NATHALIE PEREGRINE:

Good morning, good afternoon and good evening everybody, and welcome to the APRALO Monthly Call on Thursday, 27th May 2014. On the call today we have Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Maureen Hilyard, Ali AlMeshal, Yasuichi Kitamura, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Siranush Vardanyan, Holly Raiche, Pavan Budhrani, Tomohiro Fujisaki, Satish Babu and Hong Xue.

We have an apology from Gunela Astbrink, and from staff we have Silvia Vivanco, Kelvin Wong and myself, Nathalie Peregrine. I'd like to remind you all to please state your names before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much and over to you, Siranush.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you very much Nathalie, and good morning from my part of the world. Thank you for joining us for this last monthly call before London. We have set the Agenda for today, and I'd like to start by giving the floor to Olivier, to provide a brief update on ALAC consultations and initiatives, and the materials that are open for the public. Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much Siranush. Just looking at the Agenda, I also invite you to go through the At-Large Policy Development page, which is also linked from the Agenda. At the moment we've had a number of recently adopted statements. It's interesting — the Agenda itself has swapped them over. The recently adopted ALAC statement is actually the forthcoming statement, and the statements of endorsement currently

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being developed by the ALAC, are the ones that have recently been endorsed.

The recently endorsed one, it's interesting, it's new. Fair enough, but I caught it in time. The statements that have been adopted by the ALAC, you'll notice there are quite a few that happened last month. The ones of note — I think the IDN variants TLDs, the label generation rule procedure implementation particularly important. I'm very glad the ALAC had a statement on this. IDN is something we've been involved in for a very long time, so I very much thank the penholders for this one.

We have the Strategy Panels also, which were very significant. There were four parts to it. When reading those, they were all very important, so there you go. All of our statements were important. Now, the five that are forthcoming at the moment are at various different stages. First, the five-year strategic plan. The ALAC has already got a first draft. It is now currently under a commenting phase. There's been an extension of the time we've been able to comment on this.

The five-year strategic plan is another one of those things that looks ahead in the future. I invite you to have a read of the statement; the first draft that was already submitted. It looks as though there might be a little more added to this, to make is slightly longer than at the moment. It's still fine to comment on it. The FY 15 Operating Plan and Budget. It's written here that the ALAC is currently considering drafting a statement.

The Finance and Budget Sub-Committee Members have had the opportunity to speak to the ICANN Finance Department, and Xavier

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Calvez, mainly, because there has been a series of four webinars that have taken place. As far as the ALAC is concerned, I think a lot of the feedback was given during those webinars. I'm not quite sure whether there should be something drafted from the ALAC on the budget specifically.

I know there will be a meeting with Finance, over the ICANN weekend in London. At the moment I'm still wondering whether there should be some feedback on this. Obviously something that's important for At-Large would be the reply to the special budget requests, and I'm glad to see the APRALO request for a workshop at the IGF was approved, pending, of course, approval of the workshop itself, at the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group.

Next, the notice of preliminary determination to grant registrar data retention waiver requests. Currently the ALAC is considering drafting a statement. We've asked our gNSO Liaison on this, and we'll probably find out later on today, or tomorrow, on the ALAC call, depending on where you live. Next, the WHOIS requirement and national law conflicts. On the Agenda it's written that ALAC is considering drafting a statement.

The Co-Chairs of the Registrants Issues Working Group, which is the putting together of the WHOIS Working Group and of the Registration Issues Working Group – a little bit of history for you. The two Chairs, in case you haven't found out by now, are Carlton Samuels and Holly Raiche. They've been asked whether a statement was necessary, and their answer was positive. We should hopefully be seeing, from the Working Group, a first draft on this.

It's a pretty straightforward issue; WHOIS requirement and national law conflicts. If the new WHOIS requirements that are being put together by the various ICANN Working Groups clash with national law, then what do you do? That's of course to do primarily with privacy, which is basically different, as far as national law is concerned, in many parts of the world.

Finally, enhancing ICANN accountability. A very important topic indeed. The topic itself, the public comment period, the reply closing date is just before the ICANN meeting, on 18th June. This is going to be a hot topic in London, however the At-Large Summit is also going to devote a significant amount of time on this topic, since if you have looked at the At-Large Summit thematic topics, you'll find that one is exactly about this.

So rather than just having an ALAC discussion on this, I think it might be worth waiting for London, to be able to get people to talk about this face-to-face, and that Working Group could come up with a strong statement. In a few hours of the ALAC call, it might be that some Members suggest to have an advanced statement, or someone on this call might suggest one is necessary before London.

One last thing before I finish this small segment of the call — as you know, we have a steady stream of policy statements always happening. It's like a constant pipeline, an assembly line, and we are always very much looking forward to have new, more people, involved in drafting and commenting, etcetera.

You don't have to be an ALAC Member to hold the pen. What does that mean? It means you're in charge of drafting the statement, putting it on the Wiki, and then staff will take it over from there. They'll send a call for comment to all of the mailing lists, and then you're in charge of incorporating that input into the first statement, and making a final statement. No worries, you have help at hand.

In fact, I'm glad to see that we're slowly getting more people involved in this essential part of the ALAC mission. Thank you, and I'm open for questions or comments.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you very much Olivier. Any questions for Olivier? I see smiles from Cheryl. Thank you Olivier for that quite detailed update. Referring to the IGF proposal from APRALO, we have the Agenda Item, but as you mentioned, I'd like to give a brief update from MAG representatives, which is not actually officially at this point, but [inaudible 00:10:26] is going to send a recommendation to all proposals submitted from ICANN.

As you know, this year MAG decided that each organization should submit only three proposals, maximum. There were more proposals from ICANN, in general, and there will be an email coming from [your end 00:10:48] with a recommendation of how to [attend the 00:10:50], to revise some kind of session proposal. So we're still [sending] with our proposal for the IGF. This is just a brief update related to that. Any questions on that? I see no hands raised.

Let's move to AI #3 – APRALO CROPP submissions. For FY 14 unfortunately we somehow failed to succeed in the submission of our

CROPP requests. We had one submission only for [KITCOM 00:11:29] 2014, but due to legal issues, Satish was not able to move forward with that request, which was approved. We have a couple of requests that are in the existing budget, which were moved to CROPP requests. They are the INET in September, and the workshop on how to [get into 00:12:00] AP IGF – the Asia Pacific IGF.

My suggestion is to start writing the form now, or whenever we have the deadline for submission not to lose time and to submit the requests. Ali, Cheryl, do you have any updates on CROPP submission deadlines for FY 15 or anything else on that issue?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

If I may, I think the most important thing is we must have any additional applications for CROPP funding. Ali, Kelvin and I will be having a little prep meeting in the not to distant future about all this. They must be submitted at least eight weeks in advance, because the CROPP part of the program, once our review people get finished with it, needs at least six weeks, for Constituency Travel and other things to get it sort out.

I think what we'll do this year, now, is have a talk with the regional staff that will be engaged with this, and are already looking at some other opportunities for us, to perhaps get people with CROPP funding to attend things. We'll obviously carry over the ones that we'd already put into the process for budget. I'm assuming that as ICANN has transferred them to CROPP, we can just assume that they'll be accepted and processed as soon as Ali or I put them up into space, if they're not already there.

That does leave us a couple of travel spots. We need to do those wisely, and preferably with more advanced notice, because sadly, the one we did manage to get going for the 2014, Satish ran in to problems close to the deadlines of travel and unfortunately that one couldn't be completed. So we want to give ourselves more, not less space. That's it from me, but Ali might have something to say.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thanks Cheryl. I think you might have covered all of the points. It's [inaudible 00:14:52], I believe, and as Cheryl mentioned we need to take up these challenges that Satish raised within ICANN, to see how we can overcome all of these. Most of these are logistic challenges and they need to be addressed. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you very much. All these challenges have been told to Ali and Cheryl, as the representatives of this Working Group. They'll also be shared with the CROPP Team, to avoid them in future. Thank you very much. Any questions relation to CROPP? No. Okay, before moving to AT #4, which relates to ATLAS II, I'd like to give the floor to Kelvin, as he joined us during this call.

We've discussed a couple of times an email, after the Singapore meeting, about outreach and about involving more ALSes in the APRALO region. Several suggestions were given to our Singapore [inaudible 00:16:07], so tell me anything about that. Can you give a brief update on where we are now?

KELVIN WONG:

Okay, thanks for giving me the floor. I wasn't really expecting this, but we are coming up with a plan that we hope to discuss in further detail. Let us work on the plan on involving more groups – especially those who attended the Singapore ICANN Meeting. Let me work on the plan and discuss it further with yourself, once we're ready?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Okay, thank you. Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you Siranush. Just as an adjunct to what Kelvin was saying, I wanted to report on the very successful face-to-face meeting held in Fiji last week, with the Oceanic group, that is not limited in any way, shape or form to ALAC or At-Large, but ALAC and At-Large are engaged in it. Maureen has a watching brief on it, and Alan, myself and others involved in ALSes are part of it.

We met with a broad group, ranging from regulators through to ccTLD operators, and of course a couple of ALSes and other representatives, of what could be called the AP-STAR grouping. We will shortly be getting back – [inaudible 00:17:57] Kelvin – on what was a fairly successful drafting exercise for an action plan specific to Oceania. That will, we trust, become an integral part of the greater Asia Pacific one. Watch this space.

It will benefit ICANN specifically, and therefore our region in particular, because one of the things we've agreed on is working locally within the

sub-region, and we assume that will be echoed with working regionally as well, and having the input of – particularly in the policy development – then taken forward by a trusted few representatives, who are able to work with the inhumane, and somewhat over-demanding requirements of being part of PDPs within ICANN.

This should help with some of the language issues, as well as securing [inaudible 00:19:04] the cost of an activity, and of course the time [barrier 00:19:08] issues, which beleaguer our ALSes' and Members' ability, in some cases, to effectively contribute. By London we'll have a whole lot more to talk about, and between London and LA, I'd like to think we'll have a firm plan that APRALO can sign onto, somewhat more formally.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you Cheryl. Thanks Kelvin also for your interest. Just for a quick follow up, I'd like you to help us follow up with ICANN Singapore, which [inaudible 00:19:55] Singapore meeting. Maybe you can contact them and see if their interested, Silvia, and to identify more? Thank you Cheryl for this update as well. Thank you very much. Let's move to AI #4 now, ATLAS II. I know there are lots of activities going on. [inaudible 00:20:19] activities going on now.

I'll give a quick update on the Fayre of Opportunities. There was already a [inaudible 00:20:28] from RALOs, uploaded by Pavan in the Wiki page. So if you have any suggestions to add some music from our region, that would be really useful. Please send your music interest to Pavan and he'll make sure to upload it on the Wiki page. There'll also be an

APRALO table. We've decided that on the computer we'll show the APRALO ALSes PowerPoint.

We'll have a short video from the showcase in Singapore. This will all be handled by Maureen, to ensure that we have all of this in our computer and on our table. Also, Pavan helped to prepare the APRALO ALSes brochures, and the information has been sent to our staff. If there's any possibility to have something printed, I'd like to ask you to make sure we have 50 or 100 copies of APRALO ALS brochures, and also the booklet that we had in Singapore, if you can support us in having some copies of that also, for our table, that would be great.

There's also a chance for all ALSes in APRALO to bring their group booklets, brochures, information sheets. Ali AlMeshal will be leading this part. I'd like to ask Ali to send a follow up email on this to the list, to ask all APRALO ALSes if they have any information, and to give them to Ali, because the table overall will be handled and coordinated by Ali. We already have our APRALO banner, celebrating diversity. It's already printed and will be given to us by staff.

There is also the social media strategy, and each RALO has the representative, and Pavan is the representative for APRALO, to make sure that all our AP-related events are Tweeted somehow. Pavan is supporting us in that aspect. [audio cuts out 23:25]

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

I'm assuming Nathalie is rapidly sorting this out.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

I'm sorry, I dropped while I was speaking. APRALO brochures, yes. Ali will send the follow up emails to all ALSes, and all those ALSes who'd like to bring brochures or booklets, they're welcome to bring them to our APRALO table. We already have the banner, celebrating diversity, and staff will be providing it there. There's also a social media strategy Working Group, and Pavan is the leading person from APRALO to make sure that all the events that are within APRALO will be featured, and the information will be provided for all.

We have one more webinar left for ATLAS II. We have had seven webinars held already, and the last one will be on Thursday. Please participate, and those who have not had the chance to participate in earlier webinars, please go to the Wiki and all PowerPoint presentations are there. Please be ready before London. Olivier, is there anything you'd like to add to this?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you Siranush. You must have read my mind, because I was about to press the hand-up key. Yes, I have something to add. I have to add, speaking about the thematic groups, you'll see I've put a link on the chat about those thematic groups. Everyone who's traveling to London as an ALS representative should have received another survey. It's for you to say what your preferred thematic groups are. Why do we ask those questions?

First, let me take you through the five groups. The first one is the future of multistakeholderism. We've got the globalization of ICANN. We've got the global Internet – the user perspective, ICANN transparency and

accountability, and finally At-Large community engagement in ICANN. If you don't send back your survey, you're going to be allocated to one of those groups, because we have to work out the room allocations – how many people will be in the rooms.

Unfortunately, the London venue is going to be a bit of a tight space, and so we have two large rooms and three that are smaller. Obviously it would make more sense to put the smaller groups in the smaller rooms. If we don't know what your choice is, we'll put you in one of the groups. You might not like that, so please, please send back your choice as soon as possible. Then we'll be able to put you in a group that you'll actually enjoy.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

thank you Olivier. Yes, please go and sign up for thematic groups. It's really important. Otherwise we'll send you wherever there is an empty space for you to go. Silvia, can you send a link to the survey please? Maybe you can post it here as well? Thank you. Anything else on London? Any questions related to that? There are a couple of challenges related to travel. Several people didn't respond, but as I found out, some responded but their emails were lost.

We're not trying to handle it with Constituency Travel and with the support of staff, that all people get their itinerary on time and their hotel confirmation. If you have any challenges related to travel, please contact me or staff, or Constituency Travel. Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you Siranush, and thank you for reminding everyone about travel. I was going to add that if you need a visa for London and you haven't applied yet, you'd better do it before the end of this week, because it takes about 15 working days, which makes it three weeks. We're just four weeks away from London, and you'd just scrape through to have your visa, if you haven't started your application process yet. Please bear this in mind. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Yes, thank you Olivier. Let's move to Al... There are no questions related to London? I think there will be a lot going on there. Everybody's input it really welcome. Everybody's support is welcome. Ali?

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thanks Siranush. Just one enquiry with regards to London travel arrangements. I have seen that it is an arrangement that we have to come back from London on Thursday, which some of us have flights in the morning or afternoon. That means that at the closing and some of the other activities, we'll not be able to attend. I'm not so sure why there is that arrangement. Can anybody help?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you. Yes, [Janice 00:29:55] reminded me about giveaways for all. There will be a [quiz sessions 00:30:08] for all RALOs, and we're preparing several questions from the Asia Pacific region. There will also be gifts. If there are organizations who'd like to bring some giveaways,

it's really welcome. Thank you [Janice] for bringing [net mission 00:30:25] back. If there are any local stuff you'd like to bring and give as gifts to others, just bring them.

Please answer the survey. The link is posted. Let's move to Agenda Item #5 – APRALO General Assembly in London. You have received yesterday, from Cheryl, a detailed explanation of what's expected and what's going on there. I'd like to give the floor to Cheryl and Maureen to provide more details related on that. Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you. Just before we move to that, I think someone, Siranush, needs to own responding to that question Ali raised. I don't know if Oliver may have information there, or staff, but I think you raised a very valid point, particularly regarding the importance of the discussions. They are planned now as part of the engagement of wider community in the transition of stewardship for IANA, and it seems somewhat farcical, at least to someone as naïve as me, to have 160 potential voices removed from the room. They are global voices. That's all for the want of not having a flight out later in the day.

Anyway, I'm hoping someone will pick up on that, because I think Ali's raised an extraordinarily important point. Getting onto the question at hand, thank you to all of you who commented privately. I don't think anyone went back to list, but I know Maureen and I received a number of, "Thank you for the updates to the list" from members of the list. One of the primary pieces of work that we'll be doing in the GA, or which we should be able to be doing in the GA and certainly no later, in

London, is to confirm the new leadership team for the 2015 to 2016 period of APRALO.

We'll be doing this under new rules. Maureen and I have, as we've agreed at the meeting in Singapore, when the At-Large community within the region agreed and accepted, and we are then now acting under these new rules... We did agree that Maureen and I would own going through the rules, as you saw them before Singapore, and making sure that they all made sense, in what we called a "final [unclear 00:33:33]" was done to them.

That has been done. The copies you had attached to your email yesterday, to the list, was what we thought was 100% perfect. Well, not quite. Eagle-eyed Maureen – and I want to thank her for reading through the Rules of Procedure again – noticed that we'd neglected to put into the defined terms, in Section (2) of our document, the actual definition of the AP leadership team. We will fix that. Please forgive us. We are but human, although we try to be superwomen. We'll fix this now, and that will be the only change from what you've already received.

There will be a line item added to the defined terms at the front of the document. We'll then pass what will be the final-final, version 1.4, not 1.3 that you have, onto staff. They can then put it up in all the right places on the Wiki spaces and web. We will also then make sure that it's sent out to the list. It doesn't make any difference, because the definition of who is in the APLT is also in the body of the document. It's only a minor adjustment, but thanks Maureen, because you did dot the I's and cross the T's with great efficiency.

That said, what we need to do, because of shifting of positions in this last year, is have a call for agreement. Notice I'm using my words very carefully here. We need a call for agreement on people who can take the role, or be confirmed in roles, if they may already have them and are willing to continue to serve. We do not, in fact, need to call for elections. Silvia can stop annoying us asking for that, because we do not need to do that under our new rules.

Our rules are all about consensus building. However, under our new rules, we do have to have agreed on the line-up of our leaders, preferably before, but no later than during, our meeting in London. This is why we're talking to you now. In the email that we sent you yesterday, we had a set of people who've indicated that they're already serving in a role, and are willing to continue to serve, or would like to serve in a role. To that end, I'd like to read, for the record, what I sent out to the complete list yesterday:

"We need to select or confirm people in the following positions. First of all, an ALAC representative for a two-year term, ending in November 2015. Holly currently serves in this role, and she's able and willing to continue for another term. The second we need to deal with is the APRALO Chair, to serve a two-year term, ending in November 2016. Siranush is currently acting Chair, having stepped in for Holly, and it's proposed by the current Leadership of the RALO that she continue in this role for another complete term of office.

"Thirdly, a Vice-Chair to serve a two-year term, ending in November 2016. Foaud currently serves in this role, and the suggestion is that Ali would be proposed for this role. Another Vice-Chair to serve a one-year

term ending in October 2015. This is currently vacant, as Siranush held this role, but stepped in as acting Chair when Holly resigned her role earlier this year. The suggestion here is that Satish would be proposed for this role."

All of those named individuals have either indicated their willingness to serve, or have offered to continue to serve in a capacity that they currently have. If, at this meeting and online, in a timely manner, you all agree to that line-up, all we have to do in London is confirm these leaders. The rationale for this line-up is as follows. It will give APRALO the widest possible sub-geographic spread of people in time zones and economic development zones from across our regions.

We'll have people in the leadership from as far east as we go, to as far west as we go – a very desirable thing indeed. It will also – remembering that Pavan, our Secretary, is male and based in Hong Kong – mean that we have a gender-balanced Leadership Team. That is to be highly recommended, and APRALO would therefore actually have the most balanced and widely spread leadership group of all of the regions. I think that would be something to be waving a flag about.

If you don't agree with this line-up, and you do want to consider other names, and if you do wish to have a selection, because other names would be coming forward, then we do have to start a process that was outlined and included in your email yesterday. We all dearly hope that under these new rules you do not go down this pathway, but should you wish to, then we have all the rules – 29 and 30.1 – that outline exactly how this is to be done. Okay?

If you can agree, then you simply have these people acting in the positions elect until London, and they're confirmed during the GA. If you don't get consensus and you cannot agree on this line-up, then 29 will apply and we'll have an electoral process that has to be finished in advance of the GA in London. Those results will also need to be confirmed in the GA in London.

I hope I've made that terribly clear, and I've certainly got it there on the audio record, just as we put on the email list record yesterday. We have one other thing we need to deal with, and that is we will be calling for names. If the ALAC wish to call for regional names to be suggested for appointment as the Asia Pacific NomCom representative for 2015... If the ALAC wish to have our input, we'll need to start a process between now and London to gather names of suitable people who could step in.

Satish is willing to step out of this role, even though he can, and indeed as Chair of the NomCom, I would be delighted, and would go down on bended knee, to thank him if he would stay on for another 12 months. You may only – as Siranush did – serve in the NomCom for two consecutive years. Hong did before her. However, it is possible that someone else would like to take up part of this workload. It's an extremely heavy workload, and heavier than was previously done by other NomComs.

The way we do things now takes weekly meetings. Weekly. 90-minute meetings. They're at times which are most unpalatable for those in Asia Pacific. Those names, who may be called for, if ALAC does wish to have our input, will need to agree that they would be capable, willing and able to perform at the high standard that our current Asia Pacific

representative has done. That said, that is something that does not have to be completed until shortly after the London meeting.

I've had a long time with the microphone. I'd like to hope I've made the point on behalf of the LT very clear. I'll now ask Maureen, who is eagle-eyed, whether I've missed anything. If I haven't, or if she'd like to say something extra, then I think what we should do is ask for any questions. I do note that we are getting support and nothing back but support from the ALSes at today's meeting. In the chat, Holly has suggested after this meeting [a repeat 00:44:22] email is send.

Absolutely, as a reminder we'll do that. Also, we'll attach the modified Rules of Procedure as just discussed. I would suggest, Siranush, in that follow up email... As Siranush asked for a consensus call, whereby the list is asked to add their voice, if any voice needs to be added to the voices that we hear from the meeting today, we'd be telling the list what the consensus was of all of you on this call. We'd ask for any voice to come back to the list on this matter, and we'd all also, as ever, assume that silence is agreement.

If that is the case, then we know how we go ahead. We can only afford to wait until the middle of next week, no later than Tuesday or Wednesday. Should consensus and agreement – though it looks like we will find it – that's when we'd have to start our process. I will help you, Siranush, with the rest of the LT, word an appropriate email to put out to the list after this call. Also, I'll help you make sure that the properly updated version 1.4 of the rules goes out.

With that I'm going to shush up, because I've had enough and I want a drink of water. Silvia, I'll forgive you for the annoyance, but we did tell you that we had it in hand and our rules were quite clear that this is how we could do it this time, and in future years. To that end, if there are any questions, let's have them now. If not, your LT, Maureen and I, will follow up, as you have suggested, back to the list, and make sure we have a strong and valid regional consensus on this issue.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you Cheryl for this really good information. Maureen, do you have something to add on this?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you Siranush. I don't have anything to add because Cheryl's said it to all. If you have any comments, we do appreciate you get them back to us before Tuesday. We think we've covered everything. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Yes, Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

I think I hear Silvia wanting to say something.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes. I just wanted to thank Cheryl for you work and putting this together. The reason why I was annoying you was because this is a new

process, and they are new rules. For staff it was also important for us to understand how this is going to work moving forward.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Not a problem, Silvia. We told you to relax, all would be well, and now you'll see why we told you that.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Great, thank you. I'll wait then for you to send the email, and then we'll update the Wiki page. Okay?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

We'll also propose some text for you to put on the Wiki page as well.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Excellent. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you staff also for your support. There is an AI also posted, that there will be a follow up email with confirmation from Leadership. I'll be sending an email related to that, and as Cheryl has agreed, she'll be sending detailed emails for everyone who is not on this call, to be aware about this selection and consensus calls coming up. [inaudible 00:48:39] for the agreement or disagreement from all ALSes. Thank you very much Cheryl.

Anybody else? Any questions relating to the upcoming GA and APRALO Leadership selection? Okay, let's move forward. I've talked about the IGF update, so we'll move to Agenda Item #7 – metrics. Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you Siranush. Yes, this lot is just to remind ALSes about the ALAC Metrics Working Group and progress on this. For those who don't know about this Working Group, we're following the expectation of the ALAC Rules of Procedure, which stipulate some accountability expectations of ALAC Members, and of course your ALAC Members, as has been mentioned before, are myself and Holly.

Our Working Group has been tasked to identify how we can evaluate ALAC Members' performance. You as ALSes are supposed to be watching and making sure that we're coming up and doing what you expect of your ALAC representatives. In Singapore, the Working Group actually presented two parallel metric processes. One was an attendance measure of attendance of meetings, Working Groups, activities in which ALAC Members may participate – and we're looking at active participation.

Dev Anand Teelucksingh has actually created a metrics to actually manage an attendance record. The second part of this metric is to ask ALAC Members themselves to provide a report, actually indicating in what ways they've contributed to ALAC's decision making within ICANN, and what impacts they've had in Working Groups from their participation. We haven't made any stipulation as to how many reports, or whatever reporting structure is decided on.

I think it's really important that the RALOs actually have a say in what they expect from their ALAC Member, or Members. This is where we need your feedback on how you'd expect to get reports back from ALAC from Holly and myself, for APRALO, you. We'll probably explain a little more in London, but that's just to give you an update anyway. If you have any questions, please ask. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you Maureen. There is a Wiki space, and the link is posted there. Thank you Maureen for this update relating to metrics. Yes, we'll be speaking more about this in London, and we'll also be asking all our ALSes to write down in which Working Groups they are participating, etcetera. This is for finding out where we can help our ALSes to actively engage, and to find out more information. [inaudible 00:53:37] are not aware what kind of Working Groups are there, and where they can be helpful.

Agenda Item #8 about the ALS decertification process, I'd like to ask staff to put the link in the chat on that. This is just for your information. Two years ago we had an example of decertification, but the information there is just for your information. Once again I'd like to highlight that we are not looking for decertification. We are just giving encouragement and adding more ALSes and doing more outreach. There is that process for decertification for all ALSes, and I'd like you to go and read that. Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you very much. Just on that, I'd like to loop back to something I said earlier on, and that is that the developing regional strategy, as well as the specific sub-region or Oceania engagement strategy, is also focusing specifically on the ways and mechanisms to get greater engagement and participation. This will directly benefit our At-Large structures and members.

It's very important, as Maureen was saying, and as you'll hear when she sends out the documentation to the list, which will be linked to a Wiki page, to try and get ALSes and individuals within ALSes, to start recording what they're doing and how they're contributing. It's quite possible that there's more contribution that we're recognizing. We are trying, with our engagement strategies – both sub-regional and regionally – to maximize opportunity and to minimize barriers.

All of this will help, and in perhaps another 12 to 18 months time, we can look at some form of audit, and then look at whether or not decertification – notice I practically sneer when I say that word, because I'm not a fan of this process... For example, AFRALO have got a set of mechanisms that they want to bring into play, which means that less-participatory At-Large structures don't have the same voting and influence rights as more participatory ones.

There are a bunch of ways that, as a region, we might be able to skin this cat, but that's future work. Between now and then is the very important thing as raising engagement and participation, and lowering the barriers to it. Thank you for indulging me yet again.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you very much Cheryl for this information. Any questions related to that? No? However, any questions related to that? If there are none, we have just... I'd like to mention that our next APRALO call will be in conjunction with [audio cuts out 00:57:42]... From 11:00 to 13:00 local time. I hope to see all ALSes there in person, and welcome everyone [audio cuts out 00:58:00].

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

I think she jinxed herself with that. Oh dear. Never mind.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Before she had time to say goodbye she got cut off. That's really sad.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Yes, she jinxed herself. Are we dialing back out to her?

HOLLY RAICHE:

Can we say goodbye?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

It is the top of the hour. She was just telling us about the next monthly call. If somebody can type that we'll wrap the call up now, and we've noted that the next monthly call is during the London meeting, and that she looks forward to a large turnout.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

I'm back! Thank you Cheryl for helping me with this problem. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in London. Any other business? We have just this last Agenda Item there. Any other business? Any suggestion or ideas? If not, I'd like to thank everyone for your active participation. This was really a very fruitful call. There will be a couple of follow up emails coming. We have 25 days to go. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there. Thank you very much. Bye all!

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