JULIA CHARVOLEN:	Welcome everyone to the Board Members Selection Process Committee call, on Monday, 24th February, 2014 at 19 UTC. On the call today, we have Tijani Ben Jemaa, Maureen Hilyard, Oksana Prykhodko, Dev Anand Teelucksingh, Roberto Gateano, Eduardo Diaz, and Darlene Thompson. We have apologies from Baudouin Schombe.
	And from staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Ariel Liang, and myself, Julia Charvolen. May I please remind all participants to please state your names before speaking for transcript purposes. Thank you and over to you Tijani.
TIJANI BEN JEMAA:	Thank you Julia. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. So this is the call of the BMSPC. Today this call is very important because it will be the kickoff, if you want, of the process of the election. Since now we have the final slate, so we will start now the process of the election.
	Item number three on the agenda is electorate definition. I am sure you've all read the rule number 19. So the rule number 19 says that the electorate is composed of the 15 members of the ALAC, plus the five chairs of the RALOs. But, also the rule number 19 says that, members of the BCEC cannot vote. If we do a small, simulated between this and the NomCom we can say also that the members of the NomCom shouldn't vote.
	If we don't have replacement, this is not an issue because we don't have this case. But in case we have replacements, and we have, we will need

to take care of these two points. So, if – I am speaking, and if someone has any question, I am ready to stop and answer the question or any comment if you want.

So now we will go to the replacement. There are three cases of replacement. The first one is that the candidates are, the members of the ALAC are candidates, and those committees cannot vote, so we need to replace them. The second case, is the case of the ALAC vacant seat, or so – we need to fill this seat to vote the issue of the vote only. We are talking about the vote.

And the last case is the RALO chair, [?] if you want. So, the rules govern these three cases, which are the all possible cases, and in all the cases, the RALO, the [?] the concerned RALO, will replace – we do the replacement according to their rules of procedures, according to their rules for voting, etc. So, are there any questions? Are there any comments on that?

So, if there is not, I will continue. The issue number four, the item number four under agenda, is the directed vote. And the new rules of procedure, rule number 19, says that only the chair of the RALO can have the elected vote, if the RALO decided so. So, for the other members, the ALAC members, they cannot have a directed vote. For sure, they can consult with their ALSs.

They can take into consideration the point of view of the other ALSs, but they are voting on their own behalf. While is the RALO chair can be obliged to vote according to the direction of the RALO, if the RALO decided so. Okay? Issue, item number five, proxies. We need now, this

is something that we have to do today, we have to define the rules for the proxies. We know that anyone can give a proxy for another member, to vote on behalf of this member.

So how we will accept the proxy? Shall we ask for a written document, and a signed document? Shall we accept it by email? Shall we accept it, I don't know, chat conversation? This is something that we have to decide today, so I open the floor. Tell me what you think about this point.

My point of view, this is a very important thing, so we need to ask for the signed document, written and signed document. I don't see anyone raising his hand.

EDUARDO DIAZ: I am, this is Eduardo.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, Eduardo, please, go ahead.

EDUARDO DIAZ: I have a question. The proxy, even if [there is fine?], is this… I mean, they can sign via emails. The question is, how long before the voting this proxy should be in place? That's the question I have. What is the requirement? Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMMA: Yes, you're right. So one of the things that we have to define today, in the proxy rules, is what is the deadline to send the proxy to the BMSPC? So I think that we cannot proxies at the last minute, except if we – no. Eduardo, you are right, but if we are voting in face to face, we may accept the proxy onsite. But my question is, if the member who will give the proxy, is onsite, why would he give a proxy?

So we need to define a deadline for the proxy, because sure, the person who will give the proxy will not be onsite, and I think that we need to receive those proxies ahead from Singapore meeting. Do we have any problems with that? Yes, please, Eduardo.

EDUARDO DIAZ: This is Eduardo for the record. I have another question. Maybe I'm missing, but is this voting happening in Singapore, specifically, I mean when we go there?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, thank you for this question. I will come to that, but I can tell you that voting face to face is more, how to say, more transparent. Nobody can say, "Oh, your system is fake, is tricky. The vote is not right." So if we do it face to face, there is a box, there is a piece of paper in the boxes, and we can open the papers, and everyone can see them, everything is clear.

So since we have time to do it in Singapore, and it is almost the time to do it there, so we will try to make the second round in Singapore. The first round being the round, in reach, we will reduce the number of

candidates to three only. So this first round will be done [?], and – but the second round should be done face to face. I propose to do it face to face, and I think it is a good thing because it is transparent way to do the vote.

The second, Maureen. Maureen please.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you Tijani. Just clarification for me then. So there are two rounds of votes and one round of [dispersing?] of four, then what are the timeframes that we would need to get those proxies notifications in? So we need to get the proxies done, and then we have the vote on the particular… What are those dates and what is the timeframe for the proxy?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, I understand. So if we have proxies for the first round, we need to have it before first round. But I don't assume that someone will give proxy only for the second round, and you're right. So we have… I think that we need to receive the proxies ahead from the first round date, and we shall define together, how long, no. What is the deadline for receiving the proxies if we will vote on 16th of March, for example?

Shall we need five days before, three days before, etc.? Dev, please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. Dev Anand Teelucksingh speaking. Well, I think I would say a week before the first round would be more than adequate, especially

given that it is a virtual one. It would have to be something, you know, very, very drastic, if they will not be able to do the first round because it's virtual. You will have a few days to submit your votes, so it's not like you have to be online at the same time to cast your vote.

So that's one thing. But the second round, which maybe face to face at the Singapore meeting, potentially, there may be circumstances can't be at the Singapore meeting. There is a last minute, you know, some problem, problem with the flight, and so forth. So perhaps, my suggestion would be that if there – I would say the proxy needs to be sent in, I would say, two days before any online votes aside.

Two days before any face to face vote in Singapore. That would give, like if a person is unable to make it in the room at Singapore due to whatever reason, they can submit, well, either one or two things. One, they could confirm they are able to vote electronically, and failing that, they are assigned a proxy.

So my suggestion is just thinking about it, throwing it out there for the group to consider, two days – for the second round, two days before.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Dev. I think that if someone is not able to make it because of flights, because of anything, He can vote in the committee, and we'll use all kinds of votes, it can also be by telephone. And this will need the help of the staff, and we will set a procedure for that so that everything will be clear. In case someone needs to vote by proxy for any reason, I don't know what can it be, for the second round only, I think that the

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proxy shall – it has to be in the hands of the BMSPC before Singapore meeting, because probably we'll vote on Sunday.

So the first… So we'll need to receive the meeting of Singapore. Okay, Dev your hand up.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Sorry. It's an old hand. All right, I'll think about that. I'll put my hand down.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. Eduardo please.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Tijani, thank you so much. This is Eduardo Diaz for the record. I'm confused. I have a question. What is this first round for? And the second one, can you explain that?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Eduardo, since you are a member of the BMSPC, I really ask you friendly to read the rule number 19. It is very important. So I will explain to you what is the first round and the second round. Now we have a slate of five candidates, isn't it? So, to reach three candidates only, we need to do the first round. So the first round is to drop two candidates. And the second round is to do the election between three persons.

We may have the second round run several times, or two times at least. If we don't have one of the candidates that have more than 50% of the votes, we will run it again. If we run it again and still don't have one who has more than 50%, we will go to – that means that they are, because if we don't have one that has 50% in the first run of the second round, we will drop the last one and we will keep only two.

And then we will run the election again, and if one of them, one of the two remaining candidates have more than 50% of the votes, they will be the winner. If no one gets more than 50% that means that they have the same vote, because we have only two candidates. We may, if we have time, run it again, if people change their mind. But if we run it again and we still have the quality, we will go to the tie breaker.

So please, Eduardo, please read the rules. It's very important that everyone from the BMSPC has to be very clear about the rules.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Tijani, I just read this. Thank you so much. I've got it. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, thank you. Oksana please.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you Tijani. Oksana Prykhodko for the record. I have two questions. The first one, how to submit written letter and to whom? This is the first question. And the other one, proxy can only be from those who will be in Singapore or not? Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. How to write and sign the letter. For proxy you mean?

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Proxy can be only from those who will be in Singapore?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No, no, that is the second question. Your first question, you said how to write a letter and send it?

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: No, no. How to send it, how to deliver this letter.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: The person, the proxy letter?

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Yes, proxy letter. How to submit it? And to whom?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, this is the question, this is what we have to decide now. We have to decide on the rules for the proxies. And the first question I ask is, shall we ask for written proxy and signed proxy? If we asked for written and signed proxy, we have to decide how the person will send this letter, how it will reach us. To whom he has to send it, and that isn't clear.

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I think that all proxies shall be sent to the staff, and staff will give a post address to receive all the proxies. If we decide that, we need a written and signed proxy. And I think this is the wise way to do it. But we didn't decide yet.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Okay, thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: The second question was, yes for the proxy. It is not only for Singapore, for the first round also, if someone doesn't have the means to vote, he can give a proxy to another person, and it can be done also for the first round. Before Singapore. Okay?

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Okay. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you. So, may – I would propose you that we will ask for a region and find proxies, if you agree please put the green tick, if you disagree please put the red cross. I have a green tick from Eduardo, from Oksana, and from Maureen. Okay. Darlene, okay. Okay, thank you very much. So we will ask for a written and signed proxy.

So second decision, this written and signed proxy has to be sent to the staff, and staff will give – we'll come back to how the procedure will be done, but the staff will give a post address so that they will receive all

the proxies. Thank you. Is there any other thing that we have to discuss regarding the proxy rules?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Tijani? Hello, this is Silvia Vivanco from staff.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes Silvia.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Will it be possible to have the proxy done in a letter and signed and stamped, send it by attachment in an email to staff?   Because my concern is that perhaps, I don't know, sometimes the post offices throughout the world take time, and in the interest of time, we may want to have another method that could be – to make sure that we receive, the staff receives the proxy on time, to have it in an attachment to an email.

Would that be acceptable to you?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Silvia for your question. I understand your concern. All of this is about the reliability of something stamped and sent. This is my fear. But I will ask the question to everybody. I have two hands here. Eduardo, please. Eduardo?

EDUARDO DIAZ: I'm sorry. This is Eduardo. Just, I wanted to know if these proxies are going to be directed or just, you know, where I guess the proxies wouldn't tell who to vote for. Is that something that we care [about]?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I understand your question, but it is not our job because we have a recognition from the person who has to vote that he – someone else will vote in his, on his behalf. But we don't know how he will vote. How we will verify that he voted exactly as the other person wanted? This is not our work.

But in the rules, you will find the answer to this question, but I do not think this is our work, this is not our job. Maureen, please.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you Tijani. I'm Maureen for the record. I just sort of like think it's really important that, I guess because there is even some confusion amongst our group, is that the notice that goes out to the electors, the voting panel, really is very clear about the dates of the voting, about procedure for the proxy, the procedure for the voting, so that everyone really understands the whole process.

And I'm assuming that is going to come from you, correct?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you. Maureen, we will define the procedure for things that are not detailed in the rules, but everything is well detailed in the rules, except for the proxy for example, for the proxy rules, how it

should be done. But for the other, for the elections, it is very well detailed. Okay?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. I need you to tell me please, do you accept that proxies are scanned and sent by attachment, or by attached to – do we agree on that? Yes, Oksana agrees.

MAUREEN HILYARD: I'm sorry, Tijani. Could you just repeat that for me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes. I am asking if you accept that the proxy, the signed proxy, is scanned and sent by email, by an attached file. Okay. Eduardo, no Eduardo… Now, I have Oksana and Darlene, and Eduardo. Okay. Maureen, you have your hand up. Okay. So I now have three, four. Who disagrees with that? Okay. Everyone agrees. Okay, very well.

So we will accept scanned proxies and sent by email. This will be much easier. Okay, any other remarks regarding the proxy rules? Maureen, you have your hand up. Maureen?

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MAUREEN HILYARD:	Sorry, I was on mute. So did we agree on the time saying the proxies had to be in before the voting?
TIJANI BEN JEMAA:	Yes, you're right. Now we have proposals. I propose for the face to face voting, if the proxy is for the face to face voting only, we have to get it before the Singapore meeting. If it is for both, round one and round two, it must reach the staff before 16th, before 15th of March. Do we agree on that? Okay. Thank you. Yes, Maureen please. Thank you Eduardo. Thank you Oksana. Maureen?
MAUREEN HILYARD:	It's Maureen speaking. So are you saying that we will not be expecting proxies for the first round, because they weren't allowed to vote [?]…
TIJANI BEN JEMAA:	No, I didn't said that. I said that any voter, or any member of the electorate may give a proxy for the first or for the second round or for both. And if it is only for the second round, it must reach the staff before Singapore meeting. If it is for both, it must reach the staff before 15th of March. Yes?
MAUREEN HILYARD:	Okay.
TIJANI BEN JEMAA:	Dev please.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Dev.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Hi. Thanks. Dev Anand Teelucksingh speaking. I just want to confirm the date, when you say the beginning of the Singapore meeting, because the beginning starts for different groups. Are you referring to the Saturday the 22nd?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: You're right. No, we will define the date according to the staff travel. So if the staff travels two days before, for example, we will define the date… They have to receive it in Los Angeles while they are still at home so that we will not lose perhaps, I don't know, if someone sends a letter and it didn't reach the Los Angeles Bureau of ICANN before they leave to Singapore, it would be a problem.

So the deadline will be defined according to the staff travel. Does it make sense for you?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: This is Dev. All right. So the travel is probably going to be around the 18th then of – the 18th of March then, is what you're saying. I mean roughly. Staff needs to confirm this.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, we will ask staff. Staff will give us the date, the final date. Thank you. Okay. Did we finish with the proxy? Is there any other question about the proxy? If not, we go to item number six of the agenda which is voting method. So, again, so that everyone will be on the same page, the first round will consist of reducing the slate from five to three candidates only.

And it will be done electronically before Singapore. I think to be on the 16th we will receive, after that, the timelines. The second round will start by doing the vote, and if we have one of the candidates reaching more than 50% of the votes, he will be winner. If not, we don't have one of them with more than 50% of the votes, we will run a second, second round. No.

First we will drop the third one, the one that has the less votes, and we will have, in this case, only two candidates on the slate. And we will run another vote to have – to choose one of those two persons. And if we have one of them more than 50% of the votes, he will be the winner. If not, if we have time, we will run it again in case people change their minds. But if they didn't, and we have always the same result, we will go to tie breaker.

To tie breaking process. And here, also, we need to decide. So, how will we do the tie breaking? There are several methods. Alan Greenberg proposed one method, which is software giving the fractions, if you want, and you run it as many times as you want and every time it gives you different results. So, this is a method. If every voter is onsite,

we can do something much easier and much more transparent, which is put two names on two pieces of paper and bring someone to take one of them and it will be the winner.

It is a random selection in a way. So, those are the proposals. Tell me what you prefer, or if you have other methods of tie breaking.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Tijani, this is Eduardo, can you repeat the first one? The one that is not random.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. No, it can do random also. It is a software giving random results. So, you enter your parameters, how many per persons, etc. and then you run it. It will give you two figures. So the first one, you have people, for example, X, number one, Mr. Y, number two. And the software will give you, number one is 0.221; number two is 0.565, for example.

So it is number two who is the winner. And you run it again, it will give you a different result. It is a random, if you want, how to say? It is software to give you random figures every time that you run it. So we have the choice between do we do it like this or do we – since we are face to face, doing it in a very, very simple and very conventional method.

Yes, Eduardo again.

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EDUARDO DIAZ: This is Eduardo for the record. And the [?] because we have an even number of people, 15 plus five chairs from the RALO. Is that why we expect to have a tie?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No. We are 15, 15.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: 20.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No, no, no. 20. Excuse me, we are 20. 20 is an even figure. And we have 10 voting for this and 10 voting for the other.

EDUARDO DIAZ: And can we use the chair as the tie breaker? We do this, because we do not like the drama.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Chair of what? Of the ALAC?

EDUARDO DIAZ: Yeah, chair vote.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Chair of the ALAC is a voter. I don't know. Tell me if you want it like this, but I think it is better to, because I don't want to put the chair in this position because he will have enemies after that.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: I would agree. This is Dev, sorry.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, Dev, yes. Thank you. Eduardo.

EDUARDO DIAZ: No, no, no. [?]

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: This is Dev. I don't think having the ALAC chair breaking the tie would be the appropriate thing because, well, because then everybody will know what the ALAC chair had a preference for. And to me, it should not have been, especially as we have tried to maintain a secrecy of the ballot and so forth. I'm thinking what Tijani mentioned.

If it is face to face, then to have it as random as possible, have the two names in the box and then somebody, a neutral party, I would say the staff, pull out one from the box, would be the most appropriate thing to do. That's my thinking. Regarding the software method, the problem potentially would be what exactly is – how… I guess we'll be looking at the validating of the code that is used to generate the randomness of this.

There would be suspicions as to well, we just pushed a button on the keyboard and this number pops out. We're going to have this, well, what is it random or was it not random?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, exactly. You are right. That's why I said the face to face meeting is more transparent. The face to face vote is more transparent because it will permit us to make the tie breaking face to face.   So, very transparent, no one will say, "Oh, perhaps your software is ticking. Oh, perhaps you did it in this way because you want this man to win."

So the best way is to do something very simple and very transparent. This is my point of view. I ask you your point of view please.

EDUARDO DIAZ: This is Eduardo for the record. My point of view is to continue voting until somebody gets 50%. You know, this kind of things is like flipping a coin. It's not… It's like Maureen said, you defeat the purpose of a home grown process if it ends up in flipping a coin. That's my point. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, thank you.   Eduardo [?] I was on the APSTC, I think, it was the committee who designed all the process at the beginning for the first round, for the first election. And I was one of the persons who said anything random is not good. We need to choose any other criteria, but not the random way. But now we have rules, we have rules.

And the rules say tie breaking. They don't give, how to say, they don't say that we use other criteria to take the results, and also we cannot run the election several times. The rules say, in each step we can run it twice only. You understand? So, as I said, if they are under quantity, we can run it for the second time. If they still are under quantity, we are obliged to go to the tie breaking method.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Okay. Yeah. This is Eduardo again for the record. So, if I understand what you are saying, if we can try two times before going to a tie breaker, is that correct?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: That's it. That's it. That's it. [CROSSTALK]

EDUARDO DIAZ: …then we don't have to vote.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Pardon? Repeat.

EDUARDO DIAZ: That if the rules are like that, and the tie breaker is random, I don't see any other way except if we get somebody else to be the tie breaker.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Exactly.

EDUARDO DIAZ: So there is nothing to vote. If we do it by software or by a piece of paper. That's what we have to vote.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Exactly.

EDUARDO DIAZ: We're not voting to do it random or not, which way we want to do it, software or paper? In that case, paper. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. What do I want to say? Yes, for each step of this vote, for the first round, for the second round when we do the first run of the second round, and then we do the second run, if it is a necessary for the second round, for all of those steps we can run the election, the vote twice, maximum, if we have a tie.

And then if we don't manage to break the tie by the vote we go to tie breaking. Okay. So, that's it.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: This is Dev.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay.   Given that there will be enough time within Singapore to do multiple rounds, so that there will be enough time to, if there is a tie the first or the second round, that voter positions can change, thereby determining an outcome of a candidate getting more than 50%. But a worse-case scenario is that we run out of time, I agree that if it is face to face, that we should go for a paper version. I'm just, well, this maybe an extremely remote possibility, but assuming that for whatever reason, at the end of the Singapore meeting, we are not able to have…

Well, if for whatever reason, due to circumstances the face to face voting did not take place, maybe there is a disruption at the ICANN meeting, something drastic happens, then we will have to then do it electronically, the final vote, the second round, then obviously the paper version would not work.

But I will say that is an extremely remote possibility, maybe we don't need to consider it.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you Dev. In case there is a disaster in Singapore, and I don't anything would happen, surely we'll not make the vote there but if the meeting of Singapore will happen, we will be voting in Singapore. In case there is this problem, this catastrophic problem, we will have a call again and we'll decide which kind of tie breaking method we have to do. Okay? Thank you.

So, for the tie breaking, are there any other questions? Any other suggestions? So I will summarize. For the tie breaking, we will use – since we are voting face to face, we will use the, how do you say? The paper vote if you want, and we will, from two persons we will get one of them who will be the winner. This is something that everyone knows and it will be transparent. Everyone is there and everyone can say it is very fair.

Did I summarize the decision? Okay. I don't see anyone objecting. So this is what has to be in our decision for this point.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Tijani? Sorry. I think Heidi has her hand raised.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Heidi please. Oh, yes, okay. I am sorry Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you Dev. Thank you Tijani. Sorry everyone for coming on a little bit late. But just before the face to face vote in Singapore, legal staff has agreed that someone from legal will be there to observe as well, and to answer any questions that may raise from the legal standpoint on that.

And I see a lot of notes on the rules on how we're going to do the voting, and I'm just wondering, Tijani, if we could have a call perhaps with Gisella and other staff who are going to be helping with this prior

to the actual face to face, so we can go through what kind of people we need, etc., so all of that.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Exactly Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. And then my third point is, I know that the time schedule that is currently on the wiki, is the one that was developed right before the start of the whole process, and now that we're speeding things up a little bit, I'm wondering if that time table should be updated to where it shows the votes and the likely announcement of the winner in Singapore, rather than the 15th of April. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Heidi. As you see, when we reach the point next steps, there will be another finalized display on the screen and we will discuss it together. Yes, if we do the vote in Singapore, the announcement of the winner will be done in Singapore too. For the interaction with the staff, to prepare the vote, the election, yes it will be one of the main things that we have to do together.

I want to have a call with you, to get along with people who would be involved in the voting process, so that we can discuss the details of everything, the logistics, everything, everything, everything. So this is one of the points I want to raise with you. I was waiting for the end of this meeting to send you an email for this particular purpose. Thank you Heidi. You still have your hand up Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Sorry, I'm just moving it down. Sorry.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you. Okay. So if we have finished with that, I will go to agenda item number seven, interaction with the candidates. And here we have to decide on several things. The first one, I remember that the last election, we asked people to ask questions to the candidates, and the candidates answered those questions. They did it by email. And also we did a call for more questions, more answers.

I do propose that we keep the same for this election too. So I would propose, and you tell me if you agree with me, I propose that we'll ask staff to open a wiki page on which all the At Large members can ask questions to the candidates, and candidates have to answer those questions also on the wiki. So that it will be public, everyone can read it. This is the first step of interaction.

The second step, we will organize a call between the electorate and the candidate only, only the electorate. So that the electorate can, the electorate members, if you want, can ask further questions, perhaps more precise questions to the candidates. And finally, there is a suggestion that some people, some colleagues, ask for a face to face interaction with the candidates in Singapore prior to the election.

This will be subject of decision here, and this will be also subject of [?] and possibility because the first election, the first vote, will happen on Sunday, at the end of the day. So I don't know if we will have time to

have this face to face interaction. But we have to decide on it now. So the floor is open please tell me what you think about all of this.

Please Eduardo, go ahead.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you Tijani. I prefer just to have the wiki with the questions and have them ask, I mean, answer the questions so everyone can read it, read them. I'm sorry. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Eduardo. So you are not for the call?

EDUARDO DIAZ: Not necessarily. I mean, if we have to coordinate all of this before the 16th, or whatever we have, having a wiki will do for me, thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. Any other opinion? Dev please, go ahead.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Yes. This is Dev speaking. I'm thinking about it. Well, remember what the RALO chairs, may have to, well, seek advice on the RALOs as to which candidate is their preference from the RALO. So this has to happen before the Singapore, before the first round vote. So I'm thinking that just having the wiki and having the candidates respond to the questions posted there, I think is sufficient.

I don't think a conference call is absolutely needed.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you Dev. Any other opinion please?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Tijani, it's Maureen speaking. I just want message up on the chat to say that I think that if it's on the wiki it can be more clearly stated, and we can ask questions in their as well, on our own time.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. Darlene, do you have any opinion on that?

DARLENE THOMSPON: I agree with Maureen.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. Oksana?

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: I agree.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: So, I will explain to you perhaps the rationale behind having perhaps a call after the wiki, after the answers on the wiki. Suppose, as the candidates answer the questions, and for the people who will vote,

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after reading the answers, they have new questions – they need to understand the answer, perhaps the answer wasn't very clear.

I think that if we do a call after the closure of the interaction on the Wiki for the electorate plus the candidate only, not the whole At Large people, I think it would be perhaps useful. So if you think it is not useful, we will not make it. So if it is not useful, please make a red cross. Okay. You think it is useful Eduardo, okay. Thank you.

EDUARDO DIAZ: No. I'm sorry.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. No problem. It is not useful. And Darlene, you think it is not useful or it is useful?

UNIDENTIFIED: Are you asking me Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No, Darlene.

DARLENE THOMSPON: Useful.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you Darlene. So if you think it is useful, put a green tick. If you think it is not useful, please put a red cross.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Tijani, are we talking about having another meeting?   What are… Where are we at? Sorry.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Repeat please.

MAUREEN HILYARD: What are we finding useful? Sorry, I'm a little bit lost here.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes. Is it useful to have a call after the closure on the interaction of the wiki? Do you think it is useful to have a call between the people who will vote and the candidates? To finalize the questions, if you want, to perhaps understand the answers if the answers weren't clear, etc.

HEIDI ULLRICH: So Maureen, did you understand that? Or should I repeat that? This is Heidi.

MAUREEN HILYARD: No. I think I got it, and I think perhaps a call to discuss any questions or queries that might come up is probably, yeah, helpful.

HEIDI ULLRICH: So just to clarify. He's talking a call with the candidates and the people who are going to be voting for him. So it's not with the BMSPC, it's with the – it's the people like the ALAC and the regular chairs.

MAUREEN HILYARD: In that case, no.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Or alternates, yes.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. And Dev [?]…

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Sorry. I would disagree with the call. I'm thinking… And the reason why I disagree is because one, I think that, [?] the candidates are responding on the wiki, and I imagine they would be, they would be time for a person to post additional follow up questions on the wiki, one. And two, having a call even after that, and then my big concern is that all of the RALOs have to have some kind of a conference call, or some sort of method, by which they are going to discuss this.

And they may not want to have it for the record, so to speak. They would have to have it in camera. So I'm thinking that, well once you have that situation, there is not much time to do any separate conference call after the wiki, after that consultation with the

candidates. I think there will be, once we provide enough time, I'm sure the candidates will be responsive, and based on the responses, and we could prompt the RALOs, saying the candidates have responded, please read and submit more questions.

I think will be more than enough. I don't think there is a need for a separate call after the wiki thing. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you Dev. I see that there is a majority against. So we will not do the call. Now there is a proposal to make a face to face interaction in Singapore before the election. And once again, there is a problem of time too. So what do you think about this also? Because probably we will vote on Sunday at the end of the day, at 18:30.

So and we have Sunday the full day, which is a full day for ALAC. I don't know when we will have this face to face interaction. Yes, go ahead Eduardo.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Just my comment on that is, [?] who we are going to vote for. I mean, that's my… I [?] meetings with these candidates in Singapore. There is not enough time. But my…

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you. Thank you. Dev please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: I agree with Eduardo. I think… I mean, all of ALAC will have some idea as to who they want to vote for based on the wiki conversation, the RALO deliberations, and so forth.   So having the candidates say something just before the vote will just, I don't think it going to be practical or useful.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you. So please now, everyone, please put a red cross if you don't agree to hold a face to face meeting with the candidates in Singapore. If you agree, if you want it to be done, please put a green tick.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Tijani, this is Heidi.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Please.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, just to clarify. Yeah, just to clarify. The first face to face vote will be on the afternoon on the Sunday, so when – if a face to face discussion with the candidates takes place, would that be earlier in the day on Sunday?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Normally, it should be like this, but I know that we have a full day.

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HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, and I'm seeing a lot of red ticks here as well.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yeah, okay. Very good. This is also not accepted. So we will have only the wiki page for the interaction with the candidates. Thank you for that. Now, we will go to the agenda item number eight, next steps. Julia please display the timeline. I would propose a timeline for the next steps.

Okay. So, today in the call, I propose that tomorrow the staff asks the EURALO and the NARALO to appoint the persons who will vote and replacement of Jean Jacques [Serbanat] for the EURALO, and Evan Leibovitch and Alan Greenberg for NARALO, and this must be done before 4th of March.

The second timeline, I will read it all and then we will discuss it. The second step will be, Wednesday 26th of February, the wiki page for questions from the electorate, or from all people, from the At Large people, to the candidates should be open. And the same day, staff sends an email to the At Large and to the candidates announcing the Wiki page, and inviting the At Large people to ask questions and the candidates to answer them.

Step number four, will be Monday 3rd of March, question and answer call, this is mute, since you said no, so we will remove this step. The next step will be Sunday, 16th of March, the first round voting. And then the next step will be Singapore, probably Sunday, at the end of the day.

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I didn't put here the day because staff has to tell me the slot that is dedicated for that.

So it will be the face to face second round voting. Number one, and if we don't have one of the candidates that has more than 50% of the votes, we will run it again. So there will be another slot of time, perhaps we can do it at the same slot if it is – if we have some extension time. But if we don't have extension time, we can do it in another slot. And we have a slot of time, reserved – Heidi knows when something is scheduled and we cancelled it.

But we still kept the slot for the voting purpose. So, if we have the time, we will run it again, immediately because we have only two committees here, it's very easy. We see if we have the quantity, we run it again. If we still have a quantity, we have to go to the tie breaking. And Thursday, 27th of March, announcement of the name of the Board member selected by ALAC. This is my proposed timeline.

Please tell me what you think about it.

EDUARDO DIAZ: This is Eduardo.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes Eduardo. Please.

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EDUARDO DIAZ: Just Singapore face to face, round one and round two, do we have specific dates for those? Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I told you that now it will be Sunday around 18:00. Staff has to confirm that. We need the confirmation of Heidi and her team about the slots. This is the first, if you want… If we don't have one that got 50% of the votes, we have to run it again. And we may run it at the same slot, in the same time, if we have time, if we still have the room and we still have time.

                      If we don't have, we can do it in the second slot that we have, and I think it will be on Wednesday, I think. I'm not sure. And this slot we have to finish the election, so we will run it first time. If we have the quantity, we go to the second run, and if we still have the quantity, we have to go to the tie breaking.

EDUARDO DIAZ: And this is a follow up, Tijani, before we… I'm sorry.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: For this second run, we have a slot of 90 minutes, I think. So we will have time to do all of this. Thank you. Go ahead Eduardo.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Just a follow up. So the other question is, why… Is there any reason we are not [?]… Why we cannot do it on the same day that we are voting? Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: The announcement. You are speaking about the announcement?

EDUARDO DIAZ: Yes.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: When we finish the procedure, we have to announce it. And the best way to announce it, I think it would be, when we have to submit it to the ALAC, we as the BMSPC, we have to submit it to the ALAC and the ALAC has to announce it. It is the ALAC who will announce the winner. Okay? And we have the session on Thursday you know.

EDUARDO DIAZ: It's in the ALAC, the one voting in Singapore, face to face?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Pardon?

EDUARDO DIAZ: The face to face, round one and round two, is being by ALAC. ALAC is the one that announces it, so the ALAC is there…

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I know. I mean, it is not the BMSPC who will be announcing it. It will be the ALAC, and I think that the ALAC needs to announce it in official session. So I said it must be on the session on Thursday, which is the wrap up of ALAC.

EDUARDO DIAZ: No problem.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you. I have here, Heidi and Dev. I don't know who raised their hand first, but I will give the floor to Heidi.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Sure.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. Thank you. I didn't hear who the other person was, but apologies. I'll be just really quick. So to note that, I see that the first vote, the electronic one, is actually on a Sunday, which is a day off for staff. But I have already confirmed with Arial that she is happy to do that. I have yet to hear back from Matt still, so I have to hold off until I hear him, until I can give absolute confirmation, but I think it's okay.

And then the meeting, Eduardo, that Tijani is mentioning, is a possible, available time slot on Wednesday, and I just to confirm that with you. I'll do that in an email with you, and Olivier, and Tijani later today.

There are many ATLAS II related calls on Wednesday. There are, let's see, the first one is at nine to 10:30, that's ATLAS organizing committee, then there is a joint meeting with capacity building and regional secretariats in the ATLAS II organizing committee, in the afternoon, at lunchtime, and then there is another one in the afternoon, it's part two, just the ATLAS II again.

So the question is, do you need that second part two organizing committee meeting in the afternoon, that runs between 16 and 17:30? And if you don't need that, that would be a perfect slot for the second vote, the second face to face vote in Singapore.

EDUARDO DIAZ: This is Eduardo. Heidi, can I answer you that later this week?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. Okay. And what we could even do since it's a 90 minute one, we could even continue having as a 60 minute call and then do the vote, face to face, the last 30 minutes. So, we have the room.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Okay.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, but I'll send an email to all of you and we can talk about that later. Thank you.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you so much.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you. And Dev, please forgive me for leaving you waiting, go ahead.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Not a problem Tijani. This is Dev speaking. So, okay, just to confirm something. So March the 3rd, will probably be like the deadline for questions to be submitted to the Wiki, or for questions and responses from the candidates, to be posted onto the wiki. Because my thinking here is that, sometime between after the 3rd of March and the 16th of March, there has to be some sort of deliberations within the RALO as to well, okay, we've seen the responses, we've read the statements from all of the candidates, we've read all of the questions and answers. So who do you think is the best candidate to be the At Large director?

So I'm thinking the 3rd of March is the stop off point for – to being the RALO deliberations, for lack of a better word, for all of the RALOs to then be able to have their discussions. Now, I'm thinking that there are two issues. One, do we really want to have a conference call where they may want to have it in camera? By meeting in camera, they may want to have it with the recording off so that they can discuss, well most really what their concerns are regarding the previous candidates.

The second thing is that if there is – I think most RALOs need, I think there [is nothing?] in LACRALO, I'm not sure for the other RALOs, that there would be some sort of, the RALO chairs may be asked to take a

directed vote from the ALSs in that region. So if there is that possibility, then that voting has to take place, and completed, before the 16th of March.

So that period, between the 3rd of March 2014 to the 14th, 2014, that's where the RALO deliberations have to be concluded so that the voting can start on the 16th. So that's my observation. Thanks.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Dev. Thank you very much. First of all, I want you to know, At Large members and the candidates will have only five days to ask questions and to answer them. I propose to make it seven days, so the deadline would be five of March, if you don't mind.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: And second point, each RALO will work according to each own rules. And each RALO has to decide whether they will ask for directed votes for their chair or not. And this is their own internal procedure. If they decide to do a directed vote, they have to hold a meeting of the RALO, perhaps in camera as you said, so that they will discuss with the ALSs to whom they have to vote.

There is also an Internet process of the RALO, but we have to mention it in our timeline, and you're right. You have to mention that the RALOs that decided to make a directed vote for their chair, should have a call

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to – or, I don't know. But it is not needed because it is an internal procedure of the RALO. We don't need to put it in our timeline. What do you think?

I have two hands here. I have Heidi and Maureen. And this time I will give the floor to Maureen since we didn't [?]. Maureen please.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you Tijani. I just want to clarify one thing. The voting is on Sunday, 16th of March. I'm traveling on the 16th of March, but I just need to know, is that 16th of March UTC 24, UTC midnight to midnight? Is that the normal way of doing it?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Maureen for this question. This is something that we have to clarify. I don't think the vote will be one day only. Perhaps we can give, I don't know, 16 hour… Staff will be travelling on the 18th, so we can do it for two days. 16th and 17th for example, so that everyone can have an opportunity to vote.

Especially because the 16th is Sunday, and perhaps some won't have Internet at all or something like this. So the vote will start on the 16th on March and we finish 17th of March, at 23:59 UTC. Do we agree on that?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: I agree. This is Dev, sorry. For during that time for voting. Yes, I'll agree with that.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. Okay. Very good. Eduardo, I need your vote. And Darlene? Darlene please. Okay. The majority are okay, so we will implement it. Any other questions? Any other clarifications? Heidi, you had your hand up. Do you want to speak?

HEIDI ULLRICH: No. Sorry. That was an old hand, sorry.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you. Any other questions please? Any other clarifications?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: This is Dev. I imagine the discussions must have been happening within EURALO and NARALO to appoint persons who will be the voters. Has this process happened within those two RALOs? In other words, will they be in a position to give their answer? Is there a particular deadline for that? I see 4th of March. I see it. Okay.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I repeat, so tomorrow, we'll ask both RALOs to appoint, or to select, not to appoint, to select their replacement of Jean Jacques [?], Evan Leibovitch and Alan Greenberg. And they have to do so before 4th of March.

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DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay, yup, I saw the 4th of March there. Okay. Good.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. Any other clarifications? Okay. So, if there is not… I think we spoke about everything. Is there any other business? Arial and Silvia, please send me your notes about this meeting. I have mine, but I want to have the complete notes. This is a very important call. And the decisions are very important, so I need to be very, very precise. Thank you.

Any other business? So another thing, you have all the [?] documents, here at the bottom of the agenda. If you click on them, you can read all the, if you want, the supplements that allow us to run this election in the right way. If there not any other business, thank you very much. It was very productive. And I hope we'll manage to make a very good and very transparent election. Thank you.

[Various goodbyes]

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