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**Moderator: Maryam Bakoshi
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Coordinator: The recordings have started. You may proceed.

Maryam Bakoshi: Thank you very much, MJ. Good morning, good afternoon and good evening. This is the NCSG ExComm meeting on Friday 20 January, 2017. On the call today we have Joan Kerr, Robin Gross, Tapani Tarvainen. 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. Over to you, Tapani.

Tapani Tarvainen: Thank you, Maryam. So this is Tapani speaking. You have the agenda in front of you, I hope you have been able to take a look at Google doc with member applications. We have a fairly long list because we haven't been doing this since Hyderabad I think because of Maryam's absence and the - well we depend on Maryam to do this at this point.

So okay, so let's - I trust you all have the Google doc in front of you. It seems that - okay, Robin has been putting comments here. Let's start with the first

one, (Augusta Morales). I assume you have concern about his noncommercial interests. And the description is in the Adobe - even though he says that his interest is very clear. But it's not very clear to me actually. There seems to be not in the review either, Robin.

So his primary interest is to put his knowledge available to Internet governance, in working Internet technologies for a long time, i.e. EE member. PhD holder and working with (ANic) for security vendor. That does sound a bit commercial. So Robin, your proposal is then that we should ask for clarification or reject?

Robin Gross: Thanks. Yes, I would ask for clarification. You know, my initial reaction is this looks like, you know, security vendor, security person. But I, you know, he can persuade me otherwise. So I would just try to ask him, you know, what's his non-interest and does he understand that we're advocating for noncommercial interests and not security business interests and that sort of thing. So I wouldn't reject him outright, I would just, you know, try to get some more clarification from him about his noncommercial interest.

Joan Kerr: Yes, I actually agree because I actually work with (unintelligible). I'm the humanitarian advisory for them, and sometimes the members work with technologies for humanity but they don't make that clear. So I agree that we ask for clarification as opposed to disapproving.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, that sounds good me to as well. So, Maryam, please contact him and ask him to explain what's the noncommercial interest he has in GNSO policies. Okay.

Let's look at the next one. (Ashik Mohamed). I see Robin is voting yes without comments. Looking at description. IGF participant and so forth. Joan.

Joan Kerr: It looks fine to me. I'm just looking at it. It looks fine to me. Hello?

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes we heard you. So...

Joan Kerr: Okay.

Tapani Tarvainen: ...you both think approve, okay. I'm fine with him as well. So approve pending Monika and Poncelet accepting him later. Next, (Jose Eduard Rojas), director of (unintelligible) in Bolivia promoting Internet governance to many interested parties. And refers to Reneta Ribeiro. That's good enough for me and so it seems to be with Robin. Joan?

Joan Kerr: Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, again approved pending...

Joan Kerr: Renata is great so...

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, Renata's recommendation works for me as well. Okay again approved pending Monika and Poncelet commenting later. Next, (Mombashir Sagana), hoping I pronounce it even close to correctly, from Pakistan. Refers to (Zaki Sair Dishbabu).

((Crosstalk))

Joan Kerr: ...so I say yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: So Joan is yes, Robin?

Robin Gross: I vote yes, thank you.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, thank you. I vote yes as well so again, moving on approved pending Monika and Poncelet accepting later. Next, (Hans Klein) who says simply that he's interested in the legitimacy of global governance. That's a bit - not even global Internet governance but global governance in general. That's an interesting statement. Referring Farzi Badii. And (unintelligible) that suggests to me he may be familiar with Milton as well. Robin is voting yes, I see. Joan.

Joan Kerr: Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, I'm happy with that as well so again, approved pending Monika and Poncelet later. Next, (Maria Julia Morales) from Uruguay. (LAC) IGF participant in IGF for a Fellow and so on. And again, Renata referring. Robin, seems to be voting yes. Joan.

Joan Kerr: Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: I vote yes as well, again, approved pending Monika and Poncelet later. Next, (Flavia de Carva Silva) from Brazil. Again, one of Renata's (unintelligible) interested in Internet governance and domain name issues. Again I see Robin already voting yes. Joan.

Joan Kerr: Yes I vote as well.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, I vote yes as well. Again approved pending Monika and Poncelet later. Next, (Danny Raymond). One more of Renata's civil society activists and data protection IGF third party and so forth. And Aarti Bhavana, another reference (unintelligible) IGF both and NCUC. And NCUC, IGF that was apparently a

very useful booth to have. And I see you both voting yes. I vote yes as well so, again, approved pending Monika and Poncelet later.

And (Seleneta) (unintelligible) I think, something like that. Again, Renata and Markus. Want to learn and understand civil society in (unintelligible). And again, Robin and Joan you already voted yes both so I vote yes as well again let's approve pending Monika and Poncelet later.

Next, (Bianca Ho), one more of Renata's - most interested in advocating (unintelligible). That sounds good to me. Robin seems to have indicated approval already and Joan as well so I vote yes as well, again, approved pending Monika and Poncelet later.

(Beatrice Rodriguez) is next from Uruguay, again, Renata's draftees.

Joan Kerr: Well she's a busy one?

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, she's been busy, you can tell that. (Unintelligible) regional outreach seriously for once. And working with this kind of Internet governance in our country and so forth. Okay, yes. Looks good to me and you have already approval so I vote yes as well. Approved pending Monika and Poncelet.

Then (Colin Cur) - I have no idea how to pronounce that. But as you can see that from France. Tatiana and Rachel reference. Description looks good to me. Robin has voted yes. Joan?

Joan Kerr: Yes, I was just reading the rest of it.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, you should - due diligence requires that we should read the description before voting. But...

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. Agreed. Voting yes as well. Again approved pending Monika and Poncelet later. Next, (Shantan Yeshi) from Bhutan. This is Farzaneh draftee then. A journalist. Again Robin is fast and approved already. Joan? Yes as well. I vote yes as well again tentatively approved pending Monika and Poncelet later.

Next, (Mohamed Al Gohari) from Egypt referring Rafik and (Mohismut).
Want to contribute to (unintelligible) again Robin is quick. Joan.

Joan Kerr: Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay yes, I vote yes as well again tentatively approved. Next (Gagad Hal Pundi) from India. I see that we have a familial reference here, Joan just confirmed that that's for real that you know this person and I'm happy with it.

Joan Kerr: Yes I do.

Tapani Tarvainen: And I presume you vote yes for approving. Yes and Robin has been fast again so approved again tentatively pending Monika and Poncelet. Next, (Mohat Sataswat) from United Arab Emirates which is interesting because we have a meeting there in the fall referring (Satish Babu). And Robin is again fast ahead of us. Joan.

Joan Kerr: Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: So Joan also yes.

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. So do I so again tentatively approved pending Monika and Poncelet. Next, (Abdul Kahlil Azizi) from Afghanistan. Referring (Hamid Walad Kaliki), I think that's a typo. Do we know who that is? Robin already voted yes there.

Joan Kerr: And me as well.

Tapani Tarvainen: Joan, okay also yes, yes. Looks good to me as well. Again, approved tentatively pending Monika and Poncelet. Next, (Carl Grindal) from United States referring Milton Mueller. And apparently his student. Robin voting yes. Joan?

Joan Kerr: Yes. Sorry, I have to make sure I read everything and understand it.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, that's very good idea. I guess Robin has been reading this in advance like I have or maybe just reading faster. Anyway, I vote yes as well. Again approved pending Monika and Poncelet later. Next, (Nanajuram Rajuram). I hope I'm not mispronouncing it too badly from India. And I see this time even Robin hasn't voted in advance yet so a teacher apparently. Wants to create awareness about IG and contributions, creating awareness about Net neutrality, cyber security and (unintelligible) discussion to young budding engineering students. So...

Joan Kerr: So a teacher...

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: Opinions. That it sounds like a university teacher. Talks about engineering students.

Joan Kerr: Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: You think we should ask for more details or you think...

((Crosstalk))

Joan Kerr: it sounds like it's academic, so I vote yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, academics are fine with us in general.

((Crosstalk))

Joan Kerr: There's no recommendation.

Tapani Tarvainen: Robin, you think?

Robin Gross: Sorry, I had so many windows open there for a second I - trying to get back to where I can turn on my audio. Yes, this one is a bit of a question mark for me. And there's more of them like this coming up even more - even bigger questions than this one. But I tend to agree with Joan that this looks like an academic and we, you know, we certainly welcome academics, although it's really not clear to me that this person wants to participate.

I mean, it sounds like this - is using this maybe as some kind of a learning module for his students or, I don't know, I mean, it's kind of a big question mark.

Joan Kerr: We can ask for more information to make you feel...

Robin Gross: Well, I guess so, yes, I guess let's just, you know, find out, you know, are they - is this something that they want to participate in or are we like the subject of their study or, I don't know. I'm just kind of curious. But in general, you know, academics are fine so I don't want to...

((Crosstalk))

Robin Gross: ...road block them. Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: And general I would like to have (unintelligible) Website, no LinkedIn account, no nothing. So for an academic usually would have a homepage somewhere reference to the university, something like that. So it would be nice to have something besides this description to go on so should we - something like that?

Joan Kerr: Well let's ask for more information and feel comfortable then.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, because it would be...

Joan Kerr: Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: So we shall...

((Crosstalk))

Joan Kerr: ...what it is, yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: Some reference, homepage, something like that would be nice to have. So should we do that?

Joan Kerr: Yes.

Robin Gross: I agree.

Joan Kerr: Okay.

Robin Gross: I think so. And I agree, the fact that, you know, they'll probably be - I'm sorry, go ahead.

Tapani Tarvainen: Who was speaking? So I just (unintelligible) okay I see that we are basically in agreement that we want to ask a bit more about this person that ask them to provide homepage or description of (unintelligible) or something like that.

Joan Kerr: Right.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. Let's move on. Next one - the name is simply (Christopher) which looks to me like the last name is missing. In some countries people don't have last names but Kenyans mostly do as far as I know. So I would want to check this LinkedIn. This (Christopher Momi), okay we have a LinkedIn page, that helps.

Joan Kerr: That participated in ICANN already. Something, he was a Fellow.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, okay. Yes, okay, apart from the missing name, which was a technical error, it seems fine. And you're both already voting yes so I agree. Let's approve him pending Monika and Poncelet later.

Joan Kerr: Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: Although I find it rather amusing that he refers to Avri Doria with parenthetical. She may not know me. But nonetheless, it's fine. Next one, (Renalda Alonso Reyes).

Joan Kerr: My Spanish is really bad.

Tapani Tarvainen: His description is in Spanish only. Does any of us speak Spanish well enough to understand that?

Joan Kerr: Represented by (Nathan Mendez) in my organization (unintelligible). So it's a union - it's an organization called the Union of (unintelligible) Information Union, first of all. And they do - I used to speak, when I was young, but it's been 40 years. They prepare - they prepare papers for their members academic it looks like, (ademis) (obiano), what does that mean again? So it's an organization obviously, but, well, can't say - I wonder why they didn't write it in English as well? Civil society, it's a civil society organization obviously. Interest is (unintelligible).

Well (unintelligible) there. So it looks like it's a civil society but we don't speak Spanish.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, looking at Google docs translation...

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: ...so that's actually we have a double problem here. In general, because we operate in English time can we - what should we do with members who don't speak any English or applicants? In this case should we...

Joan Kerr: Right.

Tapani Tarvainen: ...ask for clarification here? Also, I'm - this description does - or this Google doc translation or Google translation I'm looking at this, a bit vague but, Robin, what do you think?

Robin Gross: I wonder if we could get access to, you know, the translation facilities for something like this? If the Google doc - or if the Google Translate isn't really clear or, you know, the person doesn't speak English and none of us speak Spanish, I wonder if this is a place where ICANN could help fill in with some translation of these kinds of applications?

This guy, I don't speak any real Spanish so, you know, I don't understand what the - what the description there is. But I look at his LinkedIn page and he certainly looks like he's a university professor in Cuba, although that's about all I can get from it. But, I mean, you know, he does have a LinkedIn page with 422 connections where he's at this university. So, I mean, he certainly looks like he's like a real, you know, legitimate prospective member.

I just don't - I just really don't what he said on his description. I'm not terribly sure it matters too much because looking at his LinkedIn page here it looks okay. So I guess I don't really have any problems with this particular application, but I think in the future it would be great if we could - if translation of applicants like this might be something ICANN could help us with.

Tapani Tarvainen: So yes, I agree that on the basis - as far as I can understand it, it's good enough but I very much agree that we should get some translation services or something like that.

Robin Gross: Yes, and I'm connected to a few people that he's connected to, you know, you can - they sometimes show you that. So, you know, he definitely looks like he's in this space and a professor in Cuba. I don't think we have a Cuban member yet. That would be kind of cool to have a Cuban member.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, getting more countries is always nice. And he does look like a genuine academic as far as I can tell. So I guess the options here are that either we approve him or try to request - have application translated first. We could get that done. But I'm either way. What do you think?

Joan Kerr: I think he looks fine. I mean, I agree with Robin, if we could have ICANN assist us with languages and maybe that's something we have to do prior - before these meetings, have them translated for us. The other thing is that a lot of times people who speak another language will also speak English that maybe we can ask them to do both as well, just a suggestion.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, that's actually a good point. We can - when we are doing a new application form we might put in a suggestion that please provide at least a short description in English as well or something to that effect. And also we could try to push for ICANN to provide translation services here so that - and done so that before we review the applications they get translated.

Joan Kerr: Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: But in this case, are we approving him or not?

Joan Kerr: I would say yes for myself.

Tapani Tarvainen: Robin.

Robin Gross: Yes for him also. Thanks.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, we approve him and hope we did not misunderstood his Spanish too much badly.

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: And maybe we can try to get some of our Spanish speaking members to review that and give Monika and Poncelet to him to get at this. Take a good look at them. But okay so tentatively approved for now anyway. Next is (Luis Camacho) who has very brief description of his interest but he does have a LinkedIn page. Opinions? Anyone? (Luis Camacho).

Joan Kerr: I mean, there's not much information about whether or not somebody agrees with this purposes, you know. It also says a lot even though it doesn't say a lot they agree.

Robin Gross: Yes, when I look at his LinkedIn page here, it's...

Joan Kerr: I know...

Robin Gross: ...it's pretty interesting, I mean - am I not on?

Joan Kerr: You're on now.

Robin Gross: Okay sorry about that. When I look at his LinkedIn page...

Joan Kerr: We hear you.

Robin Gross: Oh good. Good, okay. I wasn't sure there for a second. It looks like he's a founder at the Climate Change Technology Transfer Center, really, you know, this looks like a really impressive resume. I'm not quite sure if he is interested in us from, you know, the perspective of noncommercial interests or if this is part of some engineering business or, maybe we should ask him for more information?

Joan Kerr: Yes. Yes. Yes, I agree.

Tapani Tarvainen: So okay so you both agree you want to have ask for more information.

Robin Gross: Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay that's what...

Robin Gross: Specifically, you know, his noncommercial interest.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, that's what we'll do then. Okay next one, this is again last name missing it seems but I guess it's (Vasumishra) from India. And the description is, well, just to give update. That does not convince me at least.

Joan Kerr: No.

Robin Gross: Yes, I don't find it terribly convincing either.

Joan Kerr: Yes. No.

Tapani Tarvainen: So shall we again request for explain yourself, is that it?

Joan Kerr: Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. Again, please explain your noncommercial interest in GNSO policies, that's basically our line.

Joan Kerr: Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: Next, (Kimberly Anastasio) from Brazil refers Marilia Maciel but she will not remember me by name.

Robin Gross: She looks pretty good when I look at her application here, you know, her description. I vote yes.

Joan Kerr: Yes, me too.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay well unanimous again, I like that the description very much also. So again approved pending Poncelet and Monika agreeing later. Next, (Jorge Gonzales) from Venezuela. And we have another Spanish description here. Okay, maybe we need to Google translate again.

Joan Kerr: Interest in participating, experiences for - how many cities...

Maryam Bakoshi: Hi, Tapani, for the translation and the chat...

Tapani Tarvainen: Please do.

Maryam Bakoshi: So the translation is on the chat, I've translated it and it's in the chat window.

Tapani Tarvainen: That's a Website too. It has entries like gender equality observatory, I'm having - using Google translate on that one as well, Internet governance - participate LinkedIn tutorial, Net neutrality tutorial, and so forth. So opinions?

Joan Kerr: I vote yes and same thing as before that maybe we have some help in the future and include in a description on the application. So it looks good to me.

Tapani Tarvainen: Thank you, Joan. Robin.

Robin Gross: Yes, I agree. I vote yes. Thanks.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. Agreed. Approved pending Monika and Poncelet later. Okay one more individual to go, (Shredi Pramagi) from India (unintelligible).

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: Looking at his Website.

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, even though he's applying for individual membership, the organization he gives here is (Raised News). An Internet organization based in (unintelligible) unheard voices of people. Very much uncommercial from the looks of it at least.

Robin Gross: Yes, I agree. This guy looks great. I vote yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: Joan.

Joan Kerr: It seems fine to me. I'm just trying - if I met him in - if he was in Hyderabad or not. Okay, looks fine to me.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. Seems we are in agreement again approved pending Monika and Poncelet later. So that was for new individual applicants. Let's look at the organizations. And the very first one puts us another language problem, this time French, which I understand even less than Spanish. Let's see if I can try to pronounce the name of this organization. ((French Spoken)). Actually I think I can guess what that means.

This is an action for information and education with sustainable development I think be a reasonable translation for that. But the text I can't figure out. Maryam, can you translate that for us - Google Translate for the chat as well. Do either of you speak French? Joan? Robin?

Joan Kerr: Not to translate it, no. Okay.

Tapani Tarvainen: Enough to understand the gist of it?

Joan Kerr: Yes, not enough...

((Crosstalk))

Maryam Bakoshi: Hi, Tapani. I have put it in the chat window, the translation.

Tapani Tarvainen: Thank you, Maryam.

Joan Kerr: Well.

Robin Gross: Looks good to me.

Joan Kerr: Looks wonderful.

Robin Gross: With the help of that translation.

Joan Kerr: Yes, yes. For sure.

Tapani Tarvainen: Did you look at the Website? Yes, but ISOC chapter...

((Crosstalk))

Robin Gross: Yes, I did look at the Website. It's interesting, I mean, they're like planting trees and I don't know what it's got to do with the Internet but definitely looks like a legit public interest organization.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, and we have a number of ISOC chapters that are members already and that's...

Robin Gross: Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: ...it's surprising what ISOC chapter doing all those things. But anyway, looks good to me.

Joan Kerr: Looks good to me.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. Sounds like we are in agreement, approved pending Monika and Poncelet later. Next, now this one speaks English at least, (Tacnipoc) National University of Science and Technology in Zimbabwe. And that's an interesting country. A bit worried about being government-funded.

Joan Kerr: And I'm sure you've had the conversation around a lot of countries the not for profits are funded through government funds. In the West I know that's an issue, but anyway but it's an interesting country for sure.

Robin Gross: Yes, and when it's the case of a university like this, you know, universities are almost - are largely supported by public funds. So in this case I guess I don't see it as being a barrier.

Joan Kerr: I'm fine with it.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, I tend to agree. I can't see anything like that (unintelligible) in Zimbabwe without some public funding.

Joan Kerr: Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: Do you see anything else in this - having a whole university? It's rather impressive actually.

Joan Kerr: Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: So the - so did I take that you are voting yes or...

Joan Kerr: yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: ...in general...

Joan Kerr: Yes. Yes for me.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay.

Robin Gross: I'm a yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. I'm happy with them as well. So again approved tentatively pending
Monika and Poncelet. And one more, Pakistan Information Security
Association. The name is already a bit scary but let's take a closer look.

Joan Kerr: Yes. Oh.

Tapani Tarvainen: So opinions? I take you have a look at the Website and the description.

Robin Gross: Well when you look at the Website it looks like they've three tier
memberships, students, professionals and corporate. So it's looking - I don't
know, it looks to me like this might be a little bit more of a professional
organization than a noncommercial one. Industry topics, they enjoy the
(unintelligible) of pertinent industry topics, connect with practicing
professionals. I don't know, this just kind of seems like more of a professional
association on these issues as opposed to a noncommercial. I'll keep looking
here.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, I'm looking at the About page and then our mission is to be the
momentous body of information security professionals.

Robin Gross: Well.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay that's of course a blurb but still. It's not for profit but still an
organization of information security professionals and practitioners. It's a bit
unclear what would be their interest in GNSO policies, that was actually...

Robin Gross: Yes.

((Crosstalk))

Joan Kerr: ...I'm a little bit skeptical, yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, okay.

Joan Kerr: Yes, because...

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: Robin, would you go with that as well?

Robin Gross: Yes, I would go - I would ask for more information as well. I mean, otherwise I would be inclined to reject them outright because it looks like a professional...

Joan Kerr: Right.

Robin Gross: ...organization. But, you know, I want to give people the chance and so if they can convince me that they're really more...

((Crosstalk))

Robin Gross: ...professional then no problem.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, especially in the countries...

((Crosstalk))

Joan Kerr: It says that they're membership based but then it says educate the masses, so, you know, it seems to be are you educating people at large or just your members so, anyway let's ask for more information.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. Maryam, can you figure out what to ask for them or should we clarify what that? Are we happy with a generic, please explain your noncommercial interest? Or do you want to make more specific question, Joan?

Joan Kerr: Yes, I think just a generic - then at least answer that and then maybe a second and, you know, provide more specific information about your programs.

Robin Gross: I'd be curious to know what percentage of their funding comes from corporations and professionals as well. To what extent are they funded by those commercial interests?

Joan Kerr: Yes, clarify sponsors and intent?

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. Maryam, did you get what we want to ask?

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes, so if I understand correctly, the first email will be the generic one and then when they reply then we ask them for the percentage of funding from commercial interests. And the second thing Joan said about their - Joan, could you please repeat that? Thank you.

Joan Kerr: Now I actually meant email that they clarify...

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, that's one...

Joan Kerr: Yes, yes.

Maryam Bakoshi: Sorry, so just one email to clarify everything, noncommercial interests...

Joan Kerr: Right.

Maryam Bakoshi: ...percentage of funding from commercial interests.

Joan Kerr: Yes. And to tell us about their specific programs.

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay. Thank you.

((Crosstalk))

Joan Kerr: Hello?

Tapani Tarvainen: Did I catch some - in the chat if I understood them correctly so we have the generic explanation of their noncommercial interest and what specific programs they have, Joan, is that sufficient? Do you want to open it up? And then we want to know how much of their funding comes from each of these (unintelligible) from individuals versus corporations.

Joan Kerr: Yes. It's not clear who they're servicing, if it's a public or their members.

Tapani Tarvainen: And, Joan, would you perhaps like to work with Maryam in drafting this question?

Joan Kerr: Sure.

Tapani Tarvainen: If Maryam writes the question and you take a look before sending it out.

Joan Kerr: Sure.

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. Okay, Maryam, so work with Joan on that. Okay, that's the new applications we had, I think all of them. Hope we didn't miss any. No, let's look at what we have under review. Have, let me see, seven individuals in the review. Most of these have been asked for more information and got no response so I presume we'd simply reject those.

We have (Mohamed Adilali), no response for question. (David Walters), no response. (Ahamad Rumaz Fazabadi), no response, (Niton Wallier), no response. (Niki Lescumar), no response. So okay, so I presume we will reject those. If they don't respond we reject them. Okay the last one is likewise, (Mohat Mayem) is no response. We have one who has replied, (Kiran Kumar).

The reply is not all that comprehensive. He says that, "I respect human rights and have participated all the meetings of ICANN wiki.com and ICANN 57 Hyderabad." Does that help us any? Opinions? Should we ask for, again, because this case I'm not sure if he understood the question.

Joan Kerr: I have a question, first of all. If all of these people did not respond, can you hear me okay because you guys keep going in and out...

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, we are hearing you at this time.

Joan Kerr: Okay so if all of these did not respond, do we send out, I mean, I guess historically, send out something to say that, you know, you're not approved

based on no response or anything like that or it's just that it's no response and it's off the record.

Tapani Tarvainen: I don't think we have been sending them. Maryam, can you please clarify if I've got it wrong? I don't think we've been sending extra rejection in this case.

Maryam Bakoshi: No, we don't. We didn't send explanations except we give them an opportunity to ask, we just send a general email to say it's been rejected.

Tapani Tarvainen: So at this point if we reject them you will send them a rejection notice?

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes, that's correct.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes. And put in that that otherwise you can ask for your case to be reopened if you want to. That's, of course, they can basically reapply or we can open them, but, yes, that's the idea.

Joan Kerr: Great.

Tapani Tarvainen: But back to...

((Crosstalk))

Joan Kerr: Yes, clarify the more information for (Kumar), I agree.

Tapani Tarvainen: But so for (Kiran Kumar), case, just the reply does not really help much at least as far as I can see that knowing that he respects human rights and participated in Hyderabad does not tell much of his (unintelligible). So what

do you think? Should we ask for more information please or clarify the question or reject?

Joan Kerr: Yes, no I think clarify the question and specifically tell us how you're interested in Internet governance or, you know, ICANN, something like that like so that we get a specific answer. Because it's all on how you interpret the question, right?

Tapani Tarvainen: Robin?

Robin Gross: Yes, I would ask him his noncommercial interest because, you know, his description says he's a freelance writer on Internet governance. So part of me thinks, you know, is this just like his - the way that he's going to write about articles, you know, during - in which case this is a commercial interest. But, you know, I don't - the thing is I don't know him and I don't want to presume one way or another. I think I would ask him for more information about his noncommercial interest.

Tapani Tarvainen: So shall we send - because he apparently did not understand the question the first time, we should clarify it a bit perhaps. Would somebody want to draft a question or shall we try to - what would you ask but basically something to the effect that what we want to know is what is your specific interest in the GNSO policies, something like (unintelligible) if we make it too technically sounding it may scare him off. I'm not sure if we want to do that either. So we just want him to understand the question.

Joan Kerr: Yes, I think just clarify the question is good.

Tapani Tarvainen: Are you volunteering to help Maryam clarify it?

Joan Kerr: Yes, I can work with Maryam with any of these, yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay so Joan and Maryam you work together to draft a clarifying question. Okay, well that's it for individuals and review. Let's see, we have one organization under review which we sent email and got no response so I think that's Web Media Development in Bangladesh so I guess we'll have to reject them - no response or send a rejection message. Okay.

Okay, that's it for membership applications. And we still have time for other agenda items. That's nice. Okay, where is our agenda? Okay, we wanted to talk a little bit about our new member database progress. We are rather badly behind schedule here. I have - that developer (unintelligible) will happen next Monday so a bit late. But basically it's almost there to get started with for, just review and fix a few, clean up a little and then turn it live.

At this point it would be basically - the intent was it would be at least as good as the Google docs is now and then we can start building on that, that was the idea. And after we have a - okay, Joan, you want to speak on this point? Please go ahead.

Joan Kerr: Sure. So Maryam and I, we had wanted to go through this earlier but we actually went through one application - a test application together and there's a couple of little tweaking that we see from - this is from our end user point of view because I was looking at that. So, do you want me to send them to you before Monday or bring them up on Monday I guess is the question.

Tapani Tarvainen: Please send them up as early as possible so we can prepare for the call on Monday.

Joan Kerr: Okay, I'll do that then.

Tapani Tarvainen: And to Robin's question, who our vendor is, I think (Systopia) in Germany.

And incidentally, Robin, if you're interested, you are welcome to join the call on Monday but in any case what we intend to do after that is to have all EC members to try it out next week basically, but so that - if there's anything major pain at that point we can try to place them off but our intent is that I think we could try to, or basically next week or the week after that we can switch the application form to point to that new platform. We have to migrate the current data once more. So but otherwise it's almost there.

Of course, this is still only the Stage 1 when we'll have to move and - moving some other stuff over there. Integration with the NCUC Website so that member statistics that are now coming from the NCUC database will come from there and so forth, but otherwise. Okay, Robin, you want to speak? Hello, Robin, your hand is up; I don't hear you speaking. Please go ahead.

Robin Gross: Let me try again. Can you hear me now?

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, please go ahead.

Robin Gross: Okay, sorry about that. Yes, no this is - I just want to say how exciting this is that we're getting this member database in place. I know it's been in the works for a while and it was the - when I was the Chair (unintelligible) it was the bane of my existence trying to get this database in place. And all of the obstacles and hoops and roadblocks that I came across, and I know Rafik worked really hard to try to get a membership database in place too, and, you know, here we are years later and it looks like we're getting it.

And fabulous, so I just want to say this is really a big deal because, you know, so much of what we do is data-driven. And, you know, using a clumsy Google

doc and always having to do things, you know, kind of in an old fashioned duct-taped together kind of way has been very frustrating. And so getting this new database, I just think it's great so thank you.

Tapani Tarvainen: Oh thank you, Robin, although it might be better to wait until you see how it looks like before thanking so much. But I think it will be at least an improvement over what we have now. So I guess that's about all. Okay, we have problem there, one interesting problem there, but I think (unintelligible) to the Finance Committee because paying for it is bureaucratically a bit difficult. ICANN is funding this stuff but they don't want to pay directly to the developer for some obscure legal reasons so we have to pay first and then ICANN will refund it.

And as you know, NCSG has no bank account so what we did last time is basically that we asked for and got help from NCUC so it was paid for by NCUC and then refunded to them by ICANN. And I'm afraid we have to do that at least once more because there's no time for us to get that. But I hope that at some point we can get something a bit more convenient to do that.

And at that point I can also note that at the moment we have a Finance Committee that's actually trying to do something for all account so that's also a bit of a progress. But that's about that. Joan has really been active in this one so thanks for her as well. So much for that.

Then let's look at the next item, I have to have in mind is the Constituency Review that we should have been doing long ago but let's try to get it done this spring. I have a rough idea now that first let's pick up the constituency requirements from our charter, they are listed in a reasonably simple way, turn them into questions, send the questionnaire out to constituency chairs and ask them to reply, say, within a month, explain how they fit these questions.

And then when they reply we check them and in case we have any concerns we contact them and see can you make sure that you fix this because it's not quite on par or something like that.

And unless somebody volunteers to do it, which I would be happy to hear, I will draft the questionnaire myself and circulate it to the EC list and ask if you have any comments and then send it out to constituency chairs. How does that sound?

Another site, part of that is that we have still one candidate constituency, the Consumer's Constituency, which has basically effectively dead actually. And I was in touch with Dorothy Gordon at some point and she said she'd be fine if we just terminate it. But we have to decide that. And I think this is perfect time to do that is when we are doing the Constituency Review.

So we sent them note that it seems that this candidate constituency has not made progress at all so we will remove its candidate status. And I understand that (unintelligible) we have just one person in there so I understand it will be fine with her to formally do that. Is that fine for everybody as well?

Robin Gross: Yes, that works for me. Thanks.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. What we are moving fast. Since we will get to the next agenda item, we have a new version of the member remote procedures, Robin, you wanted to talk about it now?

Robin Gross: Yes, I don't have a new version yet since we met last time and talked about it. You know, I got really busy over the holidays and so haven't had any opportunity yet to get back to it and incorporate some of the changes from last

time. Did we go through it in entirety last time or did we leave something off?
I'm - I thought we went through it in entirety but I just want to be sure.

Tapani Tarvainen: I have a vague recollection that we got almost all the way through but I'm not sure either. So, I suggest we'll leave it now and wait for you to go back to your notes and see what - come up with a new draft and we look at it another time.

Robin Gross: Okay.

Tapani Tarvainen: Which actually clears our agenda. Any other business? Given that we are just three of us, I don't think we want to introduce anything new, but if you want to open up something else you can. We still have time. We've been fast. Okay. It sounds like we can close this meeting early. I can go to sleep before midnight, that's fine. Okay thank you, everybody. Maryam, you might want to send a reminder to Monika and Poncelet that we want their comments on the members we approved. And otherwise let's close this meeting. Thank you. Please stop the recording.

Maryam Bakoshi: Thank you very much, everyone. MJ, you may stop the recording now and disconnect all lines. Thank you for your time today. Bye-bye.

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