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Maryam Bakoshi: Thank you very much, (Chris). Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. This is the NCSG ExComm call on Friday, 23 September, 2016. On the call today we have Tapani Tarvainen, Robin Gross, Joan Kerr, Monika Zalneriute. 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, Tapani.

Tapani Tarvainen: Thank you, Maryam. So this is Tapani speaking for the record. And we don't have a full on agenda but the only decision items on the list are membership applications. I trust you all have the Google docs open if you can see them. There is one extra item there that a bit of a surprise if you look at individual applicants, the last item merits special attention. Our old friend, Konstantinos Komaitis is showing up there. And that's because his organization, Strathclyde University – his (unintelligible) is pulling out or rather he wants to become an individual member instead.

So for the record that we will grant Strathicyde University that they are no longer NCSG members. We don't have a formal procedure for this, by the way, written down anywhere but who has been basically that whenever the official representative of an organization notifies that they want out, that's enough. And that's what Konstantinos has been for the time being so noted that Strathicyde University is no longer a member.

Now for new applicants, let's start with individuals. We have first Aravindh Satyamoorthy, guessing how to pronounce that. United States. Wants to join NCUC. I need to volunteer, review team on the SSRT RT in ICANN. For that I need membership from any supporting organization or advisory committee.

So that's a bit of a strange description here. Doesn't say why he wants to specific NCSG. Any comments on this one? Robin, please go ahead. Can't hear you, Robin. Is your microphone working...

((Crosstalk))

Robin Gross: Can you hear me now?

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, go ahead.

Robin Gross: Can you hear me okay? Okay. Yes, so I just was looking at this application. And I thought it seemed a little strange because I didn't really see a noncommercial interest or really anything that would indicate this person is a noncommercial user or wants to represent noncommercial interests. It just says – it just looks like they're looking for any supporting organization or advisory committee to join.

So you know, I don't want to just turn it down out of hand, but, you know, where's the noncommercial interest? I mean, do they understand – I'm not even sure this person understands that you have to be a noncommercial interest, a noncommercial user to participate. It just – I mean, this paragraph of why they wanted to join just makes me think maybe they're a little bit confused about what we are or how we operate with respect to some of these other supporting organizations or advisory committees.

I don't know, I think we might just want to ask a few more questions about the applicant and just, you know, ask them what's their noncommercial interest or are they already a member of an advisory committee or another constituency or supporting organization or something? I just think we need more information.

I don't want to turn this person down, I just want to – would like to know about, you know, making sure that they understand what they're applying for and that they fit and that, you know, they really are a noncommercial user, not just, you know, whoever will take me and so I can do this other thing I need to do which, you know, I don't really understand either. But so I would just ask a few more questions.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay thank you, Robin, your thoughts pretty much echo mine. And, Joan, you wanted to speak? Joan, please go ahead.

Joan Kerr: Actually I was going to say things along the same lines as Robin so I'm in agreement with that assessment. I think that was exactly my response when I saw the application so.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay so I guess we will ask please describe your interest in noncommercial or how shall we put it but why do you want to join NCSG in particular, what's

the noncommercial interest here. I guess that's the usual when we have (unintelligible) descriptions. So, Maryam, please ask Mr. Satyamoorthy, if you can figure out how to pronounce that please tell me. But anyway ask him what's his reason for joining NCSG in particular. What's the noncommercial interest here?

Okay, Joan, your hand is still up. Is that an old hand? Okay. Next one Toqa Hilal from United Arab Emirates. He has participated in summer school of Internet governance, I guess that part is interesting or is that her, I don't know. In Internet governance. It's referring to me, I'm just wondering – the name sounds familiar. I'm not quite sure. Oh yes, it's a her. Right, now I remember her. (Unintelligible) sounds good to me anyway. While I remember her briefly I can't really vouch for her in any way. But so as far as I can tell, nothing against her and interest seems genuine.

Any comments? Opinions? Okay I see Robin voting yes. Joan, Monika? Either fill it in the Google docs or type in the chat or speak up, whichever you like. Okay, Monika voting yes as well. Joan? And Joan voting yes. Okay, so we will approve pending Poncelet's approval later. As noted, our procedure has been to give missing EC members one week to protest (unintelligible). So approve pending Poncelet's view.

Next Govind Sunda from India. Read about us via word of mouth. He believes worldwide web should be free, open, safe and transparent virtual world gave me everything, name and fame and I want to contribute to the Internet Society back in any way and as much as possible. I guess Internet Society in this context is the larger sense rather than ISOC.

(Unintelligible) I remember I believe recommending him. Any views on Mr. Sunda? Okay, I see Monika typing that noncommercial interest is not clear.

We want to ask for verification? And who's got the LinkedIn. Okay, looking at his LinkedIn page it says it's Internet entrepreneur, domain investor, blogger, (unintelligible). So that is somewhat doubtful about this noncommercial interest on that. So opinions, again? So shall we reject him out of hand and recommend joining the commercials or ask for – must say, domain investor sounds rather commercial to me.

Name and fame doesn't hurt if it's noncommercial fame at least. But okay I see Joan, you want to speak? Please go ahead.

Joan Kerr: Yes, I agree. There's not enough information and it sounds more commercial so I would say that we need more information or maybe suggest to him that other organizations or stakeholders. But one thing did occur to me, since I've been on the NCSG, there's been so many people that we need clarification on and I don't know if this is historical, I'm just talking about what – since I've been on. Maybe we need to do something about the application itself that somebody has to clearly state what their intent is or their – not just the name or, you know, just clearly define what their intent is on the application process. Just food for thought. Joan for the record.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, thank you, Joan. That's a good point and as, as you well know, we are in the process of redoing the membership...

Joan Kerr: Right.

Tapani Tarvainen: ...application from so this is definitely something to consider – make it perhaps more explicit that a more better explanation is needed. So well I guess we'll pass this suggestion to that team working on that since we are both on that that's easy enough. Keep in mind.

But otherwise, shall we reject him out of hand or ask for – give him a chance to explain himself? Yes, people are typing in the chat. Okay so we'll send him a rejection and say that he can appeal the rejection if he feels that we have misunderstood him or has more explaining to do. Would that be – okay so we'll reject him but we'll phrase the rejection message so that please feel free to explain yourself if you want to be reconsidered, okay.

Next one we have Anna Loup, a PhD student studying Internet governance. That sounds good to me. Wants an active role in the IG community (unintelligible) public forums and want to be able to collaborate with more individuals in the community begun her work in the IG space working on the gTLD expansion as an ICANN intern so presumably she knows something about how ICANN works. And researching the power structures within the gTLD expansion.

Seems to know two of our members, Sara Clayton and Ed Morris. Opinions on Anna Loup? She also has a LinkedIn page. Doctoral student in US (unintelligible) Southern California, (unintelligible). Not see anything suspicious here. Others? Okay, Monika is voting yes. Joan? Robin? Robin, please go ahead.

Robin Gross: When I look at her LinkedIn page here it looks like she worked for ICANN or she at least worked for ICANN until a month or so ago, research analyst at ICANN.

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: She was an intern there so...

Robin Gross: Okay, she was an intern at ICANN. Interesting.

Tapani Tarvainen: So you think that's a problem?

Robin Gross: Well, I don't know that I think it's a problem. I just thought it just stood out for me that – oh this is an ex-ICANN person, interesting. I don't know that it's a problem, just was like, wow.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, so what do you think?

Robin Gross: Okay, well I guess it looks okay to me. I don't see any reason not to approve or anything that looks now too suspicious.

Tapani Tarvainen: Appears to be a student doing work on gTLD space sounds reasonably good to me as well.

Robin Gross: Okay, well I'll vote yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: Monika? Okay. Monika? Joan? Okay I take Monika voted yes, already; Robin voted yes. Joan?

Joan Kerr: I voted in the doc.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, it does not show...

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. Okay so again we have...

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay it is not updating. But anyway so far we are in agreement again. Anna Loup approve pending Poncelet's later approval. Next, Corrine Cath. She's actually been on our mailing list already as additional representative of Article 19 and now she's applying for individual membership. Also a PhD student (unintelligible) Oxford, Internet Institute and a fellow at Alan Turing Data Institute and such a personal and professional interest aligns with the work of the NCSG within ICANN. You may have noticed her in our mailing list (unintelligible) I know she's been alternate representative but that was in her Article 19 and she's moving away from that I believe.

Anyway, I noticed Robin and Monika have voted yes. Joan? Okay. Joan yes and I vote yes as well. Again Corrine approved again pending Poncelet's opinion.

Then we have Srinivas Ayaluri from India. And computer site of India whatever that may be. Into eGovernance, advocacy, teaching and implementation of projects in India (unintelligible) will – joining ICANN which sounds a bit – I'm not sure if he understand what it means. Will certainly help him to gain immense knowledge to share. I understand most of us do not have a lot of clarity of what ICANN does. I suspect he doesn't either. But that's not a big (unintelligible).

Participants come from various governments and also civil servants of this country could help all of us in knowing more and understand it correctly. I, for one, would like to associate with ICANN and be part of its continuous journey years ahead. He doesn't even know if he is (unintelligible) a member or not. Look also got a LinkedIn page. So director in a (unintelligible) consultancy services. It looks a bit like a commercial or government depend to me to which way you look at it.

Yes, so Monika is voting to, again, need clarity on noncommercial interest and Robin agreeing likewise. And Joan, you want to speak?

Joan Kerr: Yes, this is Joan for the record. Yes, he sounds more as a bureaucrat that probably would – we could recommend that he would be part of the GAC or something like that more than as an individual member of NCUC (unintelligible).

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, shall we ask for clarification or again, reject on grounds that it's not – his interest doesn't seem to quite fit within the commercial purpose of NCSG. Okay so likewise with this go (unintelligible) reject pending again given opportunity to explain himself if we misunderstood his points. But meaning that we don't have to return to him if he doesn't or doesn't really make much difference what we ask for. But okay reject with opportunity to appeal if need be like the one before.

Okay, Joan, you want to speak still? Or is that an old hand?

Joan Kerr: Sorry, sorry, it's Joan for the record, you know, I'm a broad thinker so when a notice is sent out for more information or if someone is under review or if we think that they're more suited to another constituency, are there information to consider like do we do that or we just ask them for more information?

Tapani Tarvainen: Maryam, maybe you will summarize what kind of letter you send. Okay. Basically we sent (unintelligible) or Maryam sends a brief message that asks for more information – we can of course give him more details in what we want to (unintelligible) but usually the messages are rather short. Okay I see Maryam is typing something. We might want to actually to come up with a form letter and discuss them or approve them as a group instead of letting

Maryam think of it from the discussion. But that's the way it goes. She reads this on the basis of what we discuss here then she sends a message.

And if somebody wants to review what she's sending I'm sure she won't mind. Any help would be appreciated. So, Joan, if you, for example, want to review the letters Maryam is sending now and comment you would be welcome to do that. Just let Maryam know.

Joan Kerr: Okay.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, let's move on to the next one we have Kristofer Marsh also heard of us by word of mouth. And the latest talk about keeping the Internet as a utility I think governance from a public perspective will be an important contribution to keep the playing field level (unintelligible) or something. In general I want to learn more about governance and contribute to the discussion where I can help influence the future of the Internet and how it is integrated and part of a societal utility.

Again, we got LinkedIn page. Which doesn't work, in case for me. No, the uplink seems to be broken. Looks like a cut and paste. Does somebody else see his LinkedIn page?

Robin Gross: This is Robin. Yes, it looks to me like it's broken or something. Maybe we should get a little bit more information from this person since we don't really have anything here that's – you know, the LinkedIn page, is really just, you know, just this one sentence that's kind of like, you know, a political speech or something.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, political speech is fine but we'd like a bit more – in particular broken links are something we routinely request clarification for broken websites and

so on. So let's ask please send us your correct LinkedIn page please and additional explanation and interest here. Okay. So again the clarification request and specifically adding that please fix your – the correct LinkedIn address because that wasn't working.

Okay. You might want to mute your mic when coughing, Robin. Okay, and the last one of our list is our old friend Konstantinos Komaitis, I already mentioned, who wanted to switch from organization to an individual as our charter doesn't really allow for that, the process is that we remove the organization and approve him as an individual.

Does anybody object to KK's approval as a member? I see that Joan and Monika have already approved him and he's referring to Robin so I suspect you approve him either but the formality, Robin, you might want to mark your approval. We keep Konstantinos as a member.

Robin Gross: Okay, I approve. Can you hear me now?

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, I can hear you. Thank you.

Robin Gross: Okay.

Tapani Tarvainen: I guess KK would have been rather surprised if you hadn't approved him.

Robin Gross: I thought I had my microphone on and off here. I'm getting it – the on and off (unintelligible) so I was babbling there about how I thought we better examine the application carefully but I was just kidding.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, well even though he might have (unintelligible) some evil (unintelligible). But anyway, again, KK approved. Okay again formally

pending Poncelet's view, we'll give Poncelet another one week to protest if he so feels like.

Okay, so that was for the new members, individuals. Looks like we have organizations, we have only one – no two, three. Three organizations, is that correct? We have (unintelligible) Africa Media.

Wants to genuinely add value to our stakeholders through facts based on technology, evolution and media towards (unintelligible) positive and excellent use of technologies by impacting people. We have the power of analytical media so as to make (unintelligible) sense to our society. Funded by donations and supports from well spirited individuals and organizations.

((Crosstalk))

Robin Gross: I'd like to be well-spirited myself.

Tapani Tarvainen: So, yes, you're supporting?

Robin Gross: I don't know, I mean, this...

((Crosstalk))

Robin Gross: This is a little – I don't know, I mean, have you ever seen such a (unintelligible) saying absolutely nothing? There's that one sentence there.

((Crosstalk))

Robin Gross: Not that it's a criteria for whatever but I'm just kind of...

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, they have a Website that works at least.

Robin Gross: Okay.

Tapani Tarvainen: Make any...

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: It's a certified ICANN At Large structure. We have a number of ISOC chapters as members already so that's not a problem.

Robin Gross: Let's see.

Tapani Tarvainen: And they already listed they have members who are professionally affiliated to Non Commercial Users Stakeholder Group in NCSG. How can they be professionally affiliated to Non Commercial Users is a good question. But member of Nigeria Internet Governance Forum, local (unintelligible) advisory group. Actually this does look rather too good to me even though a bit confused in some things. Any others?

Oh yes, (Finley) and is in there and he is an NCSG member of course.

Robin Gross: Yes. I guess it looks okay. I don't really see anything that screams of, you know, business or government or anything...

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: ...noncommercial organization as you can have in Nigeria.

Robin Gross: Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: So I'm happy with them. Others? Monika is voting yes I see. Joan?

Joan Kerr: I voted in the document.

Tapani Tarvainen: Oh yes, I can see Joan voting yes and Robin I take it you approve as well?

Robin Gross: Yes, I'm a yes. Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay.

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: So approved again pending Poncelet's approval later. Now the next one is interesting because I don't understand the name of the organization at all. (Unintelligible) I guess that's Indian, some Indian language.

Belonging to the economically deprived families into the income generation activities with a network of microenterprises operated by (unintelligible) group members from (unintelligible) themselves as per the guidance, support and specification model of NGO, a philanthropic cost-based social (unintelligible) globalized (unintelligible) industries and simultaneously carrying out our charity-based initiatives to impact education and health-based empowerment and well-being for the respective family members of these female (SHG) members, including themselves.

This is a mouthful. Let's see, they also have a Website ending in a dotNGO, which is something. Certainly doesn't look commercial to me, not government either. I am not entirely clear as to what their interest in NCSG would be, but

otherwise I see they are applying for NPOC. Joan, do you have any idea what they are about?

Joan Kerr: I don't. I was just looking case I thought – it's Joan for the record. I thought they looked familiar but – because I'm on ALAC, part of At Large as well so sometimes I have to check back and forth as (unintelligible) to see why I recognize the names. But, no I don't have any more information. I was just looking it up. But I think that maybe we should ask them for more information. I know the name from somewhere I'm sure, just trying to figure out where.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay I see I guess we have to ask for more information. The organization process sounds good enough that they don't – not a commercial, not government but their interest in GNSO policy seems well, actually they don't give us any clue about what that might be. So...

((Crosstalk))

Joan Kerr: Yes, I agree, more information is...

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. Anybody else want to comment on it?

Robin Gross: Yes, I think we should ask them for more information because it's just not really clear. I mean, when I look at their Website I kind of guess at what they are and what they do and I'm – my guess is that it looks like maybe they're a support organization for economically deprived women. Is this like in a lower caste maybe, is this something has to do with the caste system, women in lower castes and trying to support them in some way? I'm not sure, that would be my guess at what this organization is based on looking at the Website. And, you know, certainly that's a noble and noncommercial cause.

But it would help to get a clearer understanding as to, you know, what their interest in ICANN and NCSG and noncommercial users is. I suspect that – I suspect they'll be able to, you know, answer and provide us with whatever we need to get for them to join but it's just – I think it's probably a good idea to just ask for the clarifying information. I'm kind of just guessing at what they're doing here. You know, we shouldn't just be guessing.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, this case we don't need to ask about their noncommercial nature but about their interest in – GNSO work is something we need a clarification for so what they want to get from NCSG or what's their interest in the domain name policy. Okay, any other comments? Okay since we are agreement here and we one more, Center for Youth Empowerment and Leadership in Kenya.

See they have a Website, which doesn't work. That's actually a bad sign if they can't make their own Website work. Its DNS entry is broken. General principles I think we have always requested either fix your website or if it's not a working one that an organization should have a Website that works. Okay, we have a (unintelligible) NCUC member but I suggest we bounce at that either you have a mistake in your Website name or it's broken or whatever so please fix it and come back to us. Joan is typing something I see. Okay. You want to ask anything else because looking at this (unintelligible) is a bit also doesn't really tell us anything about the interest in domain name policies so we should ask that as well. There were too many (branch) of questions so we ask them please fix your Website and explain your interest in the domain name policies and their noncommercial nature. Even though I don't see any reason to doubt their noncommercial nature I don't see much documentation with add of course their Website doesn't work.

Okay. Any other comments?

Robin Gross: No, I agree with that assessment.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, thank you. Let's move on to the ones we have under review. We have three individuals pending. First one is Vaibhav Aggarwal or something from India. I believe most of us have seen him floating around various mailing lists. We asked him for clarification and note he's part of the PDP working group and contributing to various workgroups, subteams. Pursuant to our communication earlier hope you have all information you need to process my membership. Do we? Description is as we noted last time, a bit confusing. Monika seems to want still more information? If we ask for more we have to clarify exactly what we are going to ask.

Robin Gross: One thing that's not clear to me, it says he's part of these working groups so I'm wondering in what capacity is he already participating? Is he a member through the Business Constituency or a registry group or through the At Large structures? Because he says he's in these groups already so I'm wondering how did he – how did he join?

((Crosstalk))

Robin Gross: Maybe he's already affiliated with – because he said before he was affiliated with the GNSO but he certainly didn't clarify that. I don't see a clarification to that question here.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay so the one thing we need to make sure is he a member. He says he's member of GNSO but doesn't tell anything about it.

Robin Gross: Yes.

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: ...and didn't explain so that's something we should ask I guess. I note that he has been on some of the working groups and fairly active on some mailing lists. I'm not sure if he simply joined as an individual. I believe that's possible so without being a member of any organization. But we want to know what – how he's member of GNSO is something we must ask because he claims that and didn't explain that. So specific question that are you a member of any other organizations within ICANN and in particular what do you mean by claiming membership of GNSO? That be possible. Joan, you want to speak?

Hello, Joan. Okay so...

((Crosstalk))

Joan Kerr: I typed it in while we were talking. Just to let us know which group the belongs to, not just say that he belongs to a working group or he should name which ones, right?

Tapani Tarvainen: So we ask specifically to him name the...

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay working groups and other organizations within ICANN he belongs to and also about he meant by being member of GNSO, that okay?

Joan Kerr: Yes.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, sounds like we are in agreement about that. Next one Arthur Hupsel. Yes, the response that he would join NCSG because he's student of science of

computer and he asked about subject. I think the Non Commercial Stakeholder Group in ICANN I have more independence here and would help other people and organizations spread the information in the world. He wants to get more (unintelligible).

Okay, does not say that he's all that well aware of what gTLD policy is but is student of computer science and he wants to learn I guess that's about what it amounts to and I don't see any reason we shouldn't bring students in. But what do you think? Opinions? Okay Robin is voting yes. (Unintelligible) good that you ask me although we have lots of Brazilians and they are mostly (unintelligible) all Brazilians I can think of we have are good members so certainly doesn't hurt. Anybody else? Joan is voting yes. Monika? Hello, Monika, are you asleep? I see Monika is typing. Good, you are not asleep at least.

And you approve Arthur Hupsel. So okay we'll approve him then pending Poncelet's view later. And there is more than that's it, Michelle Fenty. We ask for clarification. And she says she's interested in the Non Commercial Stakeholder Group because as an individual noncommercial Internet user would like to learn about and be involved in global public interest aspects of gTLD policy. And that sounds good.

A US trained global (unintelligible) attorney practiced with a large corporation and law firm for many years, notwithstanding would like participate individuals. Okay.

Robin Gross: I don't really see a noncommercial interest here though. This looks like a business attorney.

Tapani Tarvainen: I'm looking at her LinkedIn page. And senior executive development banker and (unintelligible) level international global technology attorney. But nonetheless her job does not look like that would be directly related to Internet policy so it's – would be a hobby rather than a study purposes so the main point seems to be that she would like to learn about and be involved in the global public interest aspects (unintelligible) top level domains policy. Which is actually perfectly fine but a bit vague.

So being a business person as such is not a problem, we understand businesses, DNS policy related if a business is something completely different then her interest in DNS is noncommercial in nature, that's fine. What people do in besides there otherwise is – okay, Joan, you want to speak. Please go ahead.

Joan Kerr: Yes, it's Joan for the record. So that was the question I was going to ask is, yes she may be a business person but if she wants to be – because she's a lawyer and she may see that in the community seeing issues and she wants to help, does that preclude her from being part of NCSG was the question that – is, you know, because some people may do a certain job but they have a certain interest in helping people as well. And she expressed in her response that she liked the bottom up multistakeholder – so I just want to mention that that could be valuable as a personal interest.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, thank you Joan. Yes, I agree that in itself of being business person of any kind does not preclude membership if the interest in DNS policies is noncommercial. But I see that Robin wants to ask for more clarification what noncommercial interest is. That we're not satisfied with being just wanting to learn about it. Okay it seems that we are – Joan as well wants to ask for more clarification so let's do that.

Perhaps a good point, Maryam. So exactly what do we ask her because if we ask what's the noncommercial interest in and her reply basically seems to be that she would like to learn about and be involved in the global public interest aspects of generic top level domains policy. So what kind of additional information we want – how to phrase the question. As such, actually, I would find that answer perfectly valid but only that her very obvious professional interest otherwise makes it a bit doubtful that she might have some interest we don't raise. I guess that's what Robin and Joan are concerned about here that she might have hidden agendas.

So, Joan, Robin, would you care to phrase exactly what to ask?

Robin Gross: I think I would just ask her to be a little bit more specific about the specific noncommercial interest that she has. I mean, you know, it just seems so vague to just say, oh I want to be a student and learn about the world. But, you know, I mean, if she's a business attorney I think she can come up with a little bit more of a specific answer than that.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay so we ask could you please be a bit more specific about your noncommercial interests in gTLD policy. Would that do? Joan, want to speak?

Joan Kerr: So Maryam says that the question was asked before for her to define the noncommercial interest. So, I mean, what we're struggling with is that she hasn't actually defined that so to ask it again, number one, and, number two is maybe (unintelligible) something to say that what specifically a couple of sentences specifically say to her, this is what the NCSG is about to please express to us why, because her information reads business, why we should consider her as a NCSG member specifically in that context so that she understands that we're looking at it as a personal application.

I think that that's what needs to happen. So she maybe just think that we're going to think she's a good person which is not what we're, you know, that's not what we do. We have to go by information we receive. So that's – I'll work with Maryam and just to – but I just think that we should ask her again so that she defines a little bit more.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay thank you. So noted that Joan just volunteered to work with Maryam in phrasing the letter of asking for more information but specifically want more detailed description of her interest in gTLD policies. Okay. So, Maryam, you can (unintelligible) Joan to phrase that letter.

Okay next one, is Romella El Kharzazi – wait. I'm (unintelligible) Romella El Kharzazi. We asked for clarification likewise and he says I must admit my general knowledge so (unintelligible) but is willing to learn and believes that domains need stronger policies to protect individual human rights and there's a responsibility that comes with having registered domain name and believe in some respects (unintelligible) privilege and not a right.

Not everything can be left up to law enforcement, registrars have a responsibility to help and this is something (unintelligible) its requirements that Whois records include (unintelligible). And he says he has a domain for commercial usage but is not interested in joining ICANN group related to business users and cares about affordability of Internet access and...

((Crosstalk))

Robin Gross: This looks to me a little bit like the...

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, Robin.

Robin Gross: This looks to me a little bit like the last person in that, you know, we asked for clarification about a non-commercial interest and we got sort of a stream of consciousness about what his political views are on different issues. But I don't really see, you know, where's the noncommercial interest? Does he have a noncommercial domain name? Is he affiliated with a university, with a noncommercial organization? I'm just not seeing the noncommercial interest here.

Tapani Tarvainen: Everybody (unintelligible).

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: Can you hear me? Okay, Joan, go ahead, your hand is up.

Joan Kerr: Joan for the record. Yes, I guess I'm going back to my old point of – I'm just noticing a couple of things that how people are interpreting the application and, I mean, it's food for thought for us for redesigning the application as well. I think when a business person applies as an individual, they're thinking that yes they're a business person but they're trying to say that they're interested in the process of non for profit and helping with that. And I think that's how they're interpreting it.

That's why we keep getting these kinds of applications and answers because they think their credibility is to answer about being a business person and the application itself is the interest of the non for profit or noncommercial. So I think we need to either really, you know, define something on the application that lets people know that we need to have their personal interest because they're going to be rejected if it's a business application or it's seen as that.

So I think that's sort of our responsibility to make sure that it's very clear. I don't think that a business person is thinking that's necessarily clear because lots of business people do community service. So I think that we, you know, when we ask – we just have to redesign so it's not on the person to interpret it what it is that we want from them and so that's why this keep coming up it seems. So I just want to mention that. But I will work with Maryam with this one too as well. So I think we have some work to do in terms of the application itself.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay, thank you Joan. So I conclude that again we want more clarification of the interest although this one seems to be less problematic to me than the previous one because he's not really a business person but nonetheless seems that the consensus is we want more information and Joan and Maryam will draft – write a letter asking more clarification.

Any other views here? I see Joan is typing. Robin is typing something. Okay. So as before ask for more clarification and Joan and Maryam will work on that.

And we have one more Tionna Carson, whose original description was that he want to make sure his work and his customers are protected. What did we replay? Maryam, I don't see that – I think we asked for additional info, why is this pending here? I think we rejected this one or should have. Okay since Maryam is having audio trouble as well, but anyway just type in quickly.

Did we ask for clarification on this one or – okay so no response so we'll leave it – give her one more round time to reply but if no reply comes we will (unintelligible) drop it at this point. I think that (unintelligible) has been basically if you don't reply before next meeting we drop it. So rejected. And

of course if they return later we can reconsider at that point. They can always reapply. So Tionna Carson rejected for failure to reply to request.

Okay, we have under review organizations. That was the last under review individual wasn't it? Yes. And there is one organization under review, the International Center for Leadership Development in Nigeria. And we asked for clarification and we got a reply. And they want to be part of ICANN to enable get expose, learn about what they do and work with a team in the group to (unintelligible) projects here in Nigeria. Believe there is a lot to learn as an NGO (unintelligible) so Commercial Stakeholder Group is better for us.

And I see Monika is approving – wanting to approve. Any other views? Look at their Website. Okay seems reasonably legit nonprofit organization. But interest in gTLD policy seems to be basically just learning about it, which is not necessarily a problem but they want to join NPOC I believe. Joan, do you have any idea about them? Seems that Rudi has been in contact but he's no longer with us so.

Joan Kerr: Joan for the record. No, I don't. And I was just looking at that – it seems okay. It doesn't seem to be a problem. But there was – did they provide more information (unintelligible) in Dublin. Okay. They seem okay.

Tapani Tarvainen: I see that Monika is approving after this reply. And I am sure we have approved members who know even less about ICANN before that – okay Robin is approving. I took that Joan would be approving if I understood you correctly. Okay yes. So let's approve them, again pending Poncelet's approval. And that was all the membership affairs.

Let's move on to the next item we have Hyderabad operations. Okay so not that much to do at this point but schedule is still open and we have a very

tentative draft of how NCSG and events would be proposed. Maryam, can you make it scrollable? Okay thank you.

So this is a very tentative, I understand, we are not supposed to complain that this is decided but this something we can work on. And if we see problems this is the time to pick them up. There is one major issue that I'm sure if it's possible to fix but – or whether it's worth fighting against is that the Policy Committee meeting is only 90 minutes. Seems that there is serious problem in finding a longer slot for it. We'd like to have two hours but how much we want to fight it I'm not sure if we can. But that's the one problem I see. Otherwise it seems okay to me. It's the NCSG Policy Committee meeting on Saturday. I believe. No.

But are the dates correct here? It's not even showing here. It starts on Sunday. Okay let's see it. Anyway supposed to be 90 minutes on Sunday – Saturday afternoon for the Policy Committee meeting. And this does not show up the other – I understand (unintelligible) Thursday there will be just constituency NCUC outreach sessions and then there is the human rights session on Thursday afternoon and Saturday we have the NCSG Policy Committee meeting.

And yes US election day may make for interesting for – we have an – our meeting on that day. So but I presume the election results won't be out by the time because our meeting is at noon on India time. And then there is also NCSG leadership with the Board meeting on Tuesday as well. And I note it's not shown there that there is an NCUC EC meeting is at the same time as NCSG EC meeting but at the moment there is no overlap so we can live with that.

And does somebody feel strongly that we should fight to get longer Policy Committee slot?

Robin Gross: Tapani, do you know who's running the Policy Committee meeting? Will that be the Policy Committee chairs? Have they said how long they thought they would need or are they in the, you know, in the loop on the planning of the...

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, I asked them...

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: ...no comment yet so it doesn't sound like any serious – willingness to fight it at least. I can ask again, (unintelligible) Policy Committee (unintelligible) if somebody wants to put up a fight with it. But my impression was that they are – do not have a – too much of a fighting spirit at least to go against it. So unless you guys have anything to say I'll put it in the Policy Committee list for comments. That's how it looks like. And if you guys want to fight it, the question we'll see what we can do but I understand the schedule is very tight.

Otherwise in general principles (unintelligible) that having their outreach session in the beginning, human rights session as well on Thursday is okay. It's good to have a Policy Committee meeting before the general meeting and Constituency Days I guess because that would be for planning purposes. And the NCSG open meeting is after the Constituency Day meetings in the afternoon. I'm not sure which order would be preferable but (unintelligible) doesn't really work any other way.

So absent any other comments let's leave it at that. I'll post to the Policy Committee list asking if anybody there wants to take it on. Okay. Does anybody – let me see, we should all be in Hyderabad, right? Except I hear that Poncelet will not be because he hasn't be able to get a visa for India, is part of serious efforts, that's his – how should it put it politely – well I guess I can't but let's say it's very annoying. But we hope to get Poncelet in by remote for our meeting. Joan, you want to comment?

Joan Kerr: Yes. Joan for the record. Yes, it's an interesting process India. So Poncelet has declined to go but Sam LanFranco will take his place instead for India anyway as representative of NPOC as I understand it.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay do I understand that Sam would be temporarily assigned to the NCSG Activity Committee for that meeting? Of course NPOC is at liberty to change their representative if you so choose.

Joan Kerr: It's in discussion at the moment (unintelligible) of what will happen but that's what the conversation at the moment. Other than that as we mentioned (unintelligible) Poncelet could participate remotely.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay thank you. In any because I don't – even though the – actually EC meeting in Hyderabad is technically a closed meeting practice we will keep it open in the sense that anybody – any NCSG who wants to join us is welcome to as an observer and if Sam has something to say as Finance Committee chair as it happens so he's most welcome to speak there as well. And I don't see it an issue that if we have a decision to make that we can always again leave it – let Poncelet comment later if need be. I don't expect to have any urgent decisions that has to be approved on the spot anyway. So not a problem in practice.

The Indian visa problem has been an interesting experience. My passport is presently at the Indian embassy here, but they notified me that it has been approved although I can't get it yet because (unintelligible) visas will be valid 30 days from the date they have written so they can't do it in advance. Oh well.

Any other issues relating to Hyderabad? Yes, it has been interesting visa issues (unintelligible). Oh well. I just – we suggested to Göran yesterday that we should have – ICANN should permanently hire some – agency that handles visas. But we'll see how it works out. Anything else about Hyderabad?

If not, just note this information about the schedule (unintelligible) information at this point and look at the last agenda item I had. I was planning to do a bit more writing about this but I just want to have some kind of to-do list for us to go through and find what I wrote as – okay. Some things we need to get done at some point. Works in progress and something that should be done.

We had that election process appeal to document without (unintelligible) archive of relevant data I will – I propose basically that I'll write up a brief chair's view of the issue and let you adapt to that and find out a place to archive it either on some ICANN Website or in our own if we get it up and running, or both. And try to get that done before Hyderabad.

Other item at work in progress is the new member database which includes that application from renewal. And NCSG's own Website, which initially was planned to contain very little besides the application form, but we can use it for other purposes like archiving information or whatever we want to do outside ICANN's wiki or whatever. So that – just noting that this is work

under progress. It's been slower than expected but things always are. And I hope to have something publishable by Hyderabad on that.

Okay then in our (unintelligible) task list we should define and document a number of processes we've been using or haven't been but should be. One is certainly the election management and not or the process of doing it as well as the resource related to it. And I note we have a separate mailing list set up for that purpose even though it hasn't been very active yet. And leave it at that. We'll see how that works out and bring the EC at some point.

We need processes for member removal. I believe Robin was planning to draft the initial version of that?

Robin Gross: Yes, that is in my queue. And I'm sorry I don't have that yet, been a little overtaken by this IANA transition in the last couple of weeks but I will definitely have that before Hyderabad. Just something that we can start to chew on and talk about and rip apart and, you know, work on.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes, I don't expect you to come up with a perfectly polished, ready to approve thing but something to get us started. And as, you know, our charter requires that we'll have to pass that through members before it, in any case, but let's hope to get started and discuss it in Hyderabad or before that or something but anyway something I hope to get done by let's say before Copenhagen it might be hopefully ready or at the very latest if we end up having to put it to a member vote then we can vote on it in the next general vote in the summer if it comes to that. But hopefully sooner.

Well, about that we might also want to write down this member approval process details. We have formed a number of ways of working that have never been written down. And somethings which are a bit unclear and should be

written down. For example, the simple process policy we have that if somebody is missing from meeting we give them seven days to express disapproval, which has worked well but should be written down somewhere. And if we want to make more explicit this requirements of how we want to ask for interest in gTLD policy or something like that, we might want to do that as well.

And I guess we should go through the charter with a fine comb and look for other processes that we might come across and haven't defined and is not well defined there.

Then on our agenda is the constituency review at some point. We discussed about that briefly earlier. I guess something we will go forward because the charter gives us the criteria to make up simply a questionnaire (unintelligible) questions to the respective constituencies chairs or ECs and ask them please reply to this and explain how you still fit this criteria and then look at – go from there. We can discuss (unintelligible) again in Hyderabad with them or otherwise.

And in that respect we have one long-standing candidate constituency, the Consumers Constituency, which I think we should do something about. Basically I will suggest that we'll tell them that either if they do not become active like now or at least make a plan to becoming active we drop them, remove them from candidate constituency status because they've been having there since forever with no activity and as far as not only person involved with that is Dorothy Gordon. So let's ask her if she wants to keep it going.

Yes, Dorothy is still listed a number of places as the representative so we ask Dorothy do want to keep this and if so do something about it. Okay. Actually we can do that without further ado I think. Let's decide right now that I will

contact Dorothy and ask if she wants to keep it alive and then come back on next meeting.

Okay, other things to do list? As you know the bulk of our constituencies are working on updating their charters, and we might want to consider if we need to update NCSG charter. I don't propose having a process yet but maybe just collecting needs and proposals, set up a place somewhere, a wiki page or something that we could list all possible needs. Some have surfaced over the past and they have not been collected consistently anywhere. So put up a wiki page somewhere at least a need for possible charter update.

And okay I have one more item on my to-do list that we should think about getting a bank account. It's been around for a while. It's (unintelligible) a number of bureaucratic and legal and whatever problems. But that's something I think we'll let the Finance Committee because it's their job to think about and come back to us as they can have a plan for that proposal. It may or may not happen but at least we have to keep it there so I'll ask the Finance Committee to think about that.

And then I'm quite certain I have forgotten something important we should be doing so if you have anything in mind that we should be doing or I should be doing or you should be doing, whichever, or the Finance Committee should be doing or something like that, or the Policy Committee should be doing that we should ask them to do by all means, speak up or post to the list later if it occurs to you. But this is just my agenda the I plan to get done before the – well before the next general election I hope. (Unintelligible) that is.

Okay. That was about it as far as I am concerned. We have still any other business. Does anybody – okay, Joan, your hand is up. Please go head.

Joan Kerr: That was an error. Joan for the record. But since I'm on anyway your plan sounds good. And I think that those are achievable by the dates at least to get it going, but yes I'm looking forward to the charter review because really want to learn a lot and one way in learning is to be involved in it so it sounds good to me though (unintelligible).

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. Sounds good that it sounds good to everybody apparently. Anything – any other business then? Nobody has anything else in mind. Okay, I guess we can conclude the meeting and let Monika go to sleep and others get started with the day. And is Maryam still in line, we'll need to send the list of pending members we approved to Poncelet to get his approval.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes, hi Tapani. Yes, I am.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay so make a note of that just ping Poncelet that we need to get him – we give him seven days to disapprove any members we have to approve but it will be nice if he approved them faster than that.

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay.

((Crosstalk))

Maryam Bakoshi: I will do that.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. Okay.

Maryam Bakoshi: All right, thanks very much, everyone, for attending the call.

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: So that's done. Good-bye everyone. You can stop the recording.

Maryam Bakoshi: Bye. Chris, you may now stop the recording and disconnect all lines. Thank you so much for your help today. Bye-bye.

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