
MARYAM BAKOSHI: Thank you very much, staff. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. This is the NCSG EC call on Thursday, 15th of November 2018. On the call today, we have Juan Manuel Rojas, Robin Gross, Stephanie Perrin. And from staff, we have myself, Maryam Bakoshi. I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much, and over to you, Stephanie.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Thank you very much, Maryam, and I can ably demonstrate of a terrible chair I am because I forgot all of that, those requirements. Okay, so we're now recording.

I'll just do a little brief recap on the discussion we just had. I had proposed a monthly meeting for the NCSG EC and came up with an action item for Maryam to send out a Google poll to find suitable times. I'm proposing something like the first Monday or Tuesday or Wednesday in the month, so that we can all remember that we had this thing coming at the beginning of the month and we can alternate times if it turns out that it's hard to find a suitable time for all of us, which I suspect will be the case.

In terms of membership ... Okay, good to know. Robin has just indicated she'll be out on Wednesday, so that keeps us to Monday, Tuesday. What was I going to say?

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Oh, yes. We don't have the final determination from the NCUC yet on the two members. I know that Robin has confirmed. I don't know about Monica. She doesn't appear to be on the call today, but I believe Maryam is sending separate reminders to her, so perhaps she'll join later. So, that's it for that action item. Just be prepared for a call in early December when we get this sorted out.

Now, on the matter of travel support to Kobe, I think I've already sent your name in, Robin, because Monica was not responding. We had to come up with a name and I'm really, really anxious to try to hit timelines because I suspect that, given the current financial crisis, we will be losing travel slots if we don't comply with the guidelines and get our input in on time. So, just to say we did that, so that one is ticked off my list. Anything else in terms of other matters we need to discuss as an EC prior to moving to membership.

ROBIN GROSS: Stephanie, this is Robin. Can you hear me okay?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yes, loud and clear.

ROBIN GROSS: Okay, just wanted to make sure. I also wondered if we needed to finalize that decision about travel support to the Asia-Pacific region member that was sent to the mailing list – that you sent to the mailing list a couple of days ago. I think one had suggested someone and I'm just wondering if we need to finalize that.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Good point. We do need to finalize that. I think there was something like three or four applications and it'll take me a minute to find all those applications again, but yes, we do need to do that. Juan [inaudible] the person that you recommended. Did you want to say something about that individual?

JUAN MANUEL ROJOAS: Hey, Stephanie. Hey, everyone. No, I haven't met him before. Just I took the time to read all the applications and the statement [inaudible] each one. I think this guy from Sri Lanka hasn't been the opportunity before to get involved in NCSG activities, so that's why I thought that it could be a good chance for him to go to an ICANN meeting, to join with us and to get engaged. Hello, everyone. Can you hear me?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yes, definitely. I apologize for the [inaudible]. I'm still trying to pull up those applications and it's not easy because I didn't file them properly, so apologies. As I recall, [Sahoo] also applied, so someone from Sri Lanka, we have [Sahoo] who I can't remember where [Sahoo] is from and I'm busy trying to yank that application up. There were two others, as I recall.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Yeah. I found three applications, one from [Sahoo] from Sri Lanka. Another one was from I don't remember. Sorry. I don't remember the [inaudible] one that it was through.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yeah. So, we got one from [Sahoo Hamid] and he is from ... I'm just looking at it now. He's from India. Then, we have another from [Howda Cheehee] and the third one is from [Iranga Shabara Ratna] and [Iranga] is from Sri Lanka. I'm just going to put the applications in the Adobe Connect, so that it's easier for everyone to see, if that's okay.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Wonderful. Thank you, Maryam, because I have a tsunami of e-mail and I'm not finding ... I have to say that if anybody has tips on how to organize NCSG [inaudible], that would be much appreciated because we have so much going on I'm having a hard time. Oh, Raoul is on the phone. Great. Hi, Raoul, you made it. We're just going through the applications for travel support under the ABR.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Okay. Sorry for being late.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Oh, that's okay. I'm sure your busy. I just came off a three-hour EPDP call, so I'm a little brain dead I have to say. The report for EPDP is supposedly going out on Monday and we might be working all weekend by the looks of it because we got about 18% of the way through the recommendations today in a three-hour call. Anyway, I digress. Back to these applications.

So, here's the Sri Lanka. I must say I think I have sensitivity to Juan's recommendation here because I'm not aware of us having anybody participating from Sri Lanka and Sri Lanka certainly fits on the list of underserved territories, if I'm not mistaken.

MARYAM BAKOSHI:

Yeah. That's correct, Stephanie. Sri Lanka is under the developing and underserved economies that the [inaudible]. Stephanie, if it's helpful, on the [inaudible] discussion notes on the right of the screen, I have the list of the developing and underserved economies. I hope everyone can see it.

STEPHANIE PERRIN:

Yes, indeed. Thanks. That's very helpful. Well, if anybody is aware of any other Sri Lankans that are participating. Otherwise, I would say that this person gets points because that's an area that is underserved and that's the purpose of this ABR.

I should just note that I understand there's been concerns in the past about discussing personal information under the privacy laws and policies. Speaking as someone coming from a government environment where there's been data protection law since 1982, I'm pretty used to dealing with HR issues under most data protection law that applies to governments. You have to provide the information to the individual. They can put in an access request. They can see the data. So, it's extremely important that when one is discussing personal information [inaudible] does it in a professional way. But I don't think we should not have calls and not have records because we're dealing with personal

information. That is not the purpose of data protection law. The purpose is to provide rights to individuals. The fact is we are comparing applications and we must compare, for instance, addresses where people come from in order to make this evaluation. So, just that little word to the wise. Thanks.

Can we have a look at the next application, Maryam, or scroll? I can't seem to scroll.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: This is [Sahoo's] application. [Sahoo Hamid]. And I'll have to sync the document so you can scroll through it.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: So, basically, [Sahoo] has only been able to attend the Hyderabad meeting. Am I right, here?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: He was at the Barcelona meeting as well.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. Any thoughts on that application, then?

ROBIN GROSS: I that [Sahoo] might be a really good candidate for this slot because this is somebody who it seems has already been doing good work for us and I think it's important to work with people who are already doing good

work for us, as opposed to people who will do good work for us when they are provided with travel support. So, if we have a choice between that, I tend to go for the folks who are already working really hard for us. Thanks. I think it looks like [Sahoo] fits in that category as someone who has already been rolling up his sleeves and getting in the trenches and doing some work for us.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: And he's from India and therefore in one of the desired underserved economies, right?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Correct. He's on the list. India is.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. Well, I must say my inclination is always to support the guys that have rolled up their sleeves and done the work. So, I tend to agree, although I do recognize the underserved area. The person from Sri Lanka has never had the chance to participate. So, something ... It's tough making these decisions.

Let's have a look at the third one. Does anybody know the third person? Name [Howda], I believe. Maryam, can you get [Howda's] application up for us?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yes. I'm just doing that now. Sorry for the delay.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Not to rush you, sorry.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: My apologies if there's a bit of a crash problem happening here. I'll get it up now. The document is [inaudible] for scrolling.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. Well, this one is easy because the person is from Tunisia and Tunisia is not on the list. So, sadly, they don't qualify for this pot of money. I think we'll just have to tell them ... I don't think [inaudible] is the rationale for why they should come to the meeting as well. I mean, this is a standard CV which is great, but doesn't explain why they should get the travel. I think it's not as interesting an application as the other two even if it qualified.

So, let's go back. It's really between the Sri Lankan and [Sahoo] who has already proven they can work. What's the feeling of the room, you guys? Do we want [Sahoo]?

Okay. If there are no objections, then let's get back to [Sahoo] and move on to the membership applications. I see time is marching on.

Now, Maryam, just in terms of who does what to whom, who sends out the notice to the successful applicant here? That would be me or you or the committee as a whole?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: No, no. It would either be you or me, but I think you should do it if you can. But if you want me to do it as well, [inaudible].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: [inaudible] have to do that?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yeah. I will send the name to the [inaudible] so they can start the travel process.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Very good.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Thank you.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Raoul has asked in the chat, "Do we need to wait for Monica's approval on this?" I don't know how you operated in the past, but I don't really think that we can afford to lose a travel slot because people don't make the meetings. Yes, I believe we have a similar [inaudible] allotment. We've got one left. Is that right, Maryam, in this year's ABRO?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yes, that's correct.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Well, Raoul, your point is taken. We need unanimous decision, but ... Okay. Robin is filled in how we do it. How long do we give them to object? 24 hours?

ROBIN GROSS: Yeah. I think it, again, depends upon the circumstance and what's appropriate for the circumstance, but usually we would send an e-mail out at conclusion of this meeting saying what decisions were taken and if an active member wants to object with any of the decisions that were taken, you can, and if we don't hear from you by I guess in this case maybe tomorrow, the decision would stand. That would be my suggestion.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Good. Okay. I mean, I don't mind waiting on things like membership applications which, yes, we've agreed that we would provide our response in a month, but on travel slots, like I say, I feel like these could be ripped away if we're not really careful given how cheap ICANN is these days. So, I don't want to mess around, you know? So, we'll send that out at the end of the meeting and basically give 24 hours to respond. Thanks.

Yes, I hear you, Raoul. I realize people are busy, but this is an important leadership role and if we haven't got the time to do it, then somebody else will do it.

Okay, thanks. Onto the applications for membership. Can you put them up one after the other in the Adobe space, Maryam, please? That might be the easiest way to proceed.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Stephanie, unfortunately, we cannot do that. I can share my screen, if that helps. Hello?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Sorry. I muted myself. Yes, that would be great. Sorry about that. So, you can't share an e-mail on the screen.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: I can share an e-mail, but I [inaudible] e-mail. It goes to the EC directly, so I don't have those e-mails. But I can share my screen. If you have the e-mails, then I can share them as a PDF.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: I suppose, theoretically, I could do the same, couldn't I? I have the technical prowess to manage that.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: I can promote you to presenter.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. Please go ahead and do it. Let's not wait while I try and fumble my way through this. We can do a practice call on it, figure it out.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Okay, for some reason, [inaudible]. Can you see my screen?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yes. I'm afraid that I have a broken computer that has a giant barcode in the middle of my screen. I'm told that it's a loose connection between the screen and the rest of the computer, so it makes finding things extremely difficult because all of the fixed toolbars are covered by this bar code and I have a hell of a time. I've got to take the darn thing in and get it fixed, but that would imply a day off from ICANN, so that I could do that.

Okay, what are we seeing here? It's a little blurry. Okay. What you're showing us is the actual membership applications. Can you blow that up a little larger?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yeah. This is the first application.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: So, name is Ricardo. Starts with a B. I can't read anything beyond that.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: So, it's Ricardo [Baroni].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Just trying to find it.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Is that helpful?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: It's a wee bit better. Can you get it bigger? I apologize for being blind.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Is that better now?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. I don't have this particular application. Any idea when it came in? Oh, I wasn't on the list as of the 20th of October. I bet that's why. Now I can read it. That's great. Does anyone have any objections to this application?

ROBIN GROSS: I am a little bit concerned about this application just because I don't see any connection to non-commercial interests. So, I'd like to reach out and ask them if they could a little bit more specifically tell us what their non-commercial interest is because just a list of memberships and organizations that may or may not be non-commercial is not really helpful.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Right. Almost sounds like, "I'm also a member of ..." On LinkedIn. Okay. That works for me. Any other comments? I don't see a list of the domains that they hold, either. Did we not ask for that specifically?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: No, Robin, it's not [inaudible].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. The domain name is not a mandatory field. I wonder why.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: That's right because people can join NCSG either because they have a non-commercial domain name or because they are impacted by non-commercial domain name policies or they have an interest in it. So, for family personal reasons [inaudible]. So, you don't have to have a non-commercial ... You don't have to have a domain name to be a member.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. Well, let's seek further information. I think that's a good idea. What's the next one?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Stephanie, just a quick one. I'm unable to add a comment here, so I was just wondering if Robin could just probably add a comment there saying that we're requesting for more information so that it will be stored in the database because for some reason I'm not able to do that.

ROBIN GROSS: Okay. So, I just did it, so hopefully that's saved in there now. Okay. I'm just going to check that now. No. It's not here. Actually, it looks like it's not syncing. When I type it and then hit save ... Maybe because I need to save ... I need to check. Okay, it says I have approved it. I haven't. Let me see if I can fix that. Okay, now I think it's there. Sorry about that. It wasn't saving before, but I think it's there now.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Okay. Thank you very much, Robin. So, the next [inaudible] is [Joe Alberto], [inaudible] Rodriguez.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Go for it, Juan.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: These guy [inaudible]. I knew him in Barcelona. He was there as a fellow, I think. I know that he is leaving Spain but he's Cuban and is very interested in NCSG. He told me inside the meeting that he was thinking about this. [inaudible] because he is studying cybersecurity things and he is from Cuba so he is writing about developing countries. It's his interest. So, maybe I think that he needs to [write] more information in his application, but he was in Barcelona meeting following the NCSG meetings and their constituencies.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yes. There's not much that I can see in his application. Generally speaking, how do you treat a thin application like this one? Nobody is commenting.

ROBIN GROSS: Sorry, I had my hand up. I wasn't sure which was appropriate. I keep doing it wrong. I apologize. What would you prefer, hands up or just jump in when you ask for comments?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Because there's so few of us, I haven't been watching the queue. Please go for it, Robin. I also have my barcode in here.

ROBIN GROSS: Okay. So, when I first read this application, I had a similar thought to the one I had before on the previous application, which happens a lot. The applications are thin and we need to get more specific information from them. So, that was my first thought was where's the non-commercial interest here. Cybersecurity, sometimes that's a business, cybersecurity business or even a government contractor, so we need to be a little bit weary of that. So, that was my first thought when I read this was I'd like to have a little bit more information.

But then, Juan says he's met this guy and he came to our meetings in Barcelona. So, if Juan feels comfortable with this person being non-commercial, then that kind of overrides my initial thoughts about reaching out and asking for more specific information.

STEPHANIE PERRIN:

Well, if I may, you're talking to a former bureaucrat here, so I'm kind of used to having the need for documentation to back up decisions. For instance, I don't want to rule out someone we suspect is an intellectual property lawyer stalking us and then have them point back to a decision we made on someone like this gentleman where we didn't ask for more specific information when we should have. You know what I mean? That feeling is not enough in terms of process. So, while I'm very sympathetic and I agree that we want this person, I think we should ask for more information. The good news is our next meeting will be the first weekend in December, so that we get it very quickly. We will approve on the first week of December. How does that sound to you guys? I may be up-ending previous practice, but ...

Yeah, exactly, Raoul. I think it's important. So, let's ask for additional info with a very warm and welcoming, "Hey, we're glad you're interested, but we need for our process the following information."

Okay. Onto the next one. Somebody needs to [inaudible] that. I'm going to deal offline with Maryam on how I get access to this because I'm still awaiting approval to access the database.

I would also, just while we're waiting for the next one to come up, I'd like to note that I didn't get this one, either, presumably because I wasn't on the list when they applied. I can't remember what date I got on all the lists. It might not have been until the 27th or something like that.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Thank you very much. The next applicant is [Michael Kasakerho].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. Same thing. I didn't get this one, either. Okay, any comments on this guy, folks?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Stephanie, Raoul has the [inaudible] on the chat.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Yes. I approved it [inaudible].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. Sounds reasonable to me. Maryam, can you mark me down as approving? It sounds like this is an interesting person. Are you in the habit of normally checking the references? In other words, this person [inaudible] reach out [inaudible]?

RAOUL PLOMMER: We usually take their word for it unless there's something ambiguous. What we have checked is their websites. That's pretty much all the background check we're able to do.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Right. As I say, as a former bureaucrat, I'm inclined to be cautious, so I may instigate a practice. Once I'm able to see these things as they come in, of automatically checking who they say they know, I think it would be coverage for

us and I don't mind doing that, as long as we don't start getting 100 applications a month. So, I'll try and put that in place for the next time as soon as we get onto their stupid database. Just to follow-up.

Okay, so that one is approved. On we go to the next one. Probably sooner or later we'll get to one I've already looked at.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: The next is [Towa Monaynay Tardis].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Not much here. So, I think this one needs ... We need more information, if everybody agrees with that. Okay, on with the next one. [inaudible] expediting these things. Sorry?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: I was just saying that the next applicant is [Ricardo Batara].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: I think in future, again, once I can see these things as they come in, I may start abusing my role as chair in saying if I see one like the last one where clearly there [inaudible] of information, send it around to you guys and say I think this needs more information, in which case we might actually be able to approve those with missing information within a month which would be nice. Possibly our form isn't fulsome [inaudible] we need to tell them to put more information down. Anyway, thanks. I realize I'm typing when I could be talking. So, this is a

no? Okay, onto the next one. We're just marching right along here. Still haven't hit any of the ones I reviewed. I'm a little discouraged here. There's quite a pile.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Hi, Steph. I've gone onto the next one, Daniel [Gestig].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Very good. Thanks, Maryam. Am I the only one here that would like to know what these guys do in their day jobs? Aha! That's a good idea.

Okay. How are we doing with this? Have we agreed that this one needs more information? As far as I can see, it's just not developed enough.

ROBIN GROSS: Steph, this is Robin. Actually, all we need is for one person to require more information and that's what happens. We have to all agree to accept a member. But if anyone of us is uneasy and want information, then that's what happens under the charter. Just so you know the [inaudible].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: That's certainly my understanding of it. Maybe I'm being demanding, but I really think people ... Probably, maybe I'm burnt by the EPDP experience but we're getting a lot of attention for demanding privacy, so there's lots of people who don't care about privacy who are interested in it all of a sudden. I think we have to be ready for [inaudible] joining.

ROBIN GROSS: And this is really nothing new for us. We have been a target since the day NCSG was created for other interest groups, for IP people, for law enforcement people, or all sorts if you don't like the views we come up with and think it would be very easy to join us and simply change [inaudible] their business or their governmental objective or whatever. This is something that we actually have to be extremely vigilant about and be very careful and require more information if there's any concern at all because this has been an issue from day one and it will continue to be, so I think it's important that we are vigilant on this.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay, onto the next guy, and that would be ... That was Daniel that Juan has said yes to. Mili Semlani, still we're in the area that I haven't reviewed these, guys, so my apologies. Any thoughts on this person? Sounds good to me. Yeah, I think I approve Mili. It would be great to have more journalists. Momentarily lull. I'm getting up to feed the stove, 18 below out there. Okay, next one.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Stephanie, how do you want [inaudible]?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: How do which?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Mili Semlani, I just wanted to record your vote.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: I'm a yes for her. Or him.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Okay, thank you. The next applicant is [Catherine Frederick].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. Now, on this one, clearly this is an intellectual property lawyer. However, knows [Amr]. I actually wanted to discuss with you guys how you normally treat these.

ROBIN GROSS: I would look at this and ... I really like this statement of interest. I think it actually is a pretty clear articulation of what is a non-commercial interest that we defend. A lot of us are IP lawyers, like myself, [inaudible], and Kathy. So, it doesn't ... It isn't automatically disqualifying, especially when we get one who has got a statement of interest like this and suggests [Amr] would be the reference. I'm inclined to approve this one. Thanks.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: That was certainly my gut reaction, Robin. I was going to check with [Amr], but if [Amr] says he knows this person and they are legitimate, then I would say we go ahead. Okay. Please mark me down as approved, Maryam, with the caveat that I'm going to check with [Amr] as soon as the call is over and if I come up with anything, I'll let you know. I do apologize. I really think it's good practice. I should just look at these things when they come in, send them back when they don't have enough info and check with the references. That would be just plain due diligence in handling these. Okay, next.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: The next applicant is [James Cott].

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Hallelujah, we've hit the ones I've looked at. Did anybody check out Signa Corporation? I must confess I didn't. Might be worth checking out. I mean, I would feel a lot less insecure about approving corporate applications if we had a decent removal process, but we haven't really got one. I mean, we have one, but I'm not sure it would work on iffy cases.

Okay. So, Signa is a health insurance company. Any thoughts on this person? I'm not sure about the Geneva Conventions here, but I can't think of a good reason to turn this person down. Any thoughts on this one?

RAOUL PLOMMER: It looks good to me. It's a pretty solid application, I think.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: You think? I don't see any reason why not, so I guess I'm inclined to vote yes unless someone can persuade me that a no vote is required here. So, Maryam, can you mark me down for a yes, please? And apologies for being slow on this. Hopefully, I can speed things up next time. Great. Anybody got any more thoughts on this? Are we saying yes? It would be nice to have a few approved ones this month.

Okay, next one is [Wisdom] [inaudible]. Maryam, if you could mark me down for a yes on this one. I think I'm okay with this one.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: That's [Wisdom Ado], correct?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yes, that's right. And answer to your question, Raoul, thank you so much for hanging in. I don't know so. I think this was enough for this meeting. If there are items that need to be put on the agenda for the next meeting, please just send them to me and Maryam and we'll get that organized for the next time. I don't think there's anything else urgent. I may be forgetting something. And not at all. Thanks for being there.

So, I'll send around the summary of who we're approving and who we're not approving and what we're doing after this meeting once we get it all sorted between me and Maryam. Then, I guess it's my job to send out announcement to the list of the approved members. Yeah. Say hi to everybody for us, Raoul.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Stephanie?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yes?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: [Bukala Orenti], has a decision been made about her? I didn't hear that.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: No. We haven't made a decision yet because we're just getting to her.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: This is Juan.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Go for it, Juan.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: I can [inaudible] in this time precisely, but I agree with [Bakola]. He is already engaged with At-Large, maybe through any ALS or something like that. I think it's good. It's good for approved. Maybe I have [inaudible] to learn, but he has interest in joining researchers and to spread his mission [inaudible] policies between [inaudible] and developing countries. So, I think it's a good thing. And it [inaudible] also not-for-profit involvement. So, I think that could be good from our perspective, too. So, I agree with him – or her, I don't know.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. Me neither. I couldn't figure it out. Nigerian names lose me. But, I agree. That was my impression here. Sounds like a good candidate. So, Maryam, can you mark me down for a yes, please?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yes, I have done so.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: I don't know. I can't see [inaudible]. Sorry?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yes, I've marked you down as approved.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Very good. I think we're going to get a yes from this person. That would be nice. The next one is Monica – have I got this right? Monica [Ramero].

ROBIN GROSS: This is another application that I'd like to see more specific information as to the non-commercial interest, especially since they do already participate at ICANN on [inaudible] government. That's a huge red flag. So, I would definitely need to see something a little bit more substantive about actually defending non-commercial interest and protecting non-commercial interests before I would approve this application. Thanks.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: I agree with Robin. I think the [GAC] representative here, it's like, okay, he knows but also the same concern as Robin. Okay, what is here interest from non-commercial or just as an individual user? Because it's different. So, I think we need more information here, too.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: I tend to agree. We absolutely need to know why she was on the delegation. There are a few countries that occasionally put academics on the delegation, but not very many. Costa Rica might be one. But if

she's working for the government, as far as I'm concerned, she's out. Not to be unkind and spoken like [inaudible] bureaucrat. So, that's more information required.

And that wraps it up for me. That's it. That's our last one. Is that right?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: I think there's one that's pending under organizations as well.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Ah!

MARYAM BAKOSHI: The West African Center for Peace Foundation.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Okay. That must have come in early as well. I didn't see it. November 12th. Geez, I should have seen that one. I wonder what happened? You know, again, I think this is more detail than we're used to getting, but funded by grant means what? I mean, governments fund a lot of things by grants. I'm a little worried about that. Depends who's giving the money. For that matter, corporations fund things by grants, too.

Anyway, how do we feel about this one, guys? There's not much here. I'm inclined to say more information is needed.

ROBIN GROSS: When I first saw this application, that was my initial reaction, too, is this is an extremely thin application. Simply saying grants doesn't tell us much. To promote peace and coexistence for all is pretty ... But then I went and looked at the website and I said this actually looks like a really good organization. It's really doing public work. So, I kind of changed my mind just by looking at the website.

I note that Raoul has asked for more information. That's really all we need is for one person to need more information and then the approval of that applicant stops until we get that information.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. And I think, as we discussed earlier, from my perspective, trying to come up with some system approaches is really important. So, it's awfully thin. I don't care who they are. They need to give us more. So, that's a more info. Maryam, if you could mark me down for more info, too, that would be great.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Yeah, I agree.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Stephanie, please, could you tell me what information we require from this organization specifically, so when I send the e-mail ...

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Why are they interested in the DNS? What's the [inaudible] to ICANN? World peace and ICANN don't go together, actually. Sorry. It's been a long morning of EPDP.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: I agree. I think this was just [inaudible] application. I could say just no, but looking at [inaudible] information and what they do. So, maybe they need to improve their application. That's it.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yeah. Okay. Well, thank you very much, gang, for sticking with us. I'm sorry that this was an hour and a half. I had hoped we could do it in an hour, but I'll try and get on that website so that it'll be a lot more streamlined next time, because ideally, we should have all [inaudible] and then we just review them as we go through, right? That should be the way it works. Great.

Okay. Anything else? Any other business? Anything else we need to go over before we adjourn for today? Keep an eye out for that Doodle poll that's coming from Maryam on preferred monthly call time. Problems typing, I can see. Yes. Okay. Thanks, everybody. Bye-bye. Talk to you soon!

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Thank you, everyone, for attending the call. Thank you very much, Stephanie. Have a good evening, afternoon, or morning wherever you are. Bye-bye.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: And thank you, Maryam, for managing to get me through this call.
Thanks.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: [inaudible], Stephanie. Thank you.

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