
MARYAM BAKOSHI: Thank you, everyone, for coming to the meeting. This is the NCSG Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, the 8th of August, 2019.

On the call today, we have Raoul Plommer, Stephanie Perrin, Juan Manuel Rojas, and Raphael Beauregard-Lacroix.

From staff, we have myself, Maryam Bakoshi.

I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. I would also like to remind you to please mute your microphone if you're not speaking.

Thank you very much, and over to you, Stephanie.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Thanks very much. I do apologize for not sending out an agenda prior to this meeting. Basically, we have two things to work on: the memberships, as usual, and the final operations that Ayden has drafted.

I am guilty. I had meant to add to those financial operations regarding ... There's nothing in there about how we administer bills, how we pay them, what kind of transparency, where the records go. I think it's a short section. I just haven't got around to it. My apologies. I wanted to get that in there.

And Any Other Business, of course, if anybody has pressing matters. I would like to, as we go through the memberships, discuss the problem that I think we keep seeing. We are attracting members who aren't really at all clear about what we do. I don't think that our membership

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application form is actually working because we should be either screening these people out – they should be scratching their heads, going, “Why am I joining this group?” – or we should make it clear what they have to say to us and describe in order [for us to] accept them because this business of “Not enough information. Not enough information. No non-commercial activities shown” we can’t keep going through because it’s my view that, over the last, I don’t know, three or four batches, we’ve had quite a few that we’ve had to send back for more info.

Any comments on that agenda?

If not, can we move and get out at those membership applications, folks, and go through them? I’d at least like to respond and register the ones that we’ve accepted and get back to the people who are now complaining that they applied awhile ago and they haven’t got their membership yet.

RAPHAEL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Just a quick note. There is one application. You might have seen the e-mails, which is [inaudible] for some reason. I don’t really know why. [inaudible] is aware of that, and they [inaudible]. They will fix it, but I don’t know if we’ll be able to do anything with this one.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Just one thing. I was checking membership application. A few days ago, I reviewed our one individual, and I se[n]t a check-note for the membership. But in the form/application on the website, it still appears

that some of us are not reviewing this application. But some of us already did it. So I think that we should check that. Is our member from AFRALO? Is it a name that I can pronounce?

RAPHAEL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Hi, Juan. Yes, it's this one I was talking about. There's one which is [bugged], and it's this one that you ... It's Ejikeme Egbuogo or something like that from AFRALO. We don't know why it's [both]. It's being investigated. Thank you.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Okay. Thank you very much.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Hi, everyone. Can you hear me?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yes, with some echo.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Sorry about that. Raoul is saying he's lost all sound, but I don't think anyone is speaking

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. It's just ... Did you mean first to go over them together?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Stephanie, can you hear us?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Maybe she has her mic on mute?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Sorry about that. I'm only on one screen, and moving around in Zoom is such a pain in the you-know where. I'm trying to get into the membership application system, and I have to get a new password because it's not letting me in with the old one. So I must have changed it and not written it down. Sorry.

Let's start with the first one that you guys are in. This may take five minutes at the rate I'm going.

It might take longer because I'm not getting any response from the system, the e-mail that need. Maryam, is there any way you can pull it up on the screen?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yes, I should be able to do that. Hold on a second, please.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: I'm really sorry but it's just not working.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Can you guys here me?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yes.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Okay. Just going through the first applications. There's not too many. No issue. Again, didn't hear anything so I wasn't sure if I was cut off.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Is this [Raymond Mamatam]?

Unfortunately—

RAOUL PLOMMER: Yeah, I think that's ...

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Unfortunately, this isn't going to work for me because I have a giant bar going down the center of my screen, and it's because I can't move the screen for Zoom when Maryam pulls it up. I can't read of this. So ... gosh. I've got to get in myself because the bar is right over the central columns. I don't know what we said about Raymond Mamatam. Can't read it.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: You cannot make the Zoom window bigger?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: I can't move the Zoom window, no. Can you?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. I'm on a PC. I don't know if you have a Mac.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: I've got a Mac, and the interface on the Mac is not as good as the PC, apparently.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Yeah, but we are seeing Maryam's screen, I think. So maybe Maryam can help us with that.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Oh – well, there we go. Yeah. Right. Okay—

RAOUL PLOMMER: So that's just a no.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah, it's just a no. But we're going to have to tell people why because, otherwise, they come back and complain. We've got two or three that are complaining, saying, "Why did you reject my membership?" Well, we explained why, but that's not good enough. They want to be members, but they don't even know what we do.

I will work with Maryam about coming up with a better explanation for why we're rejecting their membership application. How's that.

RAOUL PLOMMER: That would be a really good thing to do.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. Okay. Do you guys want to see it before we send it out?

RAOUL PLOMMER: Yeah, let's work on it together.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. Let's make that an action item for this coming session between sessions. Whether it's a month or not, I don't know. We need to fix that membership application. We need to explain better what's expected of members because we're just letting a ton of people in. It doesn't do us any good because then they're never happy. If you read the results of our engagement survey, you'll see that people are really quite grumpy about how we didn't do enough to engage them, to teach them, to get them involved. My heavenly days! That's a full-time job there, and we're all volunteers. So they're not coming in expecting to be equals and pulling their weight. They're coming in expecting a service. I don't know. I feel like I'd be happier with fewer, mostly because, of course, I feel responsible for all the criticism we're getting.

Anyway, if you guys would like to have a crack at that membership application, I think we need to revise it. So maybe I'll download it and send it around. Or, Maryam, is it possible that you could download it in Word and send it around and we'll work on it on a Google Doc?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yes. I'll do that.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Then we can just add the response to the end of that Google Doc because clearly the response isn't meeting requirements.

Now, what's the answer with [Yari Quieros]?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: My [issue] with her, I think, if I remember correctly, is that she spoke [with Bruna] [inaudible] or was – no. It's not her. Or is it? Maybe it's Bruna who e-mailed us [inaudible] because she has e-mailed Bruna saying, "What's going on with my application?" basically.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Oh, yeah. She certainly looks like she understands what we're doing anyway. I think I said yes to this one.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. I think the thing is that I would expect someone who's been at NextGen to be a bit more explicit about what ICANN was supposed to

be doing because [inaudible] rights on these kinds of things. We have a lot of people doing that as well, but they also would be able to talk about [inaudible] policy in a bit more specific terms rather than just this kind of digital rights stuff. I wouldn't [certainly] mind saying yes, especially because she already has a contact with Bruna. But I'm still, like with many others, wondering, is she going to end up doing stuff, or is she just going to be there and post on the list once [inaudible] about digital rights and ICANN [inaudible].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Right. I hear you, yeah. It's coming back to me. I agree with your comment. I just think she seems keen.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: And God knows we've got to get some more keen people in because we're dying of the work.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yes.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: I think a related topic is how the heck are we going to engage these people?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: We can work on that the same time that we look at the Google Doc. I have been trying to tee up a meeting with Bruna and Louise about that engagement survey we did. Maybe when we get to AOB, Maryam can post the link to the survey results. You will see what I mean. I think we are putting off well-intentioned people and we are also putting off people that I somewhat dismissively has described as floaters who basically want everything delivered to them in a package, you know?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: We need to make more efforts to engage, whether it's a buddy system or a mentor system or a weekly topic of discussion on the list. If we drive people who don't want to [steal] e-mail traffic away, well, so be it. Maybe we create two lists: the people who only want to show up once a year and the people who actually want to discuss things. I don't know. Ideas are welcome, but we're failing at the moment. That's all I know.

Anyway, can we agree on a yes?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Sure. I'm fine. I'll change mine just for the record, but yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. Who's next?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: [Sesha Biang].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: [Sesha Biang], yeah.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: That's why I was [inaudible]. Improving human rights. That's great, but
...

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. I can't remember what I said to this guy. He certainly doesn't
looks strong.

Can you pull up the details sheet, Maryam? I think I gave this guy a no.
You were more generous than I was, Raph.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: No, I put no as well. You put no. We all put no. It's [inaudible], basically.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Right. Okay, good. Great. That's a big no. Good, that one's easy. Right.

Next one is the guy who has the bug in his system.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. But at the same time, is the SOI ... First, he's [inaudible], so what is he going to come ... Say, "Are you a member of any group?" "GNSO." Then he says he's an AFRALO social media representative. That's kind of ...

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. "That's not the GNSO, pal."

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Then, if he's ready – you know that we have a stance on people ... I mean, there are some people who are active in both, but newcomers to come to us and say, "I am already in AFRALO," or in any RALO or ALAC or whatever, "and I want to join you." That's kind of ... I don't know. Is he expecting to be the social media representative for us?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: If he came to us saying, "I'm passionate about end user rights," or something like that, then fine. I'd be happy to take escapees from AFRALO. But it's not my impression that he understands what we're about. So I think I voted no, but I don't think it's recording my no. Right?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: No, it didn't record the yes or no of anyone. It didn't record the comments. I think the front-end part did not. If you go and approve our comment, you will see that the things are there. But for some reason,

the part of the form with the name is not recording these actions. So that's where the bug is [inaudible].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: I don't know what's wrong here, but I don't want to pay [WannaPics] to figure out if it's going to cost \$500 to say no to this guy. I can say no to him now. Do you know what I mean?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. It's [going to be] an open ticket, and [inaudible] takes less than an hour to fix. They fix it and it's free. If it's going to be more than that, then the [inaudible] is [inaudible] and then we can discuss.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay, perfect.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: So that's how it works. If we're going to take [inaudible] come back to us, but at the same time, they are the ones who designed this thing. So I think, if you would want more money to fix that, I think there would be some elements to negotiate with [terrorists]. But we'll see. He hasn't come back to me on that.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: That's a whole other topic right there.

Okay, next one.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: It's [Manju Chan].

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Hi, Stephanie. Just a quick one. Juan has his hand raised, and then, Stephanie, we had a response to Ejikeme's RFI, which I sent to you. I can just read that quickly. It says, "Thank you for your e-mail. I would like to clarify my non-commercial interests. I'm currently the social media representative for AFRALO, a member of the Internet Society (Nigeria chapter), and I represent my community informally in the Nigerian IGF. Most importantly, I'm an Internet user with family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and constituents who look up to me for guidance concerning then Internet. I do volunteer work teaching IT in local schools in my community as part of a civil society foundation. I represent non-commercial entity. Please do consider this action, as I believe it does not reflect a fair estimation of my application." I've added that in the Zoom chat as well. That was his response.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Well, he's doing a lot. It's not clear that it's related to the DNS, but if he's teaching people about how to get a domain name, who am I to question it? Do we want to let him in?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. I mean, we can. I don't think he's going to do a lot policy-wise, but sure.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Well, sadly that's not one of the questions on the membership application.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: I know it's not. [inaudible] I suppose that [inaudible] whatever we require in the application from.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. I think he does. If he volunteers to teach at high schools about the Internet, well, that's more than I do.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Anyways, okay.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Raphael and Stephanie, I have just a suggestion. I think that maybe [inaudible] for more money, but that's not the idea. The idea is that maybe we should include where it says statement of interest a little text with instructions that we expect the people right in there because it's the main part of the application where the people are just talking: "Okay. I am interested because I am interested." So that's [not] all right. So maybe that could help us to solve this problem in this part of the application. Maybe just write a little text instruction about what do you expect of or what are your interests or experience in non-commercial. That's it. That's all of my idea. Thank you.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Thanks, Juan. I think that's a good idea. One of my concerns about this person, even with the supplementary information they gave, is we don't know what people do to earn their living. For all we know, he could be working for GoDaddy. You know what I mean?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: And the volunteering at high schools could be to sell domain names for GoDaddy. You know what I mean?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Mm-hmm.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: We don't ever get to the heart of what they do, so we could be letting commercial people in. I'm pretty sure that would be why Robin has said no because we did have intellectual property lawyers who had bona fide NGOs that they were supporting because, if you're from a foreign country that is an undeveloped country, you can give a minimal amount and have an NGO that you can put on your resume but still be earning your money as an intellectual property lawyer, right?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: We have to guard against that, and I think that's probably why I kept saying no to this guy, coming back [to that]. We could go back and say, "Where do you work? How do you keep your commercial interests separate from your non-commercial interests?" Something like that.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah, I guess we can, but my idea is more that we haven't for these things right now – oh, there we go. Project management [inaudible]. [inaudible] manager [inaudible].[inaudible] [rural] electrification projects. Well, that doesn't seem to relate to IG to me. So I don't think he has a commercial interest in domains, from what I can see there.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Yeah. I think it would not be a bad guideline to ask IP lawyers a few more questions.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: [You're] an IP lawyer. [inaudible] Yes/no. I think [inaudible] general question about occupation, I suppose.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Yeah. Robin is an IP lawyer as well, but obviously she's on our side.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. But finding that out is hard. I agree. Thank you for pulling up this, guy's resume. He looks okay. Electrification doesn't sound quite like selling domain names.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: No.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. Are we okay?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: He's keen enough to fight with us about not getting in, so that's a good sign.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. Next.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: That's the GAC guy. [inaudible]. I don't know.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Only Robin and me clicked yes in the end, but I ...

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Well, I think that we have to get back to this person. We went through this already with a Chinese person who we then kicked out. It was ugly. He went to the ombudsman. He was working for one of the Chinese registries – CNIC, I believe – and they were bringing him to meetings and expecting him to staff the booth. He had a job to do for his employer while he was at ICANN. It's very hard to thread that needle. So we need to get back to him and explain that, if he remains a GAC member, he can't join us. I mean, I was a government person when I started with ICANN, but I have a long history of supporting civil society and [inaudible].

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: The thing is that he says, "I don't really need to [sit] in the GAC." Does that mean that he doesn't or that he may do it in the future or that he would be invited to but he refuses? Because it's not clear that he actually sits on the GAC. He's a government employee [inaudible]. What does he say? Analyze policy issues from the government perspective.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Well, he could be working in an area – yeah.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Because in what part of government does work – is it ...

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Taiwan does not have a big delegation at ICANN, unlike—

STEPHANIE PERRIN: China.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Unlike China. Correct. He could be sitting back in Taiwan doing the support work for the guy who goes.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: And in the process of that, he may have developed sympathy for us. That would be a good person to have.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Mm-hmm.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: In my opinion. Not all government people toe the party line or are our enemies. Some of them could be very supportive of us. But they have to

be able to differentiate. So I guess we need to get back with some fairly specific questions.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay? I'll work with Maryam to come up with a response back to this person. Does that make sense? Then we'll evaluate the next time and see what he says. He or she. I'm not sure.

To be honest, I can't remember this person.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: She's another NextGen person that I'm not sure ... It just doesn't seem like she knows what she's talking about. I find it strange. If she wasn't NextGen, sure. I don't know if it's her English, but she makes it look like that. I don't know. We don't have language requirements or everything. But it's ...

STEPHANIE PERRIN: It's a bit iffy.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: If we start refusing NextGen people [inaudible], but at the same time ...

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. I can't remember what I said. I think that we did outreach at the NextGen. That's—

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: You said, "Yes. Must find a mentor." That's what you said.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: "Yes. Must find a mentor." Yeah. We need to get a mentoring program really working in an organized manner because this is crazy. If we don't find this person a mentor, A) she will never learn, and B) they'll go away discouraged, like half the people who filled out our Google poll.

Anyway, what's the verdict here? I think Robin said no, right?

Oh, she said yes. Okay. So [PTS]. All right, good. Now, Phillip [Dadsy]. Yeah, DDoS attacks. This is the DDoS attack guy. And the national identification authority. Well, that's deep in government, you know?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. I don't really see [inaudible] get whatever he wants to get, right?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Right. So this is just a plain no.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: He should just follow some domain name industry news website and [read] some Cloudflare blog and he would know what he wants to know.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Exactly, yeah. “We suggest Cloudflare.” That’s a good response. Oh, dear.

Well, talk about not being able to pronounce a name.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: We need [inaudible [Louisa]].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: [Sindinaya Cantanayda]? Is that right? Have I got that right?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah, something [like that]. I think the H is Brazil is like [inaudible] in Spanish. Or maybe Juan can help us [inaudible].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. What are the details on this one? [Was Vivien].

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: It’s all fine. It’s a bit the same thing as the one from Costa Rica, right?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. It’s a bit like a word soup.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: But okay. Like ...

STEPHANIE PERRIN: We have no real means to evaluate these. We need a grid. That's, I think, what ... It reminds me of evaluating bids for contracts in the government. You get the word soup. It's the deliverables you're looking for, you know?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: All right. I think we said yes to this one, right?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. I mean, we all said yes. So yeah. That's just a [inaudible].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: The next one has a word for ["use"] specifically.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. I actually like this lady. I met her. She seems like a real shitkicker. We could use somebody like that. And she wants to work. People come up and volunteer to work. I'm going, "Yes!" She didn't say, "I need a mentor," or, "When are you going to teach me?" or, "Where's my curriculum?" No.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. The only thing that I wrote is that it seems that it's very aligned with ISOC – what she wants to do. But at the same, again, if she's motivated and if you know her, then, yeah, fine.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: If ISOC did any of this stuff, it'd be a great thing.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Just like we shouldn't turn away people who come from ALAC and are bored to tears. Ditto with ISOC.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: She's not a kid. This woman – I wouldn't say she's my age, but she's not a kid probably. She's got some experience under your belt. I won't take a guess at her age.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Sure. Okay.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: I changed mind, but it's fine.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay, great.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: The next one was ...

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Raphael, just a quick one. If you change your approval to yes, do you still want to leave the comments in there? Because it starts to become confusing when I come back to [inaudible].

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Sure, I can change the comment if that's easier for you.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yes. Okay, great. Thank you very much. So just going forward, for anyone who changes from no to yes, please remove the comments [inaudible].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Or say “You talked me into it” at the beginning.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yeah. Thanks.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: That would be the easiest. “You talked me into it.” Then bracket the rest. Because we may be looking back at some of these people and saying, “Why on earth did we let this person in?” Then you could say, “We told you so.”

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: I think we all put yes for the [next ones]. So for the [inaudible] – I think I originally followed her on Twitter. I’m not sure if it’s this one – yeah, I think it’s her. She’s quite active about the Hong Kong protests now. She thinks she might have become a bigger shot than she was [previously], like when she applied. As for as what’s going in Hong Kong, I think she got a lot of media attention. But in any case, yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Good for her. That takes guts. Good. Those poor people. I wonder what's going to happen. I remember thinking, "How did this kind do all this by the time they're 20?" I think we all said yes on this, right?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yes. She mentions you as well. The next one is [Joanne [inaudible]. I don't know. She has LinkedIn profile. Maybe we should go and see what's on her LinkedIn profile. Like you [applied for something and you're] given the right for anything? I don't know.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. [inaudible] on the concept, unless her English is so bad she can't navigate. Always a possibility. I can't remember whether I looked up her LinkedIn profile. Could we pull it up? Some people their LinkedIn profile is all they need, you know?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. She's an HR representative for one of the highways in Haiti.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: For one of the which?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Highways. For a highway.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Huh.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: [inaudible]. I suppose that's what it means. I think that indicates Haiti Broilers.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Who are the Haiti Broilers?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: I think [inaudible] a company that makes broilers [inaudible]

STEPHANIE PERRIN: My goodness.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: It does sound like [inaudible].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: I think "chicken" when I hear broilers. Not that people can't have an Internet interest and be working in the agriculture community, especially in place like Haiti, where, God, I think the employment is about 50%. So if she's even got a job, she's doing well.

She hasn't told us anything about herself, so I think we have to go back for more info. Clearly there's nothing in here that indicates an interest in the Internet, right?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: No. So it is a chicken company, by the way.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Is it? There you go. Okay. Well, let's get some more information from her. I'm starting to think that we should get back to people in the language. We now have two people who could probably get by in French quite easily, right?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. It's just that we need to set up a [inaudible]. But the thing is that if you answer to them in French, it may make them think they can interact in French on the mailing list, for example, which is not really the case.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Which is not really the case. That's true.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: It would be the main issue – something like that – I think.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yes, you're probably right. We shouldn't open that door. Now, Stanley [Bovar]. I don't think I have responded to that one.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: I haven't either. I don't think any of us have because it's a very recent one, I would think.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. In the last couple of days.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Hi, Stephanie. You wouldn't see my hand up because I'm the host. I just wanted to go back to [John Bjou]. Are you asking for more information? Actually it doesn't have anything on there.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Right. Nothing.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yeah. So ...

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: I think normally we just reject them.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yeah. We just reject it because there's really nothing on it.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. Just reject it then.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Okay. Thank you.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: If she comes back at us, well ...

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Honestly, I think we have something defense: if you don't even write anything. If you write something like, "I'm from ISOC Romania," okay, then maybe they have a point with being from ISOC Romania and that would be enough for them to get into the group. But if you don't write anything, I don't think you can expect to [inaudible].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yes. One does wonder how she found us. [Jon Bovar].

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: He's actually associated with ISOC. [inaudible] current NCSG member [and Nahoo].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. Who's [Nahoo]? I don't know any [Nahoos].

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: No [inaudible]

STEPHANIE PERRIN: The other thing about being affiliated with ISOC is that they could be in business, you know?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Hmm. Yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: If they've got nothing here to show non-commercial interests ...

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Thank you for checking with me if we have a [Nahoo]. I'm trying to see if there's anything [inaudible], but I cannot find [any].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: [Because Nahoo] in one place and [Nahamany] in another.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Is it possible this is a bogus application.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: It could be. It could be a bot or something like that because there's no such thing as [inaudible] in quotes with ISOC that I can find in Google. There's nothing [inaudible] so sure that might not be online too much. There's one Stanley [Bovar] from Haiti on LinkedIn.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Oh yeah?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: He says he's in marketing in [inaudible]. Yeah. There we go. He might be an actual person, but it's funny that we've got two from Haiti [close together] with [inaudible] doesn't really make sense.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Quite frankly, I get really suspicious when I see somebody who's responsible for marketing Smeller Cosmetic. That's a very unfortunate name if it's for people.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: That's true. They might be a real person but ...

STEPHANIE PERRIN: It could be, but we don't know. I think we dump that person. It's a no.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah, it's a no as well. I think that [Joann Bjou] and him are probably somewhat related in the sense there might be a similar cause for their application somewhere. I don't know how, but there's something.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: God knows where, yeah. Well, they'll get back to us if they really, really, really want to join.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. Which I doubt, but yeah.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Stephanie, just a quick one. Are you able to log into the application to respond to the approval?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: I can try after we get off.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Do you want me to do it for you?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. If you could do it for me, that'd be great.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Okay, cool.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Sorry about that.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Thank you. No worries at all.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: I should probably move over to the desk unit, but it's not in a handy spot.

Okay, we're done. Hallelujah.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: The organizations.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Oh. Sorry.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: But I think you've done all of them.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: It seems that it's me who hasn't done it.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Oh well.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Oh, but these are old applications?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Are they?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: I don't know because they still have the old form. [inaudible] this discontinued thing. But I ...

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. Check funding and membership, yeah. This was a no, right? So can we kill this off? This one?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: The [inaudible] or?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: So we sent that RFI and they did not reply.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: That's correct. No reply yet.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Okay. When was it sent?

RAOUL PLOMMER: What's the deadline for rejecting when we receive no response?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: I think it's in the charter. 30 or 60 days or maybe less than that even. 60 seems [inaudible].

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yeah. Historically it used to be the next EC meeting to one month.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: That's historically. [We're not driven] by the charter. I think I have been encouraging us to resend the RFI just in case it got lost in traffic.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Doesn't seem to be anything in the charter [inaudible].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: I can't read the discontinued for reference purposes. It looks like it says approved.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: But it's a no. I don't know why it's still there, actually. It shouldn't be.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: All right. Well, what do people think? Reject?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: It's no for everyone, so ...

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. No.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: [inaudible], so I guess it's ...

RAOUL PLOMMER: Yeah, I think that's been hanging around there for six months or so. If there's no response, they obviously can't be too interested.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Right.

RAOUL PLOMMER: They can always make a new application.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Stephanie?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yes?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: I think I remember this guy from the meeting in Marrakech. He was actually at the NCSG meeting. Looking back at the application, it says – oops. Sorry. The details of the application say June ... sorry. I may be confused here because it says Monday, June 24th. So, yeah, I remember seeing him. He was at the NCSG meeting and he said he wanted to apply to a member. So I'm not sure why—

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. So this a new one then.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yeah. This is obviously a new one. I'm not sure why it's still in the old application format. So definitely there's something [not working].

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Because you would have already sent [inaudible] [to clarify]?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yeah. That's what I'm thinking. So it's a bit—

RAOUL PLOMMER: Yeah. That has a lot more text than the first one.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Sorry, Raoul. I didn't catch that.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: I think—

RAOUL PLOMMER: There seems to be a new one that had a lot more text than the first application.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: And where would be the first? Somewhere else? Lost under ... There was a West Africa Center for Peace Foundation.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Ah, I think that's the one we're mixing it up with, yes.

RAOUL PLOMMER: That's right.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Which was rejected [inaudible].

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yeah, which was rejected. So this is a new one.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Okay. So we're mixing up West African things then. So that was the funding problem, right? Is that the thing we had with them?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yes.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Okay. So then we should send an RFI about funding?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yes. Okay, I'll do that. Thanks.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah, I think it's a fair point. But if we're dealing with countries in Africa, we're generally pretty lenient about membership and funding, you know?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Okay.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Because it's not quite the same environment.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Mm-hmm.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Google might be funding it, right? I don't think that rules it out.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Hi, Stephanie. Just a follow up. I see that, on the 26th of June, I sent an RFI to the representative, and he hasn't responded. I'm just going to send a second one and then you can make a decision after that.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: That's great.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Sounds good.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Sounds good. I don't know about you guys, but I can't keep up with my e-mail, so I have a lot of sympathy for people who [inaudible]. The other day, I mistook Raphael for Robin. So [inaudible]. I thought you weren't going to make it and you were off camping. I'm going, "Camping? What's he doing camping?"

RAPHAEL Well, I could have [inaudible].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Bugs are big up here in Canada this year.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. But I've gone camping a lot at home when I was small, but I just haven't done it in a while.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: It's finding the time.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

RAOUL PLOMMER: I'm going camping very soon, too.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Nice. In Finland?

RAOUL PLOMMER: Yeah. It's five days by this lake district where they have these freshwater seals that are really rare. You can't have motorboats there. Last time I was there, some ten years ago, we saw five people in five days. You can drink straight from the lake and just be naked on the beach there.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Sounds lovely. I don't know whether I'd be drinking from the lake if seals are pooping in it. [inaudible]

RAOUL PLOMMER: No, it's fine.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Seal poop is good for you.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Just a little bigger than fish poop. Anyway, we digress. Okay, back to the next one.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Hikers.mu.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Sorry?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: The next one is hikers.mu. I feel like we discussed this.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: [inaudible]

RAOUL PLOMMER: I think they applied in Marrakech. Well, the guy seemed very interested on the DNS. He just hasn't ... I don't know. Have we sent an RFI to him? Because we could send him a reminder.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: We look over those in the EC meeting in Marrakech. That's why we feel like we've seen them.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Right. Oh, yeah. We're not totally behind on these. We've done them. We're just not getting anywhere. Let's send another RFI reminder and then that's it.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: [inaudible]

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Where is mu?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Mauritius.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Oh.

RAOUL PLOMMER: That's right.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Huh. I would have never guessed.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: This one looks like they had corporate sponsorship, so what does that [inaudible] matters [inaudible].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Well, I'm unsurprised that a youth group in Nigeria has corporate sponsorship, you know?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: The question is, does that interfere with their independence and what are they doing and blah, blah, blah. So did we send an RFI? I remember going—

RAOUL PLOMMER: Yeah, we actually want to know about the corporate sponsorship.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah, exactly. Well, and membership. If the corporate sponsorship includes membership from the corporations, well, that's another matter.

What did Robin say about this one?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Nothing.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Nothing, ay?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. She just voted but she ...

STEPHANIE PERRIN: They were thin on the ground in data. I seem to recall this one.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. I just thought there was interest in DNS.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: I'm sure it's a legitimate organization if they actually are which they claim to be, which you can't really verify. I could apply for the National Paralympic Committee of the state off Michigan and [inaudible] be able to know who I am. I don't think [there's] organization that we're looking for. Is there any organization that can apply?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: [inaudible] for this? I must be crazy. Why did Robin say yes? Normally she's the one pushing for more info.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. RFI. Good.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Hi, Stephanie. Just to confirm, the National Paralympics is RFI?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Right.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Okay. Thank you.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Thank you. You always come out of this with a ton of work, Maryam.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yes.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: For which we apologize. It's all coming back to me – reviewing these and thinking, "For God's sake, we need to fix our membership application form," because it's not really their fault.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Yeah. It will save us a lot of work. And them.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Exactly. It must be discouraging, you know?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. I think the bar need to be higher than what it is right now.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. We're getting these angry letters from people. "Why haven't you approved my application?" Well, A) we're busy, and B) you didn't give us much to go on.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Yeah. We're like this black box. Just send your application. Good luck with that.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: This one [inaudible].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: To be honest, I can't remember. They're self-funded, so that's not bad.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Their website does work now, but all their social media accounts are inactive since 2016. So I don't know what they are doing right now because they do have a Facebook page, they do have a Twitter feed, but nothing has been posted since 2016. And early 2016, so that's almost four years [inaudible].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Well, they claim they're a large organization.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: They should have a lot of members because it's free and anyone can apply as long as you reside in Africa. So I'm sure they have plenty of members.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: [inaudible]. It says it's self-funded through contributions from ... Then I get my big [inaudible].

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: For members, [yeah]? Well, if it tried to go on their website, I can apply. What does it say? Or maybe not, actually. Let me see.

Well, they don't ask for any money when you apply ... Oh, yeah. It doesn't work on Mac – oh, it's because their website is not [inaudible]. That's why. On Chrome, I can access it, but it does tell me it's a non ... They have application forms [inaudible] HTTPS, which is a bit strange.

Oh, their website has a date of 2019, August 5th. So that's like three days ago. They added a picture.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: That's interesting.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: So there might be someone who woke up sometime in July and said, “We need to do something with that,” and then they added a few pictures to the website and they decided to apply.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Well, we’re about to give them four votes, so they’ve got to exist. They got to be real. We have concerns, right?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. It’s not very clear what they’re doing. The website is mostly in French. Maybe the English version has more information. Let’s see.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Well, it’s focused in Senegal. It would be in French, right?

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah. It’s in French first but they have it in English. But there’s very little information.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: You know what? We have spent the entire time – because I have two other calls I have to get on, I’m going to have to give up on the financial stuff for today. But that’s probably just as well because, as I said at the opening, in need to send you guys my additional small chapter on transparency and openness in payments. So I’ll do that.

What are we going to do with this last application? Sorry for the non-sequitur.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: We can send them – but what are we going to ask for? More of its ... Maybe what they're doing is ... Maybe their [inaudible]. That would be a "What have they been doing recently?" kind of thing. And ...

STEPHANIE PERRIN: What is the interest in DNS? That's the question.

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Yeah.

RAOUL PLOMMER: What's the non-commercial interest in the DNS?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Right. Exactly.

RAOUL PLOMMER: How could you advance the policy?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Right.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay, I'm going to have to run. You guys can keep on without me if you'd like, but I got to go get on these other calls. Ugh.

RAOUL PLOMMER: All right. We'll continue next month..

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: I think we're done anyway, so it's ...

STEPHANIE PERRIN: I think we are. We'll get that Google Document going and try to fix [inaudible].

RAPHEAL BEAUREGARD-LACROIX: Sure.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Thanks, Stephanie. Thanks, Maryam and everyone.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Thank you. Have a great time camping.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Yes, will do.

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