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Rudy Vansnick: The recordings have started. You may proceed.

Maryam Bakoshi: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. This is the MPOC members call on Thursday 21 of May 2015. On the call today we have Rudy Vansnick, Klaus Stoll, Joan Kerr, (Olivier Quami), (Casamos Maducar), Sam Lanfranco, (Ponsilier Eliligi).

And from staff we have myself, Maryam Bakoshi. I'd like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much. Over to you Rudy.

Rudy Vansnick: Thank you Maryam. Rudy Vansnick for the transcript. Welcome everybody to this MPOC membership call.

We finally came to a good solution in starting up this meeting calls after we have been working on a migration of the mailing list which is the second point of the agenda.

We received a lot of questions about this migration and the archives of the previous mailing list.

The first reason of the migration is that we discovered that there were some technical issues with the Alts mailing list running on a different platform as the new one.

And due to that fact we were missing a lot of our members in communication. So we decided to move forward and rebuild a new mailing list. It has been proven that this new mailing list is successful due to the fact that we see a lot of reactions that have been posted to recent messages on this list.

The Alt mailing list is still archived and is accessible anyway. In the coming days the list - access to the different archive lists will be posted and updated on the NPOC Web site so that everybody can find the discussions that we had in previous lists and years.

I think this - it was important to mention that this migration was an important step forward. We are almost sure now that every member is receiving the mails on this list.

We're still checking and monitoring. And it's one of the duties that Maryam Bakoshi from ICANN staff is taking up. And thanks to her for doing the necessary follow-up in case there are issues.

We know that and everybody should know that in fact spam is one of the problems of having a good working mailing list if it - for some reason one of the mails contains a message that is seen by Stanford as being spam.

All other messages that will come through will be flagged as spam. And that's one of the reasons why there was a necessity of changing the - of mailing list platform.

I don't know if there are questions about this ICANN On the agenda about the migration mailing list. But, I'm happy to answer them. I see (Ponsilier) has his hand up. Yes sir, (Ponsilier) you have the floor.

(Ponsilier Eliligi): Yes (Ponsilier) speaking for the record. Yes and what I wanted to say I mean, okay the - it's go to know about the explanation of the change of the mailing list but yes, I'm speaking now, (Ponsilier) speaking for the record.

I said it's good that the mailing list, the (new) mailing list has been (unintelligible) by the communication process that it had been done was not - was not forthcoming.

(Unintelligible) on the (unintelligible) is like it would be better for (unintelligible) that people are told that okay this - we are moving (unintelligible) to this mailing list for this, this and this (unintelligible).

And when this - it (unintelligible) happens some of the questions that have been asked when it was moved (unintelligible) a non-issue. But, I think that is one of the (unintelligible) that we have.

(Unintelligible) comment and the reports something on the conformation of your email address and your membership. And that was done. And after that the validation process was completed it was when this happened.

You know, so, I think it would be better that everybody's communicated with. And second I would like to add to that when we (unintelligible) on the

validation process too was finished it will have been good to also know the current member status numbers (unintelligible). Thank you.

Rudy Vansnick: Thank you (Ponsilier). You were sounding very, very loud and I caught a few of your sentences. I am sure that you were talking about the validation process on the mailing list.

Can you maybe give a little bit more details about what you mean with the validation process? And please state is away from your mic so that you don't sound too loud. Thank you. You have the floor.

Yes you have the floor (Ponsilier).

(Ponsilier Eliligi): Yes. Okay, what I meant by the validation process there was - yes there was - okay, thank you. (Ponsilier) speaking again. Here was (unintelligible) and maybe (unintelligible) in those members to - yes I'm (unintelligible) right now. The - an email went out from (unintelligible) to members about checking their email address and whatever the (unintelligible) validation process.

I told them that was (unintelligible). And email was not sent to say that these are all (unintelligible) family members proud to be the new (unintelligible) of the new mailing list.

So there was the communication lapses. That is what I was trying to say. I (unintelligible) when some of the emails that were are currently being received about why (unintelligible) the mailing list we must (unintelligible). Thank you.

Rudy Vansnick: Thank you (Ponsilier). I understood a little bit more than before.

And we know that anyway it could have been done better. But as we discovered when our membership was not really listening into the old mailing list we needed to take actions.

And we have been taking several actions, separate actions. One was a direct communication to each member individually out of the mailing list, the old one in order to see if the email was still working for that member and for the person that was defined in the membership as being the contact person.

It's quite important that we have trigger all this in order to have good basis to start up on a new mailing list.

So I know that the validation process could have been better. But anyway as we know that there were issues from several levels it was important that we moved forward as soon as possible.

And it has been proven by the fact that to the Doodle call that has been sent out more than 17 members have responded. This is the first that we have this number of participants that were (involved). So I think that that was important.

I see (Ponsilier) you have your - still your hand up. Is that a old hand or a new one?

Okay, good. Any other questions about this? If not I would then move forward to the next point in our agenda being number three, the membership stages.

And as you all know Joan Kerr is taking care now of the membership as he is the chair of the membership committee. And I'm giving the floor to Joan now. Joan you have the floor.

Joan Kerr: Thank you Rudy. It's Joan Kerr for the record. Everyone can hear me?

Rudy Vansnick: Yes we hear you good.

(Olivier Quami): Hello?

Joan Kerr: Okay, great.

(Olivier Quami): Can I talk please? Can I talk?

Rudy Vansnick: Who is speaking please?

(Olivier Quami): It's (Olivier). (Olivier)...

Rudy Vansnick: Okay (Olivier)...

(Olivier Quami): ...the floor.

Rudy Vansnick: Yes (Olivier) you have the floor.

(Olivier Quami): Yes.

Rudy Vansnick: Sorry, I can't see you in the...

(Olivier Quami): Yes.

Rudy Vansnick: ...in Adobe Connect but please come in if you want to speak.

(Olivier Quami): Okay. My concern is about the Item 1 and Item 2.

I think that for my (understanding) for the membership the manner of the mailing list has the possibility to publish the list of the emails in each mailing list, the old one and the new one so that you can clearly compare the both lists and see if everybody is normally subscribed in each order. Thank you.

Rudy Vansnick: Thank you (Olivier), Rudy Vansnick for the transcript. That action has really been taken care of (Olivier). Maryam has been cross-checking as she has the access to the new mailing list and she has cross checked the list of all the participants in the old mailing list so that they have been picked up.

Except those that have asked us to remove them from the mailing list. That's the way it has been done.

So I don't think that there is any issue with the mailing list as it is today. All members that are regular members of the MPOC are on the mailing list. There is nobody that has been excluded from that list.

And if you think that or you have knowledge of somebody that is not on the list please let them send the message to Maryam and to the ExCom so that we can trickle down where it fails.

But so far as I have been cross-checking the database and everybody is on the new mailing list.

So Joan I'm giving the floor back again to you.

Joan Kerr: Great, thank you very much. Yes, I just wanted to quickly just say that our campaign to get our members on a mailing list so we can communicate with them we think of course there were some errors that were made but it was

done with good intentions in that we had an upcoming election and we had to make sure that the members were confirmed and that we had a go forward plan to send out information.

So, it was done very quickly and my apologies as a chair if anyone was offended. But it was done so that we can have a clear path going forward.

So I hope that - we'll take that in good faith. So that's the first thing.

The second thing is that we've got as Rudy said Maryam has done a fantastic job in sending out to the membership and confirming organizations and updating the information and who's the plenary contact.

And we - to date we have 35 confirmed organizations who've responded. There's been a few that have asked to be removed from the list. Typically they're very (unintelligible).

((Crosstalk))

Joan Kerr: Secondly there - we have a couple of - a few bounced emails. So our new campaign would be around outreach into those organizations that had bounced emails. And Maryam and I talked about that and so that you could find out one if emails have changed if someone else is responsible for representation - that sort of thing.

So the plan that the list will grow and that it will be a very up to date list for us.

I believe that - I don't know what the history has been with the membership but people seem to be responding. But more importantly that we are getting on a path where things can be communicated back to our members.

Should I address - I guess we'll talk about the election process a little bit later. So just to confirm we do have 39 organizations who've responded and we're still keeping up the list as we go. That's my report for the membership at the moment.

Rudy Vansnick: Thank you very much Joan. And it is indeed hard work as we know that the whole membership issue is not new. It's an issue that is planning for three years.

And we know that it is actually not so easy to track back to the first member that subscribed. And it seems that the data that is collected or was collected at that time in the NCIG platform is it's not archived and we are missing all these information.

So that's also one of the reasons that there was a lot of work that had to be done on the membership point. And I would like to thank Joan for getting us through this difficult phase.

I see two hands popping up and giving the floor first to Joan and then Sam. Joan you have the floor.

Joan Kerr: Yes, thank you. I just want to point out Rudy you need to confirm for the list. And (Tom) (unintelligible) as well.

Rudy Vansnick: I will certainly do after this call, thank you. Sam you have the floor.

Sam Lanfranco: Thank you Rudy, Sam for the record. I hope that some progress is being made in setting up member profiles so that members of NPOC and NCSG, et cetera, can maintain their own information with the appropriate email addresses who represents the organizations that belongs NPOC as the contact person to.

I see that there was some discussion or there is some discussion involving NCSG and ICANN staff about well it looks like building a profile database.

Does anybody else have any information on what's going on in that area?
We've heard we need one.

Rudy Vansnick: Thank you Sam. Rudy for the transcript. I think there is a point that we'll pick up certainly in Buenos Aires because it's easier to discuss these issues when we have a face to face meetings rather than have them on calls where it is not easy to jump into the data itself.

So it's something that is really on the agenda and a focus for the Buenos Aires meeting.

There is tomorrow an executive NCSG meeting scheduled where we will probably go ahead through validation of new members. And I will certainly raise this question again and try to trigger it so that it is taken as an action point and not a discussion point anymore.

I don't know if someone else wants to speak to this one? Sam I see still your hand up. Is this an old or a new one? Okay thank you. Oh, it's a new one.
Okay, Sam you have the floor.

Okay it looks like it was rather a click error, no problem.

Sam Lanfranco: It was a click.

Rudy Vansnick: Anyone else on has some comments or questions on this point? Although I thank you Joan for your report. And we know that a lot of progress is made. And we are looking forward to the next phase of our membership management.

(Olivier Quami): Hello? Hello?

Rudy Vansnick: Yes, who is speaking?

(Olivier Quami): (Olivier) is speaking.

Rudy Vansnick: Yes (Olivier) you have the floor.

(Olivier Quami): Okay, my question is finally how many members is the (unintelligible) actually in the NPOC membership that have (unintelligible)? How many member are we exactly?

Rudy Vansnick: Joan are you responding to the question?

So I'm - Rudy for the transcript. Joan just posted the message.

(Olivier Quami): Do you hear me?

Joan Kerr: Yes I can. I'll respond. Thank you for the question. There are 39 members to date. As I said before there were some bounced emails. And so we will be having a plan to outreach today as well.

Rudy Vansnick: Thank you Joan, Rudy for the transcript. I want to add to this information that these are 39 confirmed members. There are still members that are not responding to our calls and our messages. And that makes it a bit difficult to have the right numbers.

But, I'm going to give the floor to Maryam who is following-up on this very closely. So Maryam you have the floor.

Maryam Bakoshi: Thank you very much Rudy. (Olivier) just to answer your question like - just like when Joan said, we have 39 organizations who have responded to the email. But there are a total of 98 NPOC members on the book as we speak. This is minus people who have asked to be removed from the list or people who have unsubscribed.

And I followed-up with them and I said yes, please take me out of the NPOC member database.

So in answer to your question we have 98 members but 39 so far have confirmed. Does that answer your question (Olivier)?

Rudy Vansnick: (Olivier)?

Maryam Bakoshi: Hello?

Rudy Vansnick: Yes, it's good. I'm satisfied. So you have 98...

Maryam Bakoshi: Ninety-eight...

(Olivier Quami): ...members at that moment?

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes.

(Olivier Quami): Okay. But only 17 have responded on the (unintelligible) list.

Maryam Bakoshi: No, 39 people - not people, 39 organizations have responded to the emails, to the validation email.

(Olivier Quami): Okay, okay.

((Crosstalk))

Maryam Bakoshi: That was sent, yes.

(Olivier Quami): Okay.

Rudy Vansnick: Okay.

(Olivier Quami): Okay.

Rudy Vansnick: Thank you Maryam. I see Klaus has your...

(Olivier Quami): Thank you Maryam, yes.

Rudy Vansnick: Klaus you have your hand up? You have the floor.

Klaus Stoll: Yes please. I just wanted to follow-up on that very, very useful information that Maryam just gave.

What we are trying to do - and this also related to the mailing list. What we are trying to do is not to have an organization which exists of fictional

members people which are registered which registered some time ago and now till today even forgotten that (unintelligible).

This is why the process of having a honest database and knowing exactly how many real and active members we have is I think much preferable to have a huge database and saying oh good, these people had something to do with NPOC at one time or another but never knowing how many real active and existing members we have. Thank you.

Rudy Vansnick: Thank you Klaus for this clarification, Rudy for the transcript. Indeed it is important that we are clarifying the status of members.

It's not only at NPOC level that we discover that there are a lot of issues. We have discovered that in the NCSG. When we look into how many are responding to queries it's a very small number also.

So there is a lot of work to do in order to get things clarified. But it will take some time before we are getting through the real numbers. And that's an issue that is existing in ICANN for years.

As I was previously in the At-Large community we also discovered that more of - half of the numbers of the ALAC ALSes were not responding to questions or calls.

So I think it's important that we know that people register in the beginning, they are interested, but then for some reason they have other duties in the organization and that's where we are losing track of what's that organization was willing to do with the structure.

I see Joan you have your hand up. You have the floor. You're still muted
Joan? Hello Joan?

Joan Kerr: Better?

Rudy Vansnick: Yes, okay.

Joan Kerr: Joan Kerr for the record. I just want to say that I was only talking about the members that were actively confirmed. So that's what I see as members and that we have 39 members. And 17 members actually were on the (unintelligible) list.

So I really think that this is working. And I just want to say that if we continue to communicate with our members and encourage them to be engaged I think we can build a really good database for our members.

Rudy Vansnick: Thank you Joan. And that helps also in the discussion. I think that with all these comments we can round up this point of the agenda. I don't know if there is somebody else still willing to have discussion on this? It looks like it's just background noise that we are hearing.

So okay, let's move forward to the number 4, the policy activities. And Sam Lanfranco who is the chair of the policy committee has probably a lot of things to tell us. Sam you have the floor.

Sam Lanfranco: Thank you Rudy, Sam Lanfranco for the record. I'm going to keep this fairly brief so we have time for questions and you can come back with questions on (this). But most of the recent work was in the NPOC Executive and the Policy Committee has been dealing with work that's generated by ICANN's international business.

The recent work has been focused on the comments on the draft proposal for the IANA transition. Those comments have been factored into a NCSG (unintelligible) of comments on the proposal that was submitted yesterday at the deadline for the ICANN meetings in Buenos Aires of I've scheduled several times.

I'm working up a question through the ICANN board that has to do with a thorny problem of protecting domain name registrations. There are some issues there that ICANN has not addressed. And I'm trying to get them to address that.

The key concern that I have, a key issue that's rumbling around in my head as the policy community is that there are two important policy domains that NPOC and its constituency group, NGOs and civil society organizations state.

One is the issues from inside ICANN, the IANA transition, domain name registration, data issues, a whole variety of working groups around translation and transliteration around accountability.

These are extremely important to the health of the Internet eco-system. But, they are not always central to the issues of NPOC members and to NGOs and the civil society members.

So one of the things that I have been pushing and stressing and trying to do and hopefully we'll make new product (unintelligible) in this is for NPOC to begin to address other policy issues of more direct importance the NGOs and civil society (unintelligible) as they relate to their core work.

And so they're doing some work already in collaboration with others and will be doing stuff with - we did in Singapore we (unintelligible) doing in Buenos Aires. We're working to pay greater attention to both current policy issues and policy issues that are coming down the pipeline that are liable to impact NGOs and civil society constituencies in their own work.

So there's two lines to this. One is the policy issues relating to the overall numerical system that are mainly within ICANN. And then there's this wider remit of policy issues. Neither of them will be at the national level as the (unintelligible) domain name blocking or regulations but happen across multiple countries and impact of NGO and civil society originations as they try to do their work.

So I'm trying to and beef up the policy committee's work with (unintelligible) to pay more attention to those issues that will impact more directly on NGOs and civil society constituencies.

That's all I have to say now. But I'm open to questions. Thank you Rudy.

Rudy Vansnick: Thank you Sam. And interesting that information you're bringing up about the more NGO related issues that we need to discuss about. It's for sure that with what's going on in a gTLD world and especially with activities that are launched by DIR and to be more precise (Imgood).ngo.ong registry.

NGOs will most probably be more interested in the domain name space as this is still an issue that we know there is not that many interest in gTLD and domain name space today from the NGO world as that is not their first concern, not their first priority.

And I'm convinced that in Buenos Aires we are going to have some new topics of discussions that we are going to be able to focus on. And I'm counting on Sam's expertise to lead this in a good direction.

Sam I see you have your hand up. Do you have the floor?

Sam Lanfranco: Yes, Sam again for the record. Two things that I would like to point out that I think will come up under that second policy umbrella, policy issues of direct relevance to NGOs and civil society.

One has to do with the relationship between domain names and trademark.

Most NGOs see no reason to have trademark with everything they call themselves or what they use. In some cases they can do that because the acronyms are used widely by a lot of other people.

But there is a - there isn't a risk there with respect to both domain names and trademarks that we - I think are the NGO and (unintelligible) like you need to think about a little bit more as a defensive strategy.

The other one that I would like to get a discussion going on it has to do with whether or not an NGO, a civil society has its own domain name or is making it a social media as its major vehicle for dialogue with its members and supporters.

There are risks involved in the social media side probably growing risks that I think that should be able to cope with a discussion around that so that the NGOs and the civil society organizations can discuss those with the (unintelligible) and make precautionary moves with respect to owning at least owning a domain name so that they don't get left out in the cold because of

some move by a social media company or some regulatory move by a government where the NGO is (unintelligible).

But there are some issues that I'd like to get out there while it's not their policy decision as it is in the case of ICANN but these are areas where they are going to be policy issues that put our constituency at risk sometimes they create opportunities that were (unintelligible) equipped with constituency at risk like to see more discussion around that.

Rudy Vansnick: Thank you very much Sam for those additional comments and information. Rudy for the transcript.

For sure it's a big task that is in front of us. And I can tell you that in Belgium actually the government decided to put some claims to Facebook because they are not respecting the privacy rules.

And as such there is a risk that the government would decide even to not allow the ISPs to show Facebook pages anymore which would result in the fact that all the NGOs having put all their effort in for instance in Facebook social media they would be blocked for being seen. So it is indeed something that we need to start focusing on and working on maybe a motion that need to bring to the table at the GNSO in order to protect the rights of NGOs.

So it's becoming a very interested period in time to focus on.

I don't know if there are any other questions for Sam on the policy issues or activities?

((Crosstalk))

Rudy Vansnick: Any suggestions that we need to...

((Crosstalk))

Rudy Vansnick: I heard a voice in the background. I don't know who it was.

Man: That was me. I just was trying to stop somebody vacuuming in my background.

Rudy Vansnick: Okay, no problem. Okay, so good. Let's move forward and I - before moving to the next point we have been discussing this internally in the ExCom already. And we are going to activate policy committee meetings in the near future in order to allow us to have these type of specific discussions on topics that are actually not in the rather of ICANN itself or the GNSO itself.

So we will work on this quite soon with Sam and we will let you know the timing we would propose a Doodle call - a Doodle poll sorry and up front the meeting so that everybody has a chance to indicate what's the best timing.

So I would like to move now to Number 5 on the agenda. It's all about the upcoming meetings we have scheduled in Buenos Aires. This is going to be an intensive ICANN critical meeting for us. And I'm giving Klaus the floor to give us some more details on what is actually scheduled for Buenos Aires.

Klaus you have the floor.

Klaus Stoll: Thank you very much. This is Klaus for the record. I - before I go to the meetings I would like to talk about the relationship between NPOC and (Pathfinder) there because there seems to be a huge misunderstanding or some

people are not absolutely clear what is the difference between NPOC and (Pathfinder).

As Sam just very nicely and very good clearly demonstrated is what NPOC is doing it's contributing to the policy making process of Internet governance.

And what we are doing as NPOC in the GNSO role is policy what NPOC can and not deliver and is actually not even charted for is to do the practical execution of the policy which we are follow-up on behalf of our members of the NGO.

And the difference in NPOC is defining the policies. And (Pathfinder) is putting these policies into practical expression. And I hope that that is absolutely clear.

So what NPOC does is partner with (Pathfinder) in the execution of practical actions and operational concerns for non - for very, very busy days in Buenos Aires.

We have three main events. One is on Saturday at 10 o'clock in the morning which is a like (unintelligible) Internet governance.

And this is a meeting where we have eight speakers mainly from Latin America from NGOs and from universities and from all different aspects of not-for-profit speaking about their concerns about Internet governance, what's important for them and what they think is important that should be done.

And I - this event will be - we are at the momentum yesterday finalized vigorously. And we are at the moment designing the emails which - the

invitation that once that is done and translated we will send it also to the NPOC list so that everybody knows what is going on.

Then on the Monday afterwards we actually cooperated with ICANN directly in NPOC constituency date on there with NGOs.

Because I think what is really important is that a lot of people may be hearing about NPOC. They know about ICANN but they never met anybody or never seemed (unintelligible) policy process in operations.

So what we are doing is on the Monday we have invited everybody who's interested to meet ICANN to meet NPOC to meet us at 1 o'clock at the reception. And we will have a very short introduction.

And then people from the constituency and from a lot of other constituency and from ICANN will take little groups around the ICANN meeting. And after an hour we're up again and exchange experiences. This is a second event.

And the third event is actually the last event on the constituency day. And as you heard in the first event when we are talking about the policymaking and getting the input from the NGLs and other constituency which we receive on Saturday we want to have actually a meeting on the end of the constituency day meeting with discussing how these policies and ideas and suggestions which came up can actually be translated into real activities of action and how NPOC can actually help to make the voice of the NGO heard.

These are the three events which we are planning for (Paula Dilis). We are already been asked to start planning for events in Dublin.

And there will be in all regions quite a number of events throughout this year and next year to give you very quick up - overview what's happening there.

It's - we have contacted - we are in contact in discussions with all regional vice presidents of ICANN and with our region and with some of them Latin America we are working very, very intensively.

Other are regions like Africa the progress is very, very slow because we just don't receive any quick feedback.

So what this space, look what (Pathfinder) is doing. And to be clear there is a clear difference in role function and work between NPOC and Pathfinders. We are brothers but, we are not the same. Thank you.

Rudy Vansnick: Thank you Klaus for your information on the schedules and the meetings we have in front of us.

I've dropped in the chat room the link to our Web page where you can find more detailed information about the events. The regular updates and I've just received a list of updates for speakers for the (Lac) meeting.

That is actually already (ported) on the GTS site, will be posted on the NPOC site too. So that's in process.

And aside the fact that we have these three important meetings we are also scheduling to have interactions with the participants in the ICANN meetings. And we are going to follow-up with the fellowship is we know that that's a really important platform where many of our membership is in fact coming from.

It's certainly an intensive process that we have to go through. And we have on the Tuesday morning the possibility to speak to the fellowship that is happening at every ICANN meeting.

It's quite early. It's at 7:30. And but the previous one in Singapore was very fruitful. We got three new members coming out of that fellowship group.

And we are trying to intensify our interactions with the fellowship group. And we are going to try to help more fellows to be cashed up in the fellowship program.

And there has been a messages posted earlier several weeks ago and with the information about how to subscribe to the fellowship and register for it.

And I think that's if you have any questions about fellowship do not hesitate to call on (Martin). (Martin) is the person that is coming from the fellowship and has been for several ICANN meetings the assistant to (Janice) who is leading the fellowship from ICANN.

So I think it's important if you have any questions that you drop them to (Martin). He will certainly be able to respond.

Sam, you have something to add to this? You have the floor.

Sam Lanfranco: Thank you Rudy. Sam for the record.

Yes in Singapore (Janice) was very kind and allowed me to speak briefly to the fellows. I had a kind of hard-hitting 90 seconds I wanted to say and that seemed to have worked. They got (unintelligible) for myself and for NPOC.

And I have coordinated with board meetings and (Janice). We are going to be handing out that small card-like flyer that welcomes the fellows to Buenos Aires and remind them of what NPOC is about and urges them dialogue with us again form their constituency.

So I - NPOC has a very good relationship with the fellowship (unintelligible).

Rudy Vansnick: Thank you Sam for this additional information. I think that we can state that a lot of efforts have been put into reaching out to members, reaching out to potentially new members and trying to help people that are coming to ICANN meetings to understand what is the best space to jump into and to partner with.

And with the additional meetings we are setting up we are trying to highlight the topic that are of high concern for the NGOs.

And unless there are other questions for this point for the upcoming meetings or any proposal or suggestion for our meetings I don't see any hands popping up and I don't hear any voice requesting for speaking.

Then I would move on to our next item on the agenda which is the ongoing election processes. It's something that is going on every year and requires a procedure to be followed.

We still need to have a lot of clarification on the whole process as each year somebody else has to lead it and we are going to try to put together a report and an action item for the next ExCom to come to work out the whole charter in such a way that it is understandable for everyone.

Now for what the elections process is we actually have been sending out the necessary communications to the membership.

And we are actually close to the end of the period for nominations. I know that I've heard a few saying that there will be nominations coming up.

And I think that there was in fact everybody waited till we had this call to see if there were any other questions or issues that we needed to handle with the election process.

As Joan is doing the follow-up on the elections process I would like to give Joan the floor now.

Joan Kerr: ...we don't have any nominees. I'm hoping that everyone is going to be submitting their nominations that on this call but are interested in the next few days.

It does close on the 25th with the nomination process or name. So nominations for positions closes on the 25th. So please do submit it your - if you're interested to the list. And if you have a seconder that would be ever better. I'll send it (unintelligible) secondly so hopefully he will do that.

Other than that (Olivier) has sent out communications just (reminding) everyone of the process as well. I think we need to do that one more time. And hopefully we'll have a slot to submit to the EC by the 28th.

So we have three days the 25th through 28th to submit the nominees. So please do submit your nomination.

Rudy Vansnick: Thank you Joan. Yes Rudy for the transcript. It's time to start doing the nominations. And in fact (south) nominations are also allowed. But it looks nicer if the nominations are coming from the community itself.

And the other point that I want to add to this election process after we have received the nomination there will be the confirmation of the nominees. They have to confirm and make a statement. And that will take a few days.

And then after we have the formal acceptance process being done the elections will start. And the elections are in fact not done by ourselves but they are in hands of ICANN staff.

The ballots are handled by ICANN staff through the big post platform, the platform that was used for all the elections in ICANN. And it will be Glen Desaintgery and Maryam Bakoshi who are going to handle this election voting process which will start the 28th of May and it going to end the 27th of June.

And after the 27th of June the ICANN staff will deliver to us the results of the elections of the votings.

So the whole process is not in hands and has not any access to the voting results before 27th of June. So I would like to make that clear that there has been no interference possible.

There will be some reminders sent to those that didn't vote yet before the end date. I think that past years it was twice that the reminder was sent, one after 15 days and the second seven days before the end of the election period.

So I would like to remind everybody that when you're expecting to receive your ballots which is going to be 28 May or just before please keep track of that ballot.

If you didn't receive an email with the ballots please inform us immediately so that we can track down the issue and try to figure out where the ballot got stuck. So it's important that you inform us.

I think there are no additional points to discuss on the election process today. I see Joan's hand up. Joan you have the floor. You're still muted Joan?

Joan Kerr: Sorry.

Rudy Vansnick: Yes.

Joan Kerr: Just one question, Joan Kerr for the record. One question, there's only an election if there is more than one nominee is that correct? Okay, there would be - well if there is no more than one person.

Rudy Vansnick: Well anyway, we need to follow the process as it is defined in the charter. And we need to send out the ballots.

So there will be - anyway, there will be a voting. We need to do the process in the correct way. And the process defines that there is a need for voting. That's what we did in the past years too.

We didn't by default declare that only one nominee being elected automatically. It is done through the democratic process that there are votes for the nominee.

Klaus I see you have your hand up. You have the floor.

Klaus Stoll: Yes I do very much, very straightforward and simple question. I'm looking at the nominations form. Once we filled out the nomination form where do we

send them to? Are we sending them to the general list or to the executive committee? For me it's not quite clear.

Rudy Vansnick: And the nominations - Rudy for the transcript. The nominations form can be sent through the discuss list so that everybody knows who has been nominated. It's an open and public process.

So normally we have to send the forms through the discuss list, the new mailing list. That was also one of the reasons why we had this requirement of having this mailing was being active and operational before the elections were starting anyway.

So I hope that clarifies it.

Klaus Stoll: Thank you very much. And you will receive my nominations shortly.

Rudy Vansnick: Okay thank you Klaus. Anybody else have any questions on the election process?

I'm looking to the participants list. I don't know it's people on the call that are not in the Adobe if there any questions (Olivier) or anybody else?

Not hearing and not seeing any hands go up and I would then move to the...

((Crosstalk))

Rudy Vansnick: ...sorry?

Klaus Stoll: Sorry Rudy, sorry to interrupt you.

Rudy Vansnick: Yes, go ahead.

Klaus Stoll: Sorry Rudy that I interrupt you. Sorry. I'm coming back to the nominations.

Rudy Vansnick: Go ahead.

Klaus Stoll: I'm not aware of the full mailing address of a lot of the people I would like to nominate and asking me for the mailing list of these people. Is the nomination...

Rudy Vansnick: Rudy for the transcript. Let us make it simple. If we have the names of the people we will certainly be able to trigger down in the database who it is and what the email address is.

And we will - and I think that's one of the actions that Joan will also take care of is she will probably have the required information if it's failing.

So don't be bothered by the fact that you don't have the full email address of the person. You just put the name and we will trigger down the right email address of that person. Is that okay?

Yes, Joan you have the floor.

Klaus Stoll: Thank you Rudy. That's very helpful. But on the email address it asks for the full address.

Joan Kerr: May I answer a question quickly? I sent out election procedures. And what we agreed to for this time was to just do it by email on the discussion list.

So you don't have to send out the form. It's just to send it on the discussion list that you're interested if you have a seconder but you don't you don't have to fill out the form necessarily.

Rudy Vansnick: Okay. Thank you, Joan. And o make things clear, we will send out the mail after this call clarifying the way it should happen so that we don't fail in having the nominations coming in.

It's a formal process. It's not a heavily official process. Klaus, you have your hand up. You have the floor?

Klaus Stoll: Okay, just for clarification, so it's good enough if I send an email saying I nominate X, Y and Zed for absolute (Y) and this is my nomination.

Rudy Vansnick: And correct Klaus. I see (Wisdom) you have your hand up. You have the floor. Don't forget to state your name before speaking.

((Crosstalk))

Rudy Vansnick: Yes (Wisdom) you have the floor.

((Crosstalk))

Rudy Vansnick: It looks like your voice is not coming through. Eventually if you have a question and we can't hear you can you type it in the chat room of the Adobe Connect so that I can read it if we don't hear you?

Maryam is (Wisdom) on the bridge or on the phone?

Maryam Bakoshi: He's on the both so I'm on trying to find out what the issue is.

Rudy Vansnick: Okay, good. Well I will allow (Wisdom) to come in as - oh yes (Wisdom) we hear you.

(Olivier Quami): It's (Olivier).

Rudy Vansnick: Oh, (Olivier), okay.

(Olivier Quami): Yes, I'm back. I just want to clarify about my participation in Buenos Aries meeting.

You know, I benefit from a fellow program, Fellowship program from registry stakeholders, what is different from what I'm expecting for. But it is because of my participation and Policy and Implementation Working Group because I'm a co-vice chair in this group.

So I want to clarify that during the ICANN 53 I would be among the fellows. And also Registry Stakeholder Group is associating me to their programs also. And they are communicating regularly. They are sending me - to me the program for Buenos Aires. That is what I want to clarify. Thank you.

Rudy Vansnick: Thank you very much, (Olivier) for your information. And we are looking forward to meet you in Buenos Aires so that we can have our face to face meeting at least once in the year with all the members of the constituency.

Meanwhile I'm...

(Olivier Quami): Thank you.

Rudy Vansnick: ...I'm checking if...

(Olivier Quami): I hope to meet you too. Thank you.

Rudy Vansnick: Okay. Thank you, (Olivier). Rudy for the transcript. I'm looking now to if (Wisdom) is able to - hello (Wisdom). Can you speak up now?

I hear voice - I hear noise had no voice. So if you have a question please drop the question in the mailing - in the chat room so that I can pick it up over there.

And moving to the last agenda point any other business? And I have to before we lost track I have to ask the NPOC ExCom members to stay in the call after we have been stopping the recording. We quickly need to have a chat on the meeting for the NCSG Executive Committee tomorrow.

So looking into the any other business and looking to the chat room and to the participants list if there any additional points to discuss, please raise them now.

Okay, I see Joan's hands up. Joan you have the floor?

Joan Kerr: Sure. This is just for a (bit of) fun meeting . I was thinking that for the Buenos Aires trip NPOC could maybe put together a one pager about, you know, one obviously from the events that we're doing but that's already addressed.

But some information about saying hello (unintelligible) or some of the customs that are in Buenos Aires of things, you know, things like that, just fun things that people can have for - its more about inclusion more than anything else.

Like, you know, on how do you say hello in Spanish or thank you and, you know, these are pretty simple, but just little things like that and then a little thing about NPOC and just so that you can read it. It's more like I said more fun, a one pager.

Rudy Vansnick: Thank you very much, Joan for this great idea. And indeed it's something that normally is done by ICANN itself. I'm expecting soon the brochure that they are handing out at the ICANN meetings with a plan of where to find the meeting rooms and so on and so on.

Now the one pager is a great idea. I would even add to that that maybe it's good if we put something together that we can also sent on the discuss list because that's something you're carrying with you in your mailbox even if you are not connected.

And I'm thinking about the regions that don't have stable and broadband connections. It's quite often easy to have it in your mailbox so you can bring it out and read it whenever you want to read it.

But again thanks for the great ideas. Certainly we'll pick up this for the next days. And it's probably something we need to sort through and hand it over to (Olivier) who is our communication committee chair.

Any other questions or issues, items we need to discuss under the any other business?

I see that (Wisdom) is still not able to speak up. So it's a pity that we can't hear him, his first participation in the NPOC membership meeting.

I know, and has been in contact with him and some of his colleagues there is still the Visa issue that is not resolved at all.

It's something that we've been discussing in Los Angeles already. We discussed that earlier also in LA with the team, the Travel Constituency Team. And there are exchanges of information that are going on so between and (Wisdom) and his colleagues and (Robert Hoggath) from the Travel Constituency.

I will certainly pick up this question again for the interactive meetings we have in Buenos Aires with the Travel Constituency and with the meeting team.

We want this issue to be resolved because it does not make sense that people cannot come to the ICANN meeting while they are very intensively interested in the work that has to be done.

And if they are not permitted to come due to Visa then we need to find another way to get them through.

And as I said Klaus has been disconnected. He will probably come back into the call soon.

Any other items we need to bring to the table, any suggestions? I don't see any hands or don't hear any additional voices.

Well, what we will probably do it again, as we didn't have all the members that confirmed to come to the call we will probably have a call a week before the ICANN meeting to see if there any additional information's needed for our

members. It could be a very short call. We will do a bit of focus see what the best time is.

As I don't see any other issues we need to take care of I hear a voice or some noise. (Wisdom) are you still on the call and are you able to speak?

It looks like there is still this audio issue. Okay then. I think I will close this meeting. And I would like to thank everybody for their participation in this meeting.

And as said earlier, please for the Executive Committee members stay on the call because we need to take care of an item for the executive meeting tomorrow. So please don't disconnect. We still need you hear.

So all of - everybody else thank you very much for your participation. And if you have any issue...

((Crosstalk))

Rudy Vansnick: ...please post it on our mailing list on the subject so that we can take it up for further discussion at other meetings.

(Olivier Quami): The last question please, the last question?

Rudy Vansnick: Yes (Olivier) you have the floor.

(Olivier Quami): I want to know if this meeting is set and if it will be on the calendar, ICANN calendar, (unintelligible) calendar for the first time?

Rudy Vansnick: Well, we will try to proceed (Olivier). (Unintelligible) as we have now additional help from ICANN staff through Maryam Bakoshi who I want to thank again for the work she is doing for us.

It's also due to her that we are improving the (unintelligible) and the whole administration of our membership and communication. But there are still some additional things that we need to work through to get all the stuff at this process.

So the recordings will be made available. They will be sent to the mailing list so that everybody will have access. And it will be posted on the Web site where it is required.

(Olivier Quami): Thank you. I want to congratulate Maryam also for her great job. Thank you.

Maryam Bakoshi: Thank you very much.

Rudy Vansnick: Okay. With this I want to close this call and then see you in Buenos Aires or see you on the mailing list. Thank you.

Maryam, you may stop the recording.

Maryam Bakoshi: (Martin) please you may stop the recordings. And let me know when you are done. Thank you.

Coordinator: Excuse me, recordings have already been stopped.

Maryam Bakoshi: All right, thank you very much. Can you reconnect Mr. (Olivier) back in please? Do not disconnect his call.

Coordinator: Sure, no problem. Just one moment.

Maryam Bakoshi: All right, thank you very much. And when that is done can you start the recordings again please?

Coordinator: Sure.

Maryam Bakoshi: Thank you very much (Martin).

Rudy Vansnick: So Maryam are we ready now?

Maryam Bakoshi: Just one second Rudy.

Rudy Vansnick: Oh, sorry. We are waiting for (Olivier) yes. (Olivier) you're back on?

Klaus Stoll: Yes, sir?

Rudy Vansnick: (Olivier) are you back on the call? Well I have an item for the ITU meeting next week in Geneva. And connectivity with (Aplica) needs to be improved ASAP, not tomorrow, but yesterday. Hello (Olivier) are you back online? Maryam can you check if it's (Olivier) or somebody on...

Maryam Bakoshi: They said he's not answering as his line but they are dialing is number again.

Rudy Vansnick: Well I know it's not easy to catch (Olivier). He probably is moving around and is not on a fixed line. Sorry guys but we have to wait till we have (Olivier) online.

Otherwise, if we don't, we have (Olivier) within the next minute I would say, let us go move forward. Otherwise, we are going to lose too much time.

And (Wisdom) actually the meeting of the NPOC members has been ended. So thank you for your participation and your presence in this call. We hope that we can get you on the next calls and hope to meet you in Buenos Aires.

Maryam Bakoshi: Rudy we can't get...

((Crosstalk))

Rudy Vansnick: Go ahead Maryam.

Maryam Bakoshi: We can't get a hold of (Olivier).

Rudy Vansnick: Okay, (Olivier) do you hear us? Looks like disconnected. So as this is going to be a recorded call I prefer to move forward in order to not block others on the voice of discussion. Maryam can we move forward? And you have to bring forward some points of discussion about membership work from the NCSG constituency.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes so really what I wanted to point out was an - well it is a bit of an issue with the membership database, the NPOC membership.

And I'm just going to share the link so we - I'm trying to - I was trying to - sorry, I'm talking and thinking.

I was trying to share my screen, but it's not allowing me to. I'm not sure why. But so I'm just going to share the link now for everyone to see.

Rudy Vansnick: Is that the Google link?

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes that's a Google link.

Rudy Vansnick: It could be that the others don't have the right to access it because it's blocked by access rights to.

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay. Let me...

Rudy Vansnick: I can check if I can eventually share my screen.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes.

Can everyone - okay, so I'm just going to share - yes, so it's shared with...

Rudy Vansnick: I even don't have access.

Maryam Bakoshi: You - well I shared it with you on the rudy.vasnick@npoc.org.

Rudy Vansnick: Oh, okay. And I have to switch.

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay.

Rudy Vansnick: I think this is not a real good solution. This platform is not allowing us to work on a transparent way as it all posted in Google Docs and Google docs is allowing if somebody is very clever enough to have access anyway.

I saw Sam's hand up. Sam you have the floor.

Sam Lanfranco: Yes I just checked. I do not have access.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes okay. Sam can I have your email address please and then I'll give you access to it?

Sam Lanfranco: Okay, just use - I can - if you use my G - my Google -my gmail account is just samlanfranco@gmail.com.

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay. Okay. I'll send that to you.

Klaus, can you hear me?

Rudy Vansnick: Yes. mine is still rudy.vasnick@gmail.com. I'm actually, am not using npoc.org on the Google doc because I don't want Google having access to my space.

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay, I'll send it to you as well Rudy. I don't know if Sam can - sorry, Klaus can hear.

Klaus Stoll: I'm just sending it to you through the chat.

Maryam Bakoshi: Oh, so thank you very much.

Rudy Vansnick: So everybody has meanwhile access to the NPOC membership list in Google? Okay, Joan you have. Sam you have access?

Sam Lanfranco: To the membership list, the NCSG list yes.

Rudy Vansnick: Okay good.

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay I'm sending it gmail now.

Rudy Vansnick: Yes.

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay. Okay. I think everyone has it now. Okay great. So what I wanted to share is the work I've been doing with regards to the membership list.

So basically, this list is the main from current NCSG member list. And then the second tab is the names of people who are not on the current member list, but all on the mailing list.

So from both of this list, I was able - we were- so from both of this list I was able to send the emails, the validation emails. And then we have people who confirmed other people who didn't and then of course people who asked to be removed. And then we had a few bounced emails as well on both tabs.

Now what I did was on Tab Number 3 which has a full list we can aggregate the Tab Number 1 and 2 for only people who was either a yes or a no. So the yes they define - the yes they replied to the email, no they have not replied to the email, but they are not - is not asked to be removed or neither have they asked - neither has there been a bounce reply.

Does that make sense so far? Hello?

Rudy Vansnick: So in total how many are actually allowed to vote on the elections because it's important...

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes.

Rudy Vansnick: ...that we know how many?

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes. So that's the way - that's the conversation Joan and I were having this afternoon was who are we - who's going - who are we sending the ballots to?

Okay this is from - we cannot say we're sending to only people who have answered yeses because Rudy, for instance, you haven't answered yet. (Ponsilier) hasn't. You know, so that's not a true reflection of who is a member and who isn't.

So what I was proposing was that we send it to everyone who is a yes and a no...

((Crosstalk))

Maryam Bakoshi: ...which is what the full list is.

Okay now, moving on there are also the Red Cross I know historically with the Red Cross what's - I just wanted to find out what's the way forward with people who - because none of the Red Cross guys are responding. And I wanted to know if they're still NPOC members or what the situation is with them.

Rudy Vansnick: Well Rudy yes. I think that a few members from the early stage of NPOC like the Red Cross, and now also the National Olympic Committee have been subscribing to the NPOC constituency as they thought that was a good space to have a discussion and the defense of their rights to have a point of discussion for the new gTLDs. So that was the basic reason why they joined.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes.

Rudy Vansnick: What I would like to propose is that we try to get in touch with the bases of the Red Cross and see if we can reach out to any of the people that are in the domain of what the Internet governance would be in order to find out if we have to replace the people that doesn't respond.

Maybe they are not working anymore at they - sorry, at the Red Cross and...

((Crosstalk))

Rudy Vansnick: ...they would be impossible to gather.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes. Maryam speaking. I was just thinking if they were not there anymore would receive a bounced email or something of that sort to say this email address...

Rudy Vansnick: Yes.

Maryam Bakoshi: ...cannot be - yes. I would imagine so...

Rudy Vansnick: Well, it depends. It depends. Large organizations...

Maryam Bakoshi: Oh, okay.

Rudy Vansnick: ...very often are maintaining the email address so that they don't lose the communication channels. So...

Maryam Bakoshi: Right, okay.

Rudy Vansnick: ...sometimes if the mail - if the email address is no longer effectively used as a domain name then you will get a bounce. If not...

Maryam Bakoshi: Right.

Rudy Vansnick: ...the message will just be queued in a list and...

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay.

Rudy Vansnick: ...maybe nobody is going to read it.

Maryam Bakoshi: Right, okay. Okay.

Rudy Vansnick: By the way, Maryam and others this is a good point of in ICANN that I would like to have a little discussion on in our Buenos Aires meeting constituency day and make may be a one page or two to help NGOs to understand how email communication is working and why sometimes it is not working, especially.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes Okay. And so the second issue I wanted to point out as well was some of these email addresses are for instance like the law firms, you know, are they noncommercial because of (unintelligible) and it doesn't, you know, it's clearly commercial.

And then we have a case of what's the name again, on Global Consultant which is Rule Number 59 on the full list. That is a consulting firm. So I, you know, I this shouldn't - I wouldn't think they were NPOC members.

Rudy Vansnick: Well, it depends. And that's just the whole discussion that we needed to clarify. And it is not only for NPOC, but probably for the whole NCSG community.

There need to be a cleanup of the membership because I'm almost certain that at a certain point in time some members have been approved very quickly, very rapidly, and nobody has been taken care of further on.

That's why with Joan I'm so happy having Joan on this membership committee to try to get this all cleaned up. I agree that some members should not be on as there seems to be commercial.

But the question of it is do they respond? Have they responded to our...

Maryam Bakoshi: No.

Rudy Vansnick: ...our questions? So if they didn't respond it looks like there is no communication with them.

Maryam Bakoshi: No, there is none. Because I...

Rudy Vansnick: I see Joan's hand up. Sorry. Go ahead, Maryam.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes, sorry. I spoke to Rafik about this and he said he's sorry for - what happened was that with NPOC some people were added to the mailing list without going through the NCSG. So there was no application of anything for them. So they were just added to the mailing list if that makes sense.

Rudy Vansnick: Okay.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes.

Rudy Vansnick: Yes. Well, yes I have - I see that Joan's hand is up. Joan you have the floor?

Joan Kerr: Hi. It's Joan Kerr. Yes, so there's a few things that going on here. So I think for just to go back to the election so we have to obviously spend time to clean up the list. So the concern is who's a member and who's not a member?

I want (unintelligible) and who do we send a ballot to? Is it only the people that have been confirmed or everyone on the list?

Rudy Vansnick: Joan to respond to that question directly we have to send it to everybody. The ballots should be sent to all the NPOC members.

It could be that during the period we were triggering them down for communication, but they were not available that had (missed there). We have to send out the ballots anyway.

Joan Kerr: Okay.

Rudy Vansnick: And I would like to point out that in previous elections and I know the (unintelligible) well because I have been handling that in the (ISOC) board elections in the past year also. It is sent to another platform. And it could be that the mail, the ballot mail is ending up in a spam list too.

So we need to really trigger down if any issue is popping up with the ballots. But they have to be sent to every NPOC member that is actually in our database.

Joan you've got your hand up? You're still want to speak?

Joan Kerr: Yes. And my second question was no - no, I've got it answered. Thank you.

Rudy Vansnick: Okay. Thank you. Maryam you have something to add now?

Maryam Bakoshi: No, those were my questions. And then in the email - I'm sorry, in the full list as well you'll notice that I have color-coded some of the emails. And those are just people who are - so I'm assuming there are official reps and additional reps? So I'm going to send - I'm just going to add one person and not both people to the ballot. Yes?

Rudy Vansnick: Okay. Yes. Thank you.

And I think that it is also important that one of the issues that I have also discovered is that people are sometimes using two email addresses. And we need to try to figure out the one that is the most effective.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes.

Rudy Vansnick: For instance I'm also having several ones and actually in the list I'm subscribed with at isoc.we. And that can make confusion if people are using gmail inside their organization email address.

So it's something that I would like to put on the table for further discussion and deliberation in the Membership Working Group. I would like to call for and I would like to know if the Executive Committee is agreeing on this.

I would like to call for an official membership workgroup inside NCSG that would try to meet in Buenos Aires and start clearing the whole membership database.

Because today there are high numbers of members mentioned but only 10% is responding. It doesn't make sense that constituencies are saying you're representing 500 members while only 50 are responding.

So I would like to know if the Executive Committee agrees on having this official call for a Membership Working Group in the NCSG. What do you think about?

Maryam Bakoshi: Hi Rudy. I have one more question please.

Rudy Vansnick: Yes Maryam. You have the floor?

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes. So this question is at (unintelligible) Klaus. So we've got correlating (unintelligible). So (Indiam) - sorry about that. In the...

Klaus Stoll: (GKPS)?

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes, yes. So her email ended iicd.org but she...

Klaus Stoll: She left the organization.

Maryam Bakoshi: Sorry? Go on.

Klaus Stoll: She left the organization. I can't open the Google she sent why I can't see it. I sent you an email that said please let me be this list, not as a Google sheet.

I'd look at it, I'd give you the correct emails immediately.

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay.

Rudy Vansnick: Maryam I guess I can respond to that one also. Actually she is replaced by (Andre Balboa) who is also in the list at IICD. He's still working at IICD.

So you could replace (Catalina) by (Andre Balboa).

Maryam Bakoshi: Sorry, let me just...

Rudy Vansnick: It's on Line - on Row 50 in the Excel list.

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay, is that the last Row 50? Okay, yeah. Okay, good. So, I can take off (Carolyn) right?

Rudy Vansnick: Yes, exactly.

Klaus Stoll: Yes.

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay.

Rudy Vansnick: Well that's one of the issues that I want to get on the table for Buenos Aires and be discussed intensively after Buenos Aires too is about how are we handling changes of membership?

There is no process at all defined how to do this. And we're losing members because we're not able to really treat them correctly.

Klaus Stoll: Rudy...

((Crosstalk))

Klaus Stoll: ...I complete...

Rudy Vansnick: Sorry, go ahead.

Klaus Stoll: Rudy I completely agree with you. But the point is we - what we (unintelligible) and we are getting real numbers. Other related parties we never do that because it will be that everyone is (unintelligible).

So why should - so if you're calling for a working group they would be stupid to do that because it would damage them quite profoundly.

Rudy Vansnick: Klaus to respond to that comment I would say I would insist in having this working group. If officially they are rejecting it it will clarify to the GNSO Review Team that is obstruction to have a clear transparent and accountable constituency. And that's what we need.

Klaus Stoll: Okay, fine with me.

Rudy Vansnick: It's not a question of creating a war. It's a question of respecting your membership. And today, NCSG is not respecting their membership. They're just using it for numbers. That's the only reason.

And I want to get rid of the question of numbers. It's quality we need. We need - I'm happy having only 30 members but all 30 being discussing with us in the policies having debates. That's what I'm looking for and not having 500 members to say nice to hear you on the call. See you next time and that's it. That's not what NPOC means. And we need to work this through.

Klaus Stoll: Okay.

Rudy Vansnick: So Maryam you wanted to say something else?

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes so back to (Caroline). So I remember I received an email from her. And she said that as of March April 2015 and then (Vandervalden) will be taken over from her.

Rudy Vansnick: She is yes. But that's an official - that's a general issue that we need to also clarify. There needs to be a process that's more open to a new line platform that to mail your - getting back because that's an automatic message that has been installed for every mail that is sent to her address.

Maryam Bakoshi: Oh is that - okay. I thought because she replied...

Rudy Vansnick: I know quite well - I got the same message also.

((Crosstalk))

Rudy Vansnick: So it's a message that is sent out due to the fact that she is leaving the organization. That's another way of doing correct communication is sending out look, I'm leaving the organization. But, if you need to have a contact you can contact my - the person that is replacing my position.

That's an official message. It's not responding to the question if she is going to replace her in the membership of NPOC. That's another question.

Maryam Bakoshi: Oh. No, okay, well, she sends an email, a personal email to say hi. I already informed you that my colleague (Suzanne Vandervalden) is taking over my vote as new IICD director. Her email address is blah, blah, blah...

Rudy Vansnick: Okay, okay. In that case it's that we have to replace her with that person, yes.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes, okay. Yes, I've done that already. It was just to...

Rudy Vansnick: Okay.

Maryam Bakoshi: ...so on the full list you'll see the lady (Suzanne).

Woman: Yes.

Rudy Vansnick: Yes. But you see that there is definitely something that we need to resolve is when people are changing in organizations in the membership platform today nothing is foreseen.

And we need to have decent solution for that. Like for instance it's due to the fact that we have been trying to clean up our membership that we have been asking people if they were still interested to be a member.

We have seen if I'm not wrong four people saying no, I don't want to be a member anymore of NPOC and even not a member of NCSG.

I don't know if officially they have been removed from the membership of NCSG. I know that they have been removed from ours. But I'm not convinced that they have been removed from the NCSGs, not the mailing list, the membership list.

I don't know Maryam if you have any information about that one.

Coordinator: I'm sorry sir to butt in but Ms. Bakoshi has unfortunately got disconnected. I'm dialing in from...

Rudy Vansnick: Okay.

((Crosstalk))

Rudy Vansnick: Okay, thank you. But again it's - and there are several points that we make. And I'm convinced and I see Sam's comment in the chat also, I'm convinced that we need to make an official working group, a standing committee in NCSG that will work out the whole issue of maintenance of the database and communication of the membership. Whatever constituency it is there needs to be a clear and proper way to do it.

And it's something that we are going to try I think going to try to discuss this tomorrow in the NCSG Executive Committee Meeting.

I see that Sam you are going to be on travel. Is there anybody else that is able to join that call so that I'm not sitting alone in the meeting? You're allowed to have two people on the NCSG Executive Committee.

Sam Lanfranco: Well what time is that meeting tomorrow?

Rudy Vansnick: I think let me quickly check that it is at the same time as we have our call today at 1500 UTC.

Sam Lanfranco: If you want me I can be there.

Rudy Vansnick: Well it would be great if at least I'm not the only one on the call. I will send you the call details.

Sam Lanfranco: Okay, thank you.

Rudy Vansnick: And I will have to inform an Executive Committee before the call to allow them to accept your participation in that call. You never know.

Sam Lanfranco: Okay. Okay.

Rudy Vansnick: Do we have Maryam back?

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes, oh, yes I'm back.

Rudy Vansnick: Yes, okay, no problem.

Yes okay so...

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes.

Rudy Vansnick: ...yes, but the last point that we were just discussing is that we are - Sam is not going to be able to join the call, Executive NCSG call tomorrow. And it's Klaus who is going to replace him.

And I will insist on creating a standing committee or working group that we look into the membership maintenance issue how to create a forum where people can ask to be removed or changes of names and so on and so on. That's something that we need an official platform in the NCSG...

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes.

Rudy Vansnick: ...as long as the NCSG is the leading party in it.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes, okay.

Klaus Stoll: I'm just looking - Maryam thank you for sending the list.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes.

Klaus Stoll: For the Global Knowledge Partnership Foundation it's currently (unintelligible) waivers by IICD. And neither to some no (Caroline) and nobody from IICD has anything anymore to do with GKTX. They're not...

Maryam Bakoshi: Right. Okay. So, are you proposing the...

Klaus Stoll: Line 18, Line 18. I will send you...

Rudy Vansnick: Row 16. Row 16.

Klaus Stoll: No 18 is...

Maryam Bakoshi: Ye.

Klaus Stoll: Me it's 18 in my...

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay that's because we're updating them.

((Crosstalk))

Maryam Bakoshi: ...spreadsheet as we go along. So Klaus...

Klaus Stoll: Okay.

Maryam Bakoshi: ...we'll get the spreadsheet as we go, yes.

Klaus Stoll: But as the line Global Knowledge Partnership Foundation Rudy and I have to send you an email who will replace (Caroline).

Rudy Vansnick: Yes.

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay.

Rudy Vansnick: We take a...

((Crosstalk))

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes and (Suzanne) as well because (Caroline)...

((Crosstalk))

Klaus Stoll: As well we have nothing to do with it at all.

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay, okay great. And it will - can I...

Klaus Stoll: And IICD...

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes?

Klaus Stoll: If IICD is a member they - you have to replace them (unintelligible) but I can't see IICD as a member.

Rudy Vansnick: No.

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay.

Klaus Stoll: IT's not there. So take them completely out please.

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay. So if you give me - if you send me the replacements and that would be...

Klaus Stoll: Yes, I have to talk to Rudy in private because he's a board member and I'm only the managing director. So I need to get his permission first.

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay, no worries. Thank you very much. And can I...

Rudy Vansnick: Yes, you will get the details tomorrow.

Maryam Bakoshi: Rudy...

((Crosstalk))

Klaus Stoll: And (unintelligible) I've got another...

((Crosstalk))

Rudy Vansnick: Maryam you have...

((Crosstalk))

Maryam Bakoshi: Thank you. Rudy can I ask please is it possible if the EC has the spare time to probably go through this? Because this is the current. This is the best membership list we have right now if (possible) for everyone to go through it and if there are any concerns make a concern or whatever so that it's updated and we know this is a true picture?

Rudy Vansnick: Fully agree Maryam that you will speak up tomorrow on this issue. I'm - because I'm convinced that the same work has to be done at the NCUC level because they will have their elections also.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes.

Rudy Vansnick: So they need also have it cleaned up.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes and that's why that's my role. So as I clean up the NCU- NPOC I'm going to clean up the NCSG as well. So if I get one right then it's easier I'm working on the next one.

Rudy Vansnick: Yes perfect, perfect.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes so this is outside. So this information right now is just for NPOC. This is outside the NCSG.

Klaus Stoll: Maryam you are a very brave woman.

Rudy Vansnick: Well we have two great women in our team and that's great. We need some more.

Maryam Bakoshi: Thank you very much.

Klaus Stoll: Okay but I...

((Crosstalk))

Rudy Vansnick: (Unintelligible). Yes I think we have covered all that we had to discuss. So I would like to thank you all and especially Maryam for doing the great work on this. Finally we are going to get the clean list and I'm looking forward.

Once that's done I will inject all the data into the platform that is standing and waiting.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes.

Rudy Vansnick: And on the npoc.org site so that we will have our membership system handled over there.

So thanks again everybody...

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay.

Rudy Vansnick: ...for joining this call again.

Klaus Stoll: Okay.

Rudy Vansnick: And looking forward to the discussions on the mailing list. Have a great evening.

Klaus Stoll: Okay thank you.

Maryam Bakoshi: Thank you.

(Martin) you may stop the recording now.

Rudy Vansnick: They can stop the recording now.

Maryam Bakoshi: Thank you very much.

END