, when do the call for comments close, when will the vote announcement be sent out, and so on.

If you click on... I'll choose one of the closed statements, so you can see a completed page. But if you just click on a statement name, that specific workspace for the public comment will include the same

information within the table, but it will also give a much more in-depth overview of the public comment. Such as the back information to it, the current status of it.

Now if you go all the way down to the bottom, you'll begin to see three spots, which is the first draft submitted. This is the first draft that the identified pen holder will create, which after I receive it, I send out the call for comments. After the various call for comments have been incorporated. The final draft to be voted on by the ALAC is then posted on the workspace.

And once the final vote is complete, if the draft has been submitted, it will be placed on the page in its final form. Now if you're in a rush for information on a statement, the new statement staffing trail also contains the summary, which is submitted, you can very easily access.

Let me see what else. Until another page has been developed in terms of policy development that is relatively new, is the At-Large policy development early engagement section. So these are upcoming statements, which I've just started to post. And if you click on any one of them, it will give you the issue, the important dates of when it is expected to open, a summary of the issue as a whole, what is the ALAC's engagement opportunity.

So is it just an issue scoping? Are they filing a report? Are they developing a working group? And so on. Any additional information. And if the ALAC has made a statement, or a RALO has made a statement in the past regarding this topic, I post it under this final section. I think that should cover it but if not, please let me know.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Okay thank you very much. And just to let you know, LACRALO has the, is going to be the world premier here, with showing this early development engagement. So you're the first RALO to actually see this page. So I hope... Please do send your comments if this is useful for you.

Okay so that's one of the main pages. I'm just going to ask Matt to go back to the main ALAC work portal. So again, you always start there. That is the main one. So as you scroll down that page, you'll see the At-Large outreach work space, we've gone over that. If you continue to scroll down a little bit, you'll see announcements.

Now some of these announcements are standard and we update them, so they'll be... The next ALAC monthly meeting is there. The next ICANN meeting scheduled for At-Large is there. We have now... Sometimes we'll list in red some important events. For example, currently we have the series of elections and selections going on, so that's noted as important.

We have the various At-Large briefing sessions listed. So the actual... The next one is... Actually, it's a little bit out of date, we just updated it. The next AFRALO briefing session, is the capacity building session for AFRALO that will be held on Thursday the 21st. There is also a budget development site listed there, and various other issues.

So that's a place that you can go to, to see what's important. Now, going to the left, if you scroll up, this is what we call just basically the gray box. This lists all of the areas, like a tree for various other sites.

The key ones, again, are the working groups. Matt, you can just click down to sort of mid-way down, there is one for all of the working groups.

This is our working group portal. All of the At-Large working groups, their workspaces are listed here. So if you want to go for example, to the At-Large new gTLD workspace, you just find that down on the list, click on it, and that will open up to a portal, for that particular working group.

All of the portals have approximately a template look to them, with membership, mixed meetings, relevant documents, etcetera. So again, that's the working group page. And, of course, very importantly, go back Matt please to the main ALAC portal. And now to look for the LACRALO portal, there are two ways to get there.

Either you go to the dashboard, and you scroll down. This is again, when you enter, you scroll down, find LACRALO under the regional At-Large organizations, that's where you can get to it that way. Or, you can go back to the dashboard, click on the ALAC portal, go to the gray box, under regional At-Large organizations, Matt scroll down.

Scroll almost to the second point there. Second to the bottom. And click on LACRALO that way. So again, I'm going to ask Silvia to talk you a bit through the LACRALO portal, a little bit. So Silvia, you have the floor please. And just let Matt know what you would like to click on, if you would like to click on anything. Silvia?

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SILVIA VIVANCO: This is Silvia Vivanco for the record. Matt, if you could please go to the LACRALO portal, to the landing page for the LACRALO portal. This is Silvia Vivanco speaking again. Let me just apologize that we are having issues with Silvia's audio.

So here we see basic information about LACRALO, about At-Large. How can I vote? How can I get engaged? And then I have announcements, or LACRALO announcements. So announcements and LACRALO information there. That's the headline. So I have the LACRALO ALAC representative elections, and I have a link to that.

And then we have the capacity building activities. The interpreters apologize that we have issues with Silvia Vivanco's audio. But... We apologize, we can't continue with interpretation. So these are the important topics that LACRALO is currently organizing. Oh, I am being told there is some issue with my audio. Can you hear me?

It seems that people cannot hear me well.

HEIDI ULLRICH: So, Silvia, if I could... Silvia, if it's okay, we'll just take over. There is some issue with your audio. And in the meantime, I'm seeing that LACRALO would like to have just a little bit, a very short training session on the Wiki. So Matt is actually going to use the LACRALO portal just to go through and create a page on this, and then just edit it. Okay?

So we're going to go ahead and start now. Matt, go ahead and I'm going to actually put into the AC room a training guide. Now this training guide is available in Spanish and English, and we'll actually walk you through all of this and more, that Matt is going to cover in this session.

MATT ASHTIANI:

Hi everyone. This is Matt Ashtiani for the record. So I'm happy to show you how to make any edits you want to the Wiki. So thankfully, or luckily, we look on the left hand side of the gray box, we have a page entitled, "This is a test." I don't know how made it, but thank you.

Edit to the Wiki, the first thing that you're going to do is login. I know that sounds very basic, but that's often times the problem. So once you've logged in, you should options such as edit, share, add. I'll have a few extra options, just because I have the administrative capabilities of the Wiki.

But if you don't have these capabilities, you simply just need to send an email to staff letting me know, and I'll be happy to go into the system and see if the correct permissions have been given to your account. So assuming that they have, you can just click edit on the gray bar, and with this loaded you'll have a page where you can create pretty much whatever you want. So let's say you wanted to have an introduction, you can use the headings on the left hand side to create a very basic introduction.

Let's say you needed to have something about the group members, you could create a simple table. And if I'm going too fast, just let me know.

So we just go to table, and it is like what you will do in Word or in Open Office, you can create your table. So you can have your group, people, position, whatever you prefer. Type all of the information into here.

It has the same basic commands as any computer programs, which is control c, control v. So let's see what else I can do on here. There's other things you can do on here such as creating bullet lists and things of that nature. But once you've created any pages that you want to the page, you can hit save. If you leave the notify watcher's box checked, anyone watching this page will see all of the corrections that you've made.

So if it was an insignificant correction such as fixing a spacing problem or adding a period, you probably don't need to notify anyone. But if you make a major change, I would suggest that you leave that box checked. So once that's been completed you should have your page. And one of the things I'm happy to show all of you is, if you look on each page, there will be a little button that says, "Translate," right here, at the end of it.

If you click translate, it will provide an automatic translation provided by Bing, and in numerous languages. So let me find Spanish. I know it's on here. Why is Spanish not included? There it is. Sorry, Española. So this is another easy way for you to access information on a page that you may feel more comfortable accessing in your native language. But again, this is an automatic translation, so it's not going to be perfect.

Are there any other questions or comments?

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HEIDI ULLRICH:

Okay. This is Heidi again. So I hope that was an useful, mini-training session on the Wiki pages. I'm just going to ask Matt if he can bring us very quickly to the At-Large website. Now, again, this is in the process of being updated, it's going to take a little bit. But I just wanted to make sure that you are aware of sources.

So again, all of the main area, here is the main home page for At-Large. Matt, correspondence page is really the key one. This is where all of the approved ALAC statements are listed. Matt, if you wanted to click on the ALAC membership. This page, this website actually has a lot of links to our Wiki pages, so we made sure that there are ways that you can go back and forth between the webpage and the Wiki page.

So again, if you wanted to find out who all of the ALAC members are, the liaisons are currently, you can find them there. And just very quickly, going back up to the main, similar to the Wiki page, we have sort of a gateway. And in that gateway, we have the first one, as I mentioned, is the link back to the ALAC Wiki to bring you back to that.

This page, the website is obviously not a collaboration tool for the time being. But again, as some of you who are going to be in Durban will hear, that that might be changing. We're going to have our Vice-President for Digital Engagement, Chris Gift, speaking to us with Dev, who is the Chair of the Technology Taskforce, to talk a little bit about the exciting developments that are being developed for the online website experience.

Okay. So that covers the mailing list, and the Wiki pages, and the webpage. And now we have Adobe Connect, which if you're in the Adobe Connect, you've found your way there. And I'm going to hand it very briefly over to Natalie, just to talk a little bit about how this works. And again, keep in mind that this is not so much of a collaboration tool, the Adobe Connect, and that ICANN is bringing in a new technology called Lucid Meetings that will be taken up by some of the more collaborative working groups to help them do their work.

So Natalie if you could just very briefly go over how this is setup. And if you can, just talk 30 seconds worth of the Lucid Meetings. Thank you Natalie.

NATALIE:

Hello everyone. This is Natalie [? 0:25:18] for the transcript. So well done, you've all made it to the Adobe Connect room. What you can see in front of you, as I think you've understood from the beginning of the meeting, are different boxes in the Adobe Connect room, we call them pods.

So we'll start with the top left hand side one, called the attendee list. So as you've understood, this shows the list of participants. It also shows two extra things which are very practical. It shows the microphone icon on the right, and you can see that some of them have got a bar across, some haven't. So that bar means that you're muted.

It's very important to mute that microphone when you're not speaking to avoid background noise during the call. To mute this microphone,

you need to look at the top toolbar of the Adobe Connect, and there is a small white picture of a microphone.

If you click on that, you have the option to mute your microphone and to unmute. So it's very important at the beginning of the conference that you think of doing that. The other thing that you can do with the attendee list is to have a private chat. If you can see on the chat pod, in the bottom of the screen, it says everyone. You can also talk to people privately.

If you select a name of a participant, and click right, you have an option of private chat. This is very handy if for example, you need to talk to staff. You would like to provide a dial out number because your connection isn't very good, or you're going to leave the meeting because you have something important to do, and you would like to notify us.

Rather than put it in the public chat, you can talk to us personally to avoid putting your personal number on the main chat. The contents of the main chat, so the public one are posted at the end of the call on the Wiki page. The contents of the private chat remain private. So there is no worry.

If we go to the participants part underneath, as you will see, as people join the responsible staff person adds names of the participants to this, along with apologies. This lists of participants then gets posted on the Wiki page, so there is a track record of the attendance. What also gets posted on the Wiki page are the contents of the pods to the right, called summary notes and action items. Now we do not take summary notes

anymore because we receive transcriptions after the call very soon, often 48 hours after the end of the call.

You can find this transcription equally on the Wiki page. The notes that get taken now are action items, that are taken by staff and once again also posted on the Wiki page. Watch you above, is the agenda which is the exact copy of the agenda which will be find on the Wiki page. So this is on the Wiki page, if there are any hyperlinks, you can click directly from the Wiki page to find out the contents of the documents.

That, I think, is the tool of the Adobe Connect. You're free to ask questions in the chat, or weekly by email if you have any other issues. This is a different setup from the new tool that we'll be using shortly called Lucid. The interface is a bit different, it's more colorful, more friendly.

Regarding the chat and participants, it will be exactly the same. So if after a few moments you find you're comfortable with the Adobe Connect, there will be no problem adapting to the Lucid Meeting tool. That, Heidi, is it for me. Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Thank you Natalie. I'm just trying to put a link in. That was very useful, Natalie, thank you. I'm going to put a link in to the Lucid Meeting site. And again, for those of you in Durban, we will have a lot more information on Lucid Meetings from Chris Gift. And of course, Dev Anand has been leading us for At-Large, so he can go ahead and take any questions on that as well.

So I think that's it from At-Large staff. I hope that has been of interest and of use to you. And I hope that you go out and have fun enjoying those tools and the Wiki pages. Thank you.

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JOSE ARCE:

This is Jose Arce for the record. Thank you very much, because I think this is the first time that a speaker – speak to the time, so you devoted just a half hour devoted to the training program, so congratulations on that. And congratulations on the context of the presentation, because we have been working – we work on this, and it's very, very important.

Thanks to the interpreters for the interpretation. I don't know if there is any question or comment regarding the presentation for those tasks. So please, if you have any questions raise your hand, or you can type your question on the AC room.

Jose speaking. So, let's move on with the agenda for the, for today. Point number, or item number four has to do with the update on working groups. We have two items, we have two working groups that were pending. Those working groups have not finished their activities.

One is the governance working group and the other is the [certificate 0:31:53] working group. I see Antonio Medina on the AC room, perhaps he would like to take the floor and let us know about the group.

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Jose Arce speaking. Can we check that Antonio is online?

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Jose Arce speaking. I see Antonio connected on the Adobe Connect. I know that he might be listening to us, but perhaps he might be muted. So Antonio, could you please let us know if you can speak so that we can move forward? Antonio, could you please let us know about the development of your working group, or give us an update?

This item on the agenda was placed here because we would like to know, or we believe that it is convenient that both working groups give us an update and a deadline to finish their work. So the idea is to make the most of this call to see the updates of this working group, and to set a deadline.

I see that Antonio is connected but there is no reply from here. I am part of that working group, but I haven't seen much advancement. There were not call conferences, or teleconferences. Perhaps Antonio was working with some of the members. I don't if there is someone on the working group that would like to add something regarding the governance working group.

Okay. Jose speaking. No? Okay. So now let's move forward with item number five, this has to do with the strategic planning. I don't know if Alejandro Pisanty would like to take the floor and let us know about the progress made in the working group.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: Alejandro Pisanty here. Jose, can you hear me?

JOSE ARCE: Jose Arce speaking. Go ahead Alejandro.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: Alejandro Pisanty speaking.

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Checking sound. Well, Alejandro Pisanty speaking. As you already know, this working group, the strategic planning working group, we have been working on the steps to achieve the strategic planning to obtain engagement by the LACRALO community.

So by doing this, this was carried out properly in the group. We are created sort analysis where we analyze the opportunities, threats of trials and witnesses for the working group. We created a sort match matrix, and we did the strategic planning workshop so as to establish a common view to establish the friends, witnesses, opportunities and threats for the region.

And when establishing the mission, addition, and objectives of this working group, we used the sort analysis to make proper decisions to create a working plan. And we might create one year to year, or three year time of plan, working plan. This working plan is not – we have not made that much progress in this plan, but we have been working on that.

I have made some modifications to the proposal, so as to deal with issues like consensus, mandates, and with some, or we found out that this was very important to determine certain competencies because we want a chair of competencies, so this was useful for that. Interpreters apologize, but Alejandro Pisanty's audio is not clear.

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That night we have been working on this matrix so as to establish a calendar for the sort analysis, and in order to work with the community, and to see how we can interact with the community as to work as a facilitator. We need to decide whether this is important or necessary to hire an external facilitator.

We need to modify the participation within the group. We have done that. So we had a positive result. We have increased participation, we have [? 0:38:59] and other participants, and some other people to work, such as [? 0:39:06]. So we would like to keep on inviting members to participate in this working group.

So as to provide the necessary [? 0:39:19] to work, to keep on working. We can vote on the activities of this working group to close the working group or the activities of the working group and we hope to, that this is in the future and to provide a final proposal in the next monthly call. Then I would like to make a proposal based on the response of the working group.

JOSE ARCE:

Jose Arce speaking. Thank you very much Alejandro for the summary of your working group. I'm really happy with the progress made. We are now setting dates to keep on moving and to provide a final result as soon as possible, in order to implement what we have planned.

Our wish is that from the result of this working group, we would like to obtain improvements by implementing their recommendations. So together with Alejandro, we're focusing on any concerns that participants may have, and we are also focusing on the source analysis to keep on working. So I would agree with Alejandro that once we have the matrix ready, we'll keep on working with it.

So I don't know if there is any question regarding these working groups, otherwise we will move forward with the agenda. I see Antonio has disconnect from the AC room. We'll send him a reminder by email for him to provide an update on the working group.

I see that there are many people chatting on the AC room. I will ready, Johnny Laureano wrote, "Jose, I would like to propose this working group be enlarged or open to all the ones who would like to participate. So this should be considered among the members of the community." Alejandro is the Chair, Alejandro I see your hand up. Would you like to reply?

ALEJANDRO PISANTY:

Alejandro Pisanty speaking. I would like to introduce something. This working group was created to prepare the work of the community. So in the following two weeks, you and I Jose, you know, we would like to

obtain the positive, I won't say affirmative, but positive vote of the members of the community so as to finish with our work activity.

So it is to work with the community so that we can schedule and program our strategic work, so the idea with this working group is to perform the preliminary work with the community, together with the community.

JOSE ARCE:

Jose Arce speaking. Thank you very much Alejandro. Now we will discuss the next item on the agenda. This has to do with the elections. Silvia, would you like to take the floor?

SILVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE:

Hello, Jose, this is Silvia Heirlein Leite. I would like to ask this task to put on the screen webpage related to the ALAC elections. We have a page where there is a summary of all of the elections that are being carried out now. According to the decision made by the ALAC, I know that to facilitate and to make the staff work easier, it was decided that elections should be held jointly and now we have a call for election in our RALO, as well as in other RALOs, in relation to the representatives to the Nom Com that are elected by the RALO.

Sorry. Not elected by the RALOs but by the ALAC in fact, this is a position being occupied by [? 0:44:07] nowadays. So I would like to ask the staff to post the link so that we can all share and see the page together. So for this position, I see it on my computer but I don't know if you can see it on your screen. So as I said before, it is not the RALO

electing the representative, by this – the ALAC electing the representative.

So what the RALO can do is to appoint a candidate or a self-nomination, so we can carry a vote within our regions and recommend or suggest a candidate to the ALAC elected by us. Nowadays we have, for that position, [? 0:45:15] ...so have nominated Carlos Vera, he was appointed by Alberto Soto. [? 0:45:24], he was nominated by Johnny Laureano.

[? 0:45:30] should self-nominated or appointed, because she has the right for reelection. And then we have someone nominated by the anon. These people have accepted their nominations. The final date was June the 14th and this week, or at the end of the week or the beginning of the next week, we are organizing a call so that the candidates may make known, and so that community may ask them all necessary questions.

So of course, we will communicate or inform the date for this call, only with the candidates for the Nom Com. On the other hand, we have another election related to one of the members, the ALAC members in our region. The position is now being occupied by Natalia. These positions is not going to be reelected, so we need another candidate to occupy Natalia's position. So please bear with me, I'm looking for the name of the candidates.

So for our region to have Fatima Cambroner, she was nominated by Carlton Samuels and Johnny Laureano nominated by Antonio Medina. I would like to remember you the date, up to June the 21st, these are two people will have to accept or reject their nominations. And we will have

a call for the community to know them and made them the necessary questions regarding their proposal for the next few years that they would act as ALAC members.

So is there any question regarding this issue?

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Silvia, this is Alejandro Pisanty. Silviy Heirlein Leite, go ahead Alejandro.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY:

Alejandro Pisanty speaking. My question is this, what does the position to be made regarding the candidates of the nom com, since the vote will be carried out by ALAC only?

SILVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE:

Silvia speaking. That's right Alejandro. What we will do is this, after my participation, I will give the floor for you to explain the elections and the internal process, and how we will work internally in our region. But by now, we will do this. We will do the same as we did for the previous elections. It is not a RALO electing the candidates, we are just suggesting candidates to the ALAC.

We are suggesting those that we believe will perform better, so during this week we will organize a conference call with all of the candidates, and then we will have a vote in the region. And I think this voting will be open, and the result of this voting will be the advice that we will give to the ALAC.

If there are no further questions, Alejandro, I would like to give you the floor so that you can let us know what you send us to the list an hour ago regarding your proposals for next election.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY:

Alejandro Pisanty speaking. The message is really brief. The meeting procedures that we need are the ones letting us know the point of view of the candidates. We also need to know if there is interest that may limit the loyalty of the candidate to receive that RALO community, because they may have other obligations especially regarding the topics of interest in relation to those issues that have a high economic impact.

Or we will need to discuss if there is any conflict of interest. I think this is important, and I think the election should be transparent, clear, and the courage to have a clear mandate. There are certain written procedures, but I believe that we need to discuss if there should be a mandate, and I understand we can do this.

The call should not be the first announcement election, but I think that's perhaps 10 days before the call, I think there should be an announcement expressing the rule, or detailing the rule, for the call for elections. And we should have written discussions and calls among the candidates, to see their different proposals and their different interests.

In the case of the Nom Com, Sylvia told us we should have a proposal. And I think that it's a very important point to take into account. This proposal requires understanding, therefore we should look for consensus, well we should have a formal election or say if we're going to make, or not, a formal announcement for the candidates.

And we should express in the formal rules.

SYLVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE:

Sylvia speaking. Thank you very much Alejandro. Of course we will take into account what you have mentioned, and I will put that on the email, for other participants and members to follow your idea. I see Juan saying, “Sylvia, RALO is deciding whether we should advise for a candidate or not, and the RALO has not made that decision.”

Juan, this is correct. We have always suggested a candidate and the ALAC takes our recommendation or not. But up to now, we have always recommended someone. This time we will do that because we have many candidates, we will have a conference call, then we will carry out a voting for the community after the call to decide who is the candidate that will be recommended.

Sylvia posted a reminder, and Alberto says, “Why voting if it is not a compulsory voting or a bounding vote?” In other RALOs there are particular support, but not a vote. Sylvia speaking. Well, have done this in the past. This is the way we do it so I think this is important because we have four to five candidates.

So we need to consider it. This was a process that was carried out in the past, as I said before, and that’s why what Alejandro said is so important. We need to [? 0:54:10] this as a community for the future. The problem now is that, since the ALAC, or the ALAC decided that all the RALOs will vote all together, in the same period, in order to make it on the staff easier, we are not having time to inform the community about this.

So, for example, the ALAC member position, Natalia Enciso, will attend all the meetings. But if the person we elected, or the person elected will take position in 2014. In the past, we did that at the end of the year, but now all the RALOs are working in this new process.

Fatima, I see your hand up, you have the floor, go ahead please.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO:

This is Fatima Cambronero speaking. Thank you very much Sylvia. I have a question. There is something I'm not understanding. In the call for the candidates in the nom com, I understood, or it was my understanding, that we are didn't have to recommend a candidate.

I understood that we had to elect the candidate. And I remember the situation that we had in the past with a nom com candidate, we recommended or suggested a candidate, but the ALAC elected another candidate. So taking into account this experience, and know that it is not compulsory, the candidate being recommended by the RALO, do we have to recommend a candidate?

I'm asking this because I am not clear on the process. I don't understand this very much.

SYLVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE:

Sylvia speaking. Thank you very much Fatima. You're right about the experience we had, or we had in the past. But this was already verified, that's why we say this is a recommendation, this is not mandatory or compulsory. So we have five candidates, and we cannot send five

candidates to the ALAC because we are the community, and we LACRALO know the candidates more than the members of the ALAC.

So if we follow our historical procedures, this is the way we should proceed.

JOSE ARCE: Sorry for interrupting you Silvia. This is Jose Arce speaking.

SILVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE: Go ahead Jose.

JOSE ARCE: Jose Arce speaking. Humberto is saying that he has a question, but I would like to shed some light on this regarding the election, the last election with Carlos Vera. I would like to speak about that experience. And Humberto will speak about that. Humberto go ahead please. Humberto we are running out of time, so you have the floor.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto Carrasco speaking. Can you hear me? I would like to ask something. Is it possible for the ALAC to elect people, or candidates, that have not been appointed in the past?

SILVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE: Sylvia Heirlein Leite speaking. No, that was not the case. That has never happened in the past. They have always elected people recommended by the RALO.

JOSE ARCE: Jose Arce speaking. It is 9:00, do we have another extra half an hour? I would like to check if we have enough time to keep on discussing. Silvia, do we have extra time?

SILVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE: Sylvia speaking. Yes we have half an hour more.

JOSE ARCE: Jose Arce speaking. Okay, perfect. So, I would like to say this. I remember that we had a very difficult experience regarding the election of Carlos. So the region might decide not to vote on say the ALAC, that the community had proposed two candidates coming from the community, and we can – if we want, we can tell the ALAC that there is a candidate with more support than the other.

I think the community is free to do this, and there is no rule from the by-laws forbidding this. So I think that if we agree, we can just live or put the voting aside, and proceed with this proposal. The idea, Alejandro's proposal, is to have only one candidate so it would be ideal to elect or to suggest one candidate based on consensus.

I think it is possible if we want to avoid the voting, we can inform the ALAC as it is the case when we provide advice, for example, on the ALS.

So we have the candidates, we can say that they come from the community and that they are supported by the community. And here we have to take into account what Alejandro is saying that the candidate should have a working plan, they should express their interest, and so on.

I see Alejandro is typing. He says, “Well, that is not the proposal.” Okay, but that is the ideal situation. You mentioned that, so I won’t say that it is the proposal, but I’m just repeating your words. So I would like... I wanted to mention that, because anyone can propose this in the email list, and if there is consensus, we can proceed in that way.

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JOSE ARCE: Jose Arce speaking. I don’t know if there is any further questions. Alejandro has put up his hand. Alejandro go ahead please.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: Alejandro Pisanty speaking. Clearly there has been some confusion regarding objectives, procedures, and a rule that apparently is new. I believe we could do the following. You and Sylvia could review very briefly, the new or the possibly new requirements, and you should circulate that in both languages.

And that should be the starting point for us to make a decision. If we are going to go ahead with our recommendation, we need to be very clear regarding the procedure. We’re not going to make a decision if we are pressed for time, if we do not have time to do that. So we need to

have this freedom for each of us to freely express their thoughts before ALAC members.

So that they get to know our opinions on [up to praise 1:02:19] candidates. Regarding this position about the nom com, well that is very important in terms of hierarchy and in terms of global impact upon ICANN, far more important than deciding on the ALAC member. Because the person serving within the nom com will be making decisions on the nom com nominated ALAC member, and the ccNSO counsel and other nom com nominated positions.

I believe that proof, proved track record having internal knowledge of ICANN, of the ICANN environment within decision making takes place, well those are very important factors that cannot be taken lightly. This decision needs to enable a very active debate regarding each of the participating candidates. This is a critical factor.

If we're not going to have that discussion, then we should focus only on the ALAC elections.

SYLVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE:

Sylvia Heirlein Leite speaking. Thank you Alejandro. Several people have posted comments in the AC room, and Carlos Vera is requesting the floor. So Carlos, go ahead please, you have the floor.

CARLOS VERA:

Carlos Vera speaking. Thank you. I'm thinking about two things regarding elections. We have several months to put forth proposals in order to handle elections better, but I don't think we should come up

with proposals when we are facing elections because this creates confusion.

We shouldn't even be addressing this topic at this stage we are going through right now. If we are going to make changes, we should wait until the end of the election. Secondly, I agree with Fatima and many of the participants here. Why should we vote internally? Or have an internal recommendation within a RALO if they're not going to be involved?

It wouldn't make any sense. What would make sense is to do what many of us on the list are asking for. If the RALO proposes exclusively the candidate with the higher number of votes. Out of the five candidates, we will be nominating, we should say, "Okay. This is the one with the higher number of votes." So this means we have the RALO candidate, and then we proceed with an internal vote and as Sylvia says, they will chose the RALO candidate and the majority, objective, or will, carried through. Thank you.

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JOSE ARCE: Jose Arce speaking. Juan Manuel Rojas is putting his hand up. You can take the floor, Juan Manuel, go ahead please.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Thank you. Juan Manuel Rojas speaking now. Basically, we're saying that we have, well, five candidates for the nom com according to what

you all have said. Well, I am speaking on the phone so I don't, I'm not in the AC room. Thank you.

So the thing is, excuse me. Hello? Can you hear me? Okay, okay. I'll go ahead. I couldn't hear Carolos so I thought I had dropped. Anyway, well, basically my point is if we had a low participation or engagement in general, well if we have the option to not recommend anyone, and if the ones deciding are the ALAC members, we can say, "Look, we have five participants that are interested in participating in this or that, so you should in charge of the decision making."

So rather than a recommendation, we should have candidates proposals that we can send together with the names of the candidates if we decide to go ahead and send the names of the five candidates. As Dev was saying, the RALO may or may not send a recommendation along these lines. Thank you.

SILVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE:

Silvia Heirlein Leite speaking. Thank you Juan. Alberto, you have the floor now.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Alberto Soto for the record. The vote would be necessary because it's not binding. The decision making will take place within ALAC. What we can do for these elections is the following. We could support people on an individual basis, that is ALS representative, and ALAC will see who the supporters or the endorsers are.

So there is a way of endorsing or supporting the candidates that we prefer. But the vote is pointless because it's non-binding. ALAC will not take it into account. We can have a higher or a lower support if, as Juan Manuel says, we send the different proposals, well that would be a significant detail for ALAC to take into account.

SYLVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE:

Sylvia Heirlein Leite speaking. Thank you Alberto. Instead of having each community member sending an email endorsing or supporting somebody else, what we could do is proceed with the vote and see the person obtaining the higher number of votes. So that means if the person endorsed by the community.

In any event, we do need to make a decision because we are organizing the conference call tomorrow and email will be circulated among candidates for them to send their statement of interest that is a kind of CV, and they have to disclose possible conflicts of interest regarding the position they will be holding on the nom com. So we do need to decide and sending that recommendation, or not sending it to the ALAC...

Well, for that, we have a two week timeframe.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Alberto Soto speaking again. What I was saying, was the following. First off, any amendment that we can go ahead with applies to the following elections, not to this one. Secondly, you yourself, Sylvia, you read the different nominees and you read the endorsers or supporters, so we

don't need to send an email each. We should just need to go log onto that page and express whether we support or endorse a candidate.

We are going to use tools that we already have.

SYLVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE: Thank you Alberto. Sylvia Heirlein Leite speaking. Well, the truth is that those names result from emails sent to the list. Silvia Vivanco received the emails and posted the names of the people that have been nominated, etcetera.

No doubt, I take you point in that given the timeframe imposed by the ALAC, these changes have to take place and be applicable to the next position. I don't know if there are any further comments. We have only 17 minutes left, so we should proceed with the agenda.

JOSE ARCE: Jose Arce speaking. Sylvia now.

SYLVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE: Sylvia speaking. Hello Jose, welcome back.

JOSE ARCE: Jose Arce speaking. Let us please proceed with our agenda. And we continue, or follow up, on this discussion on our email exchange list.

SYLVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE: Hylvia Heirlein speaking. Alejandro Pisanty, you have the floor, go ahead please.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: Alejandro Pisanty speaking. Either we do this with clear vote and procedures, or we do not do it. And we can give the Chair and the Secretariat a 24 hour timeframe to see who is provided by that, etcetera, and come up with a concrete proposal.

If we are going to proceed with a vote, we are going to do it according to all of the rules, the applicable rules, or else we would have to say, "Okay. The opportunity slipped by. We didn't realize we had to do this." And that is it. Thank you.

SYLVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE: Sylvia Heirlein speaking. Thank you Alejandro. Okay. So please do post comments here in the AC room, and send your comments to the list. We will take the comments into consideration. May we now proceed with item six on the agenda please? That is the updating ALS information together with staff.

Some confusion across staff. Basically, the idea is for you to click on the link with a summary, with a list of all the LACRALO ALSs, each of the representatives has to do that and check whether your ALS information is correct and updated. If you like the way it is displayed, if you want to change anything, some ALSs are very old, maybe the information dates from the time you were accredited in LACRALO.

Also let us know if the logo of your organization has changed, etcetera. So please include that information in an email, and send that email to Natalie from staff. This will result in a better layout, and it will be done in preparation for London 2014. So if anyone has a question regarding this, please put up your hand.

In any event, you can send the information by email so we will proceed with item seven on the agenda. Jose you have the floor, go ahead please.

JOSE ARCE:

Jose Arce speaking for the record. Well, I just wanted to remind you of the regional IGF that will be taken place, between August 27th and August 29th in Córdoba, Argentina. You are all invited. A short while ago, somebody circulated a reminder in order to apply for different fellowship, or scholarship, or support rather, with airfares and accommodations.

So this will be a very good opportunity for us to get good feedback on the topics that will be addressed. So you're all invited. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Fatima or myself. We will be very happy to help you.

I don't know if there are any questions or comments regarding this point. Well, it's 9:18 PM in my local time, so if anybody has any other comments, further comments, or questions?

SYLVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE:

Sylvia Heirlein speaking. I would like to address item eight.

JOSE ARCE: Jose speaking. Oh, I'm sorry Sylvia. I skipped item number eight.

SYLVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE: Sylvia Heirlein speaking. No problem at all Jose. We are working on a weekly basis. We are making significant progress. Last week, I circulated an email on this, telling you about one of the sub-groups and the work we were going to be doing in that sub-group.

But what I wanted to say is that this group end product will be very interesting because we are compiling all these surveys, all the materials that is circulated after an ICANN meeting. Today we received the result of the surveys after Beijing and Seoul that will be posted on the working group page.

So it will be very important because it will be a summary of the history of all the meetings, and what the community, or the changes the community wants to be in place. And we are taking care of all participants and all constituents, constituencies, so that our meetings are more productive.

So if you have participated in an ICANN meeting, please do send me ideas, suggestions, for improvement regarding our activities during the meetings. I will be more than happy to refer that to the corresponding sub-group. I don't if there are any questions.

If so, you can send me your questions by email. Now, in terms of any other business, Diego Acosta had asked for the floor because he wanted

to speak about the leveling group that is ongoing. But I see that Alejandro Pisanty has asked for the floor, so go ahead please Alejandro.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY:

Alejandro Pisanty speaking. In the interest of making the most of the progress reached by the strategic planning working group in our slot, and making the most of the superb capacity building session we had today. Well, here is my proposal. We should start working immediately in our community to come up with one or more proposals, but we should focus on one proposal regarding ongoing consultations within ICANN.

We should focus on ALAC. We should focus on those that are particularly relevant. The Chair, and the Secretariat, and the ALAC representative that is Jose, Sylvia, and Natalia, should pre-select three of these topics or subjects. We should vote on these topics, on our email exchange list, we should do an electronic vote, and we should focus on the following: having the Chair, and the Secretariat, and Natalia monitoring and being the shepherd of the community so that we can resolve a set of particularly important problems, such as low participation and lack of knowledge of certain subjects.

And of course, they... I volunteer to support this initiative with whatever is within my reach.

SYLVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE:

Hylvia Heirlein speaking. Diego, you have the floor, go ahead please.

DIEGO ACOSTA:

Diego Acosta for the record. Just a reminder, I would like to share something with the community. We are working within the leveling working group. We have held a very productive meeting in order to define the strategies, the working strategies, toward the creation of a leveling training course.

So I would like to invite the best talent to join us so that this training course becomes a resource that enables participation, enables the widening of participation so that we can strengthen objectives and proposals that come from the community in general. I have posted a link in the AC room. This is the link to the meeting that we held, and in the coming days, we will be releasing a survey that will lead to the definition of a baseline in order to focus on the different content to be addressed by the [? 1:22:26] training or future trainers, sorry, or teachers.

So thank you all. Thank you very much.

SYLVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE:

Sylvia Heirlein speaking. Fatima, you have the floor, go ahead please.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO:

Fatima speaking. Thank you Sylvia. I agree with Alejandro's proposal in that I believe it's a good opportunity for us to put into practice what we learned in the last two calls. How to engage in policies, and now we have practical participation tools. Personally, I wouldn't see, or I wouldn't say this should be mandatory, but there should be somebody

monitoring these together with volunteers to show, or to demonstrate, that we have learned that we can put this into practice.

Especialy in regarding ongoing debates. If this is so, I volunteer to help and to participate.

SYLVIA HEIRLEIN LEITE: Sylvia Heirlein speaking. Thank you Fatima. Alejandro, you have one minute because I need to give the floor to Jose to bring the call to a close. Thank you.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: Alejandro Pisanty speaking. Thank you. The leveling group, first of all needs to draft an inventory, a review, of all the capacity building initiatives previously done and available.

SYLVIA HEIRLEN LEITE: Sylvia Heirlein speaking. Thank you. Jose you have the floor.

JOSE ARCE: Jose Arce speaking. Thank you Sylvia. I agree with Alejandro regarding the leveling group. I am not a member of that group, but I think they are at an earlier stage. They are focusing on a regional survey to see the level of knowledge on a regional scale.

And after that survey takes place, then they would focus on what Alejandro is suggesting. For my part, I would like to thank you for your active engagement. Many of you are concerned about elections, about

procedures, policies. We've had a great presentation from staff, that is always willing to help us.

Plenty of chat and interruption in the Adobe Connect room, so I am very pleased at the end of this meeting because it is with meetings like this one that we can move forward in the region seriously and respectfully toward a shared goal. If our region can grow on a day to day basis, well we can do so by growing on a personal basis and then on a collaborative basis, and working together as a team overcoming any differences that we may have.

So that is all from my part. I want to thank you all, to thank staff, to thank the interpreters, to thank all participants on both the English and the Spanish channel. So have a good evening, and we will stay in touch by means of our mailing list.

In case you have any doubts or need any help. Thank you all and good-bye.

[Various good-byes and personal conversations]

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