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UNKNOWN SPEAKER: You can sit there next to the...

WOLF LUDWIG: Welcome back to the second part of our General Assembly, what is regular or statutory part two of today's General Assembly. I'm pushing a little bit now starting more or less right on time because [inaudible] in our agenda is quite comprehensive and I do not want to risk any further delays.

First of all, welcome back again. And I guess that all of you have received the formal invitation, three weeks prior to today's General Assembly. This proposed agenda, and about a week ago, you have received some more documents like the annual report, together with the thesis paper on the public interest, what we discussed in the morning session.

We have invited for today some guest speakers, Board members, and our vice president stakeholder engagement Europe. I do not see Jean-Jacques in the room at the moment, maybe they

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will join... Now [inaudible]. There was already some confusion about that.

Yeah. And we also invited Wolfgang Kleinwächter, which is more or less amongst the founding members of EURALO, and one of our [inaudible], etc. Wolfgang told me he would try, but Board people have other commitments, and the same with Rinalia, our current representative at ICANN Board. If they may come later, we will somehow try to fit them in.

Meanwhile, we can continue with the next agenda item, what is confirmation of attending members and apologies. This can be done as a roll call, or we can just do it in a summary way, because actually we now have 31 members out of 33, representative here including several proxy votes.

But until yesterday, I thought we only had 30, but today with pleasure I realized that ISOC Netherlands is present as well. Therefore I'm happy to welcome our member from the Netherlands as well, so we have even better quorum than I ever thought about. I think we had nothing comparable in the past that out of 33 we have, so only ISOC Bulgaria and ISOC Luxemburg, which has not responded to any of our invitations.

And they are unfortunately not represented, but I'm very pleased that all the rest of you is here. I think meanwhile, you have all your name cards, and if I look around, they only Jimmy,

who is not supposed to vote today. He is a pending applicant. So at the next General Assembly he may be qualified, qualified for a vote.

It's Sébastien who is, who will not vote. Look around. [Inaudible] is unfortunately to leave earlier. She has dedicated her and the proxy vote to Sandra. Is this correct? Yeah. Okay. Yeah, speak.

SANDRA:

Also Stephan, so I have three votes now.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Yeah, okay, Sandra I'm perfectly sure and happy, I think you can handle it, huh?

So if I look further down, I think, we have also voting members sitting here. Yes, yeah, okay, you are for Sandra. Right. You are [inaudible], welcome here. And of course, I would like to welcome our guests in the back, that is [inaudible] sitting here, that is [Narine] from Armenia, one of our very regular participants in the monthly calls, but I always [inaudible] pleasure.

Okay. Welcome here. Then we have Jean-Jacques Subrenat, who was lately ALAC's representative via the NomCom, but is still working in different contexts here and contributing.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you, this is Jean-Jacques. And I'm the designated member of ALAC to the ICG. That's why I was pretty busy with the ICG, and not very present among you until today.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. So thanks a lot, yeah.

GABRIELLA SCHITTEK: Hello, I'm Gabriella Schitteck, ICANN staff.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. So anybody else? I think the next point is point three... Oh, Siranush, you are so small. You are big as a personality, but really small physically. I couldn't see you. Welcome. Siranush also one of our best friends. She is an individual member, at the individual association, etc., but Chair of APRALO, and she got a prize two days ago.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I also have a proxy vote, it was before on the list by [inaudible].

WOLF LUDWIG: Yeah, yeah. Okay. This is, I think, noted, considered. So finally, as I mentioned before, we must have 31 votes here out of 33 total, what is a highlight, and what is not needed for the most parts today except for later for some selections. Are there any questions from your side so far?

The next point is adoption of the proposed agenda. As I formulated in the formal invitation, this agenda is preliminary until adopted today here at the Assembly. And I made a little note already saying we have so many agenda items. So there certainly would be a big move suggesting four more items, we would be in trouble.

So therefore, meanwhile, I didn't get any hint from any side that there would be a suggestion to extend the agenda, therefore I may consider this agenda as, yeah.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: In the mailing list, in the past few days, there have been some questions about the role of the Board. This possible just to remind us all at the Board, at the point 11.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, this is for seen under point 11. This is A EURALO Chair, B Secretariat and C Board. So this is considered already. So I guess we can adopt the agenda of today's General Assembly. When we now go to the adoption of the meeting minutes, I also have from the last face to face General Assembly 2014 in London, in line with ICANN 50, and ATLAS 2.

Yeah, Roberto.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Unfortunately, I cannot approve the minutes of the previous meeting, because in the documentation distributed there, not there and on the web, the point is to the agenda to the meeting, but not to the minutes. I'm also a bit surprised that I'm the only one who is raising this issue, which means that nobody had ever cared about clicking the link. Thank you.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Sorry Roberto, but I read the minutes in Confluence.

ROBERTO GAETANO: In that case, I'm very happy to stand corrected, but I have sent several messages in order to ask, to get that document and I don't have it.

WOLF LUDWIG: The transcript of the meeting is on the screen, but it would take too long to go through the transcript. As my computer was not available, I have seen your mail and I would have liked to trace it, etc. but I was almost blocked and...

ROBERTO GAETANO: I don't want to make a long story. I mean, I have faith that the minutes will reflect what was said. I'm just pointing that we, among the things that we need to streamline is also sort of communication. I mean, I believe that somewhere we have those minutes. The problem is that before the meeting, I couldn't, in spite of the fact that I have tried to get them, I couldn't get them.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks Roberto. Ariel.

ARIEL LIANG: This is Ariel Liang for the record. In fact, the minutes, the transcript of that meeting, is posted online and I already pasted the link in the Adobe Connect room, so you can check the link over there.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. And for today's assembly, I would suggest as we did before, we also need some minutes, but minutes only about decisions and conclusions taken. So in the transcript, I think we do not need any further detailed minutes, we only need, more or less, from the decisions taken. So this can be very short exercise. Okay?

LUTZ DONNERHACKE: Only for housekeeping, please say your name before, I forgot. My name is Lutz.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Good to know Lutz. Thanks for reminding me. Yes, it's for the transcript purposes, it's rather important that your voice can be somehow combined with a name, thanks.

So, this remarks taken that the summary minutes from the last meeting was not available to my memories, there was nothing really exciting, so it was just summarizing what we dealt with in London about a year ago.

Okay. But thanks for joining us. Bye-bye, have a safe flight. And for the record, [Annette] has left, 16 four. But before she, what we already announced, transferred her vote to Sandra and her proxy. So if there are no further questions regarding this... Yes, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Wolf. Oliver Crépin-Leblond for the transcript. I'd like to remind everyone that there, we have interpreters. So if you wish to speak in French or in Spanish, or listen to the proceedings in French or in Spanish, you're very welcome to make use of it. Thank you.

Just a reminder, because I've noticed this morning, nobody was using the interpretation.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Well, compared to others I always take as a good example, as a matter of fact, we have except him, non-native English speaking person here, and therefore, and Christopher. And therefore, I think it was a good idea from the very beginning to decide that the working language is English, so we are all on a more or less equal basis. So all of us, except the two, have a handicap and we have to get along with English as good as we can.

And I think this was a lot of other troubles and spending compared to other RALOs. So if there are no questions for the first part A, and the five points I went through... Yeah, Christopher please.

CHRISTOPHER: I know beyond a certain age, one becomes blind, but may I just note, and this has nothing to do with this meeting, its general in this conference, those streams are illegible. And I've been trying to, I have not been able to find the minutes. I know that they're there. I've seen an ancient email which said that they existed. I'm trying to get on to the Adobe, the meeting has not yet started.

But the only way to get on the Adobe is to Google ICANN EURALO AGM. I have no idea what the URL is. I don't know where to find it.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay Christopher, Heidi is standing behind you and she will give you a hand.

Right. I'm not because I do not have a computer. Okay, this is my Adobe over there. So in case anybody else needs some, needs assistance from Ariel or Heidi to access Adobe Connect, please let us know.

I see there are no further questions, comments regarding part A of our agenda and the first five items. So proper links to the meeting minutes will be posted again. So you can have a look on it.

Then I would like to continue with part B of the adopted agenda. What now would be under point six, the slot for our guest speakers. Wolfgang and Rinalia, and it was also Alan Greenberg who was invited, and none of the three are in the room. So I suggest let's wait until one, two, three of them may come and be, can fit them in. Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Wolf. Olivier Crépin-Leblond for the transcript. I think it's worth noting, for the record, that at the moment there are several discussions taking place in some rooms and in public forum regarding the accountability discussions. And there is a flurry of activity. So they might be taken up in meetings that are running late at the moment, thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks Olivier for pointing to this. Wolfgang said to me, "Yes I try, but I cannot promise." And I think the same was true for Rinalia and Alan. So if they may find us before the end, we can quickly invite and fit them in.

So the next agenda item under part B is discussion and adoption of the EURALO annual report 2014, 2015. I assume it was circulated a week ago. So meanwhile, either you had the

opportunity to download it and to read it before the meeting, or it was part of the welcome pack you received yesterday or today, today, and it's also on the small [inaudible] stick you received.

So I can guess that everybody may be in a position of having seen the report. The report has the same format as usual. More or less summarizing regular activities, EURALO presentations, the special all of EURALO at EURODIG. EURALO Board was a founding member of EURODIG and after that, became an institutional partner of EURODIG. So we are more or less representing the Civil Society segment at EURODIG.

And this became a success story over the last couple of years, and I tried to make a brief summary of the most essential points here in the report. If you want, need further information, I would like to address you to Sandra, who can tell you all details about EURODIG. And that will be, by the way, tonight in the networking section, will be MOU between EURODIG and ICANN signed, which is quite of some importance.

So EURALO was the first representative in the carrier structure of EURODIG, and meanwhile after having had support over the last couple of years for our annual events and budget, meanwhile ICANN becomes an official institution partner. Then we come to the touchy points in the annual report, what is outreach and in reach.

I tried to summarize it a little bit by pointing to the little table here. The current number of EURALO ALSs is 33. We had 2015 just to screen new applicants, and in 2014 two. Last year, we had to decertify four members and at the moment, there are at least two members who are listed for decertification. So if we do not increase our efforts regarding outreach, we may come into critical situations, same time we get convinced new members, we lose others for not participating any longer.

And as I, as we discussed last year in London, after very long and difficult discussions, we had with ALAC, etc. it was justified after so many years, after so many efforts to get in touch with the dormant members and there was no hope and way to get into communication with them. So it was high time, finally, to say it makes no sense to keep you listed as contacts, and therefore we notified them, listen if you are not responding within the next four weeks, then we unfortunately have to...

So insists for stand at the last years, it should be dealt with as last emergency, and nobody is happy to do it, but I think also for reasons of clarity and credibility, I do not want to enter into a game as many like, pointing to the number of ALSs while we are the best. And so I would like to have a more modest number of ALSs where we can say, okay, but are at least interested.

So this is an ongoing challenge. We discussed this in Lisbon. We discussed this in London. And my key message regarding outreach would be so far, let's put it this way, it was a little bit of a one mention, or it was a little bit Olivier. So wherever we went to European summer school on Internet governance, to EURODIG, or any other outreach opportunity, we tried to contact people and speak with people and had some nice fliers, and tried to encourage them to get involved.

What is quite a tricky issue, what you need to explain, convince a little bit and you have to be a little bit [inaudible] on their back, and remind them afterwards, hello do you remember last time where we spoke here and there. Though it would be good if outreach could be understood by all of our members, as a general challenge, or duty. So wherever, in your country, because you all know in your countries, NGA, NGOs or consumer organizations, whatsoever. So it would be good knowing your national culture, your national organizations.

But I from a remote distance, cannot know Olivier [inaudible]. So get in touch with them, once you contacted them just give us a short note that you have spoken etc. so we can do this in a more systematic way. There is a lot of potential I'm sure around... In the early days, we spoke about tradition, which was also repeated by Sébastien to say our goal should be having one

ALS representative per country in Europe, what to the European, as to the Council of Europe model would be 48.

So we are far away from such ambitious goals, and I would like to keep it as an ambitious goal, even if it takes a lot of effort. This is from my side, what... And then the in reach issue, what is simply how to keep the members together, how we can get you more involved in regular activities, what are the most regular is the monthly call. That maybe some of you said, “Okay, I do not attend monthly calls chaired by Wolf because they are simply boring.”

So we have our new shooting star from, in an hour, I hope that Olivier, young and shiny, may attract some more of you to participate regular in our monthly calls.

Yeah, okay, okay, all is relative according to Einstein.

So yeah? Please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Wolf. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. Staff has passed on to me some handy little cards which have details of EURALO, so you don’t need to scribble a piece of paper and stuff and pass it on when you act as the ambassadors of EURALO, because that’s what you are, the ambassadors of this community.

And so you can, I thought if we can pass them around or something, take a few cards from the pack and if you have anybody in mind in your own community, pass on the card over to them in case they might be interested in EURALO. But the card is not everything. There is also this handy pack of heavy papers, very light paper, which you can take a few from.

And these are the EURALO brochures. I know that they are not particularly sexy, but they are actually filled with information. And they're trifold. So Heidi will fold one for you. Please, go ahead Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

So this is Heidi for the record. Just to let you know that this is the ALAC and At-Large trifold. And you're just going to fold it like that, trifold. But the business cards were designed by the organizing committee of this GA, this General Assembly. Okay? And they also decided that in the future, post-GA, that there will be a group or groups an entire body that will design the EURALO new trifold.

So just to let you know where you are in your outreach promotion. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And we have a budget for that apparently. So that's good.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Sounds good. To keep a little bit aligned to the agenda, because the main parts of the annual report are now listed here as the next discussion item. So we should go a little bit more into details, what are the challenges, the difficulties handicapped. For the moment, there is short link to the individual members, we will come back to this point later on the agenda, point C, EURALO's individuals and Roberto will take over this part to give you an update and a briefing on this promising development, in my opinion.

Then we have here under EURALO officers and Board. As you may have seen, there are some critical remarks regarding the Phantom of the Opera, what is more or less the last EURALO Board. And so there are a lot of nice intensions when this new Board was reselected in Lisbon, and meanwhile, only very few exceptions.

This Board was not really active. And this should be reconsidered for the selection of the next Board and for this developed some performance criteria, and we come back to this later. And the last point of the annual report was sort of an outlook, 2016 onwards. We cannot promise, at this stage that after having had three face to face General Assemblies in three subsequent years. 2013 Lisbon, 2014 in line with ATLAS 2,

London, and now Dublin, so it may take some time until we can convene our next face to face General Assembly.

This is very difficult with coordinating inside ALAC with other RALOs, etc. so we cannot promise anything at this stage. So that's all what we tried to recapitulate onto pages in the annual report. And I would like to ask you, as an annex of this report, there is also EURALO outreach and engagement draft paper, which is also a summary. I would like to ask you whether you can adopt this annual report.

Have some questions, remarks.

Yeah, I see two, Sandra and [inaudible]. Sandra first.

SANDRA: I'm not sure if this is the right place, but my comment goes to the criteria which were drafted for Secretariat and for the Board. Is this the right place to discuss this?

WOLF LUDWIG: We can do it now or later, but you have the floor and [inaudible] you can just edit.

SANDRA: Okay. So Sandra speaking for the transcript record. I think it's a very good idea to draft criteria for Secretariat, Board members,

and also when I came at the ALAC, it would have been helpful to have something like this in order to know what is expected and so on, for, just for reasons of being transparent and complete. I would also propose to draft such criteria for the EURALO Chair, not that I have no trust in you both and in Olivier, but I think it would just make the whole thing to have the same sort of criteria for Chair as well. Thank you very much.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot Sandra. I find this a very excellent proposition. This is an action item for the minutes. I noted here already to make it complete, this is a complimentary element. And as we discussed, it's a little bit more difficult to describe the variety of a [inaudible] that includes a lot of political elements, but with Olivier and I will try our best to submit something until the next General Assembly, latest. Okay? [Inaudible]

UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

I must admit, I can't comment report from 2015 because I was not active enough. We had a problem of survival of our organization, so I have to make priorities, but for the future, I think it would make sense to have at least a smaller discussion, what we, for instance, expect from consumer organization in organization.

And I see an opportunity of EURODIG in June in Brussels next year, so if you would start that kind of discussion, what would be mutual benefits, and for instance, I'm sure [inaudible] will participate at EURODIG from consumer perspective, and then we can use this as a discussion, what kind of membership we can have.

And just additional comments in the region, in Central and Eastern Europe, especially those countries which we still call new member states, from consumer organization perspective, we have huge problems for were basic work. And so I believe it's also problem for many of those countries to be properly involved in organization like EURALO.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot. Very good comment, and this, you are almost bridging to point 8A, where we continue the discussion. So I would like, just for formal reasons, if there are no questions, comments, regarding the annual report, because now we go into the nuts and bolts.

If there are no questions and comments for... Roberto. Yeah.

ROBERTO GAETANO:

It was a follow up on what Sandra had said.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yeah, please.

ROBERTO GAETANO: I think that, yes, indeed we need to establish criteria and so on, but I think that we have a problem, a more fundamental problem, which is the problem of communication. For instance, the incident of the minutes is one thing, and incidentally now that I have got the good link, I'm looking at the minutes, and I realize that I've read them a year ago.

So, it's just a matter of improving in communication. In terms of, for instance, the Board, judging, assessing how the Board members are doing or not, I think it's an important thing, but at the basis, and it might be my fault, but probably it's just a lack of information or communication, I have no clue of what the Board members have done in the last year.

There is just no obvious place, there might be a place, and it's just that I don't know. But that doesn't solve the problem. It's just, I was thinking that maybe some effort we should do in terms of internal communication and internal proper filing of the good information.

For instance, I don't know, minutes of the Board meetings, or decisions, or these kinds of things. I don't even know if the

Board has ever met or not. So how can I assess then the performance of the Board members? Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks a lot for this question Roberto. Actually, I can make it quite brief. The Board had one, a first and last meeting, during EURODIG in Lisbon. And afterwards, there was no meeting or separate call anymore. Huh?

It was one call perhaps in August or something like this. I counted, when I made the report, I tried since Lisbon, five mailings on the Board list. More or less raising a question or asking for feedback, and I got two feedbacks out of the whole group. Okay, this Board list comprises of more, Secretariat and Chair are not formally Board members. So also ALAC members are on the Board list as nonvoting members.

So unfortunately it was not responsive. And I tried it five times, and afterwards, more or less, I gave up. So, therefore it could be for today, after we define some performance criteria, as you mentioned before, a good idea to have looked to the performance criteria, and those candidates who were nominated ask themselves if they may somehow can apply this, the criteria.

And as an old man, I became rather patient, and therefore I wouldn't mind if we make another effort and attempt here to say, okay, let's give it another trail. And I perfectly understand, okay I have, I had bilateral talks with some of the Board members, who told me they had difficulties, family, others at the workspace, as [inaudible] mentioned in another context, the survival of my organization is at stake, I have to set priorities and I cannot invest in any other thing.

And this was the case for some Board members, and this is, in my opinion, a respected apology, of course. We are all volunteers. We are not paid for this, we do this during our free hours. And therefore, it was a consultation in the annual report that it didn't work so far.

But I still have some hopes that given the next trial and perhaps it may work next time. And just formally, what was the last question regarding the annual report? Because just for the minutes, I would like to get it approved or disapproved, if anybody think it's a lousy report, it doesn't help, it gives no reflection you can also say no, it's unacceptable. I do not adopt this report. Up to you. You are the members. Speak up.

Yeah, Christopher.

CHRISTOPHER: I propose that we adopt the report.

ROBERTO GAETANO: I second.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks for the suggestion. The second is [Stephan]. Oh, Roberto, sorry.

Okay, everybody else, let's put it the other way around. Anybody object?

If this is not the case, we can say it's unanimously adopted. Any abstention? Okay. Noted. Abstention by Oksana.

After we have finalized point seven, we can continue as we already started with [inaudible] intervention, how to approve EURALO's in reach and member involvement by what means, steps and tools. Now the floor is yours, you can come up with ideas, with suggestions, and I think we should listen to your ideas and suggestions.

Miguel?

MIGUEL: Miguel from the Spanish, the net user, association. My suggestion is to have a tool in order to know what everybody is

doing in his country, what are the main activities that they are doing in order to conduct year [inaudible], okay? I think this very issue for somebody that focuses in specific area. I don't know if that is possible to have this in the website or something like that.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Well, a part, part of your idea as a tool, was already discussed is somehow reflected with the new website, where we also try to include a sort of [inaudible] when something happens, which is organized by you or by an organization in Spain, or in any other member country, you can put it on this calendar etc. and point on it.

And I've seen Miguel, I remember that you have been active on other mailing lists, where I recall at least three postings from you pointing to such related events. So this could be a good practice. I hope, so far we have the workspace, and it was not a big invitation to use the workspace so far.

ICANN somehow understands that people were quite reluctant. But we now try to improve this a little bit more, and perhaps it offers a new opportunity.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yeah, thank you. The main output of EURALO is our participation in the formulation of policies and advice that then eventually becomes ALAC advice to the Board. And like the end user's participation in the whole policy process that ICANN needs. Now, everybody knows that this work has been carried out by very few people. The so called user's experts, and I think that one way, of both approving the advice, and making it more credible, would be to get more participation from the ALSs, from the grassroots, to with local examples and really the grassroots knowledge that I know exists there.

But somehow is not available for RALO, not to speak about the ALAC. So as a means, as a tool, I think that the recommendation 28 of the ATLAS 2 summit in London, that is to say, mapping of the expertise available in the various ALSs, and by so doing actually, knowing from where we could request some specialist advice for that policy work.

And I suggest that EURALO really gives an example, and continues the mapping exercise from where it is now, from the purely statistical phase into actually finding people, finding names and email addresses, of people whom we can turn to, when it comes to a specific type of policy advice. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks a lot. Good point. Miguel mentioned this already in the morning session, the side note, where he said, okay, we have so much expertise surrounded here around the table, and I think almost to any Internet governance related subject, we could have somebody now in the room, or at least one of us for a very particular question, know somebody.

If not, [inaudible] ourselves, we could relate or connect somebody who knows about the subject. This is a huge potential, this is a huge unique source. And I perfectly agree we should better utilize this potential. So I have next, Yuliya and Adam.

YULIYA MORENETS:

Thank you Wolf. Yuliya Morenets. I want to just to follow and transfer partly on what you just suggested about the tool. And remember this during these first days actually. It was a presentation made by [inaudible] and maybe he would actually like to follow on this about the engagement strategy with the civil society that they presented. They presented a tool which is supposed to incorporate the activities of ALSs.

So practically, as I understood correctly, but it will be a tool. So it would be a perfect place to share all of our activities, what we do on a daily basis, or a monthly basis, with the community, within EURALO, but also outside. So thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks Yuliya. Adam?

ADAM PEAK: Thank you very much. Adam Peak. I'm a member of ICANN staff, and I'm working on Civil Society engagement, which is a new program. We have spoken to At-Large before about what Civil Society is and how we hope that the ALSs that feel that they are Civil Society organizations will be able to participate in this activity.

This is not the time to start discussing whether or not you feel, and what have you, and what you are Civil Society. However, what I would like to say, and it's really following on from what's just come before, is that there are two things that we're thinking about. One is membership systems, which allow whether it's an ALS, or a Civil Society organization to identify what their interests are, so that we can tailor communications to groups so they can receive an interest from ICANN that is relevant, more relevant to their interests.

Something that is more granular and targeted, but at the same time, we have almost a converse of that. You can also identify that, I self-identify as an expert on human rights. I am an expert on child rights. I am an expert on... And so if a newcomer

arrives, then they can know where to go for expertise on those particular issues within ICANN, or external to ICANN. We're supporting our network in ICANN, but also the broader community of interest.

And that's something that I think we can start working on. I'm quite sure that the various membership systems and new websites we have will accommodate that, and that's something we're looking at particularly for the Civil Society group. So as the ALSs wrap into this, and we involve you in that, then that's something I very much hope we can bring forward. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks a lot for those hints Adam. And next is Heidi and Sébastien.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you. Very briefly, we work with all of the five RALOs across At-Large. And some suggestions that we have seen, or that we're going to suggest on what has worked well in other RALOs include, on the monthly calls of the RALOs, to have an At-Large spotlight. And EURALO has had that in the past, where basically one At-Large structure comes on to the monthly call, and talks a little bit about what their activities are, what their mission is, etc.

I know that on your monthly calls, you have an outline of what the current policy comments are being worked on by the ALAC, which is useful, but it might be more useful because you can find that very easily on our webpage, on our Wikis. What might be more useful is to actually have a policy discussion on a hot topic, to where you can all contribute.

You know, maybe you can set aside 20 minutes for that on the call. Also other RALOs have now started regional capacity building webinars, or informational webinars, that might be more specific to your region, and to your interests. So that's something that we can work with, with Jean-Jacques and his team on that.

So just let us know about that. And also, two other things that we just wanted to make sure you're aware, that we have launched our new website here in Dublin. This is the beta At-Large site, which includes a fantastic new page for all of the RALOs. And EURALO has its own site. And on this site includes each At-Large structure has its own site, Wiki page, okay?

That if you're not aware of that, you can go in there and you can update it with photos, with activities that your ALS is doing. So we really, as we start building up the activities... Our aim is to bring you more into serving as ambassadors for ICANN and At-

Large, that if we can build up these pages that would be very useful on that.

And another ICANN new development, relatively new or relaunched is ICANN Learn. And that is an online learning platform where you can take courses, online courses at your pace. There are some courses developed for At-Large. If you wish to help the At-Large structures in your RALO that might need a little bit more information about what EURALO does, you can develop your own course.

I mean, we can put you in touch with the people to do that within ICANN. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks a lot Heidi for this additional briefing and information. Sébastien, you are the next.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you. First of all, I will need to leave you in five minutes because I have to go to the cross community working group on accountability. We have four hours of meetings now. But I am sorry to say, I think that, I am giving up with this. The staff want to push to something that people, some people at least, and I guess not just a few say that it's not the right way to go.

We are talking about members. Which member are we talking about? You want to be that our ALSs become a member of something else? No. They are a member of EURALO, a member of At-Large system. They are not a member of something else. It's already a complex organization, and some people want to add a layer in that.

I just want to tell stop please now, because it's too much. It's a topic I was talking when I was Board member, three years ago, two years ago, one year ago. And it's coming back. And I have the feeling that it's not going in the right direction. And I'm sorry to say that, but please concentrate on what we are doing here on EURALO working, and not some new initiatives where I think are too complicated.

It's already a complex organization, and I am sure that newbies have already difficulty to understand and don't add any layering in all of that. That's not good. Now I want to add on a more positive way. There is a EURALO Facebook page, and that could be a good tool also to be used to exchange some information, because it's a very easy tool and you can all join and there are people able to help you with that, if you need. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks Sébastien, particularly for well better using. I agree any additional tool is welcome, what promotes the workflow and

outreach activities, but we can also use better existing tools. We also have a LinkedIn group for EURALO. So you can use, depending on your favorites, you can use both.

Now I see [inaudible]... Now I have Olivier, and Jordi in the back, and then Roberto.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Wolf. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking for the transcript. I just wanted to ask what were the new URLs of the new At-Large website. Is it new At-Large dot ICANN dot org? Because it was very difficult to read it from there. So if anybody wants to look through it. New At-Large in one word, dot ICANN dot org. And the other one, the ICANN Learn system was Learn dot ICANN dot org, I believe.

Send even more email, I think we're flooded with emails at the moment. I'm reading it and thinking, ugh. So, it's good to mention it. Thank you.

ARIEL LIANG: Just quickly. This is Ariel for the transcript. The URL for the beta site is in your folder, it's a sticker on your folder, inside.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. I try to get a dot for tracing the sticker. Meanwhile, we continue with our speaking list, and it's Jordi who has the floor.

JORDI IPARRAGUIRRE: This is Jordi Iparraguirre. Well just two very short things regarding the way in which we work. I mean, when we started in the Board, we already tried but maybe we did not continue doing it, try to assign very simple and short tasks to every member of the Board, of the group, or whatever.

Basically because then, as you said, I mean, we all have a lot of things to do in our everyday life, we spend extra hours on those topics, so the shorter the mission, the more precise the mission and the thing to do, the better. You know that you have that short deliverable for three weeks' time or whatever. That will help.

I think it's really worth to continue trying that. One. Second one, this is something that was also discussed during maybe the first university in Buenos Aires, long ago, two years ago, maybe or whatever, is that there is a lot of people, there is quite a lot of people here that have a lot of experience pushing, dealing, discussing, and leading working groups, right?

And this is really valuable. So the point is, in order to get new blood, new people really joining in and participating, let's try, if

these people that really have a lot of experience, if they have time because we already said that this is quite difficult, try to mentor new ones. Maybe just one person, maybe two maximum. But just as a way to explain them about the process, and who is who, and why that group is opposing to that, you know, all of those internal politics, because when you are new, I mean, the first thing you want to do is to go back.

I mean, you don't understand anything at all. There is a lot of story behind every intervention, every opposition, every whatever. So that, campaigning that he wants, taking, bring a kind of mentorship, I think that would really be helpful. I don't know how to implement it, but the idea would be that one.

And the third one, is just a personal thing. For Facebook, the further, the best. That's all, thanks. Regarding privacy. That's all.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Heidi quickly.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah. This is Heidi. Just to respond to that. ICANN is rolling out a new mentorship program. It has been discussed during the Dublin meeting and I'm sure that there will be some more information on the ICANN website shortly. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay thanks. Next is Roberto.

ROBERTO GAETANO: A couple of things. I think that, first of all, encouraging better, more member, participation I think it goes together with the outreach. It seems strange, but I think we have to put in place certain dynamics by which we are more active, and at the same time we outreach more and we get new members. I think the fact that we have a fairly stable number, and more or less basically the same people over time with a few exceptions, I think that tends to create a [inaudible] of the system.

And so I think the two things go at the same time. First of all, I want to endorse completely, and second what Yuliya has said. One of the tasks that we have is the participation in the working group. I doubt that we have a large number of the At-Large participating in the working group. We have a few, and we have a few that are doing a lot of work.

And maybe if we had a better participation we could spread the work among more members. And that, once we have done this, that would have helped the dynamics. This is also linked with the outreach, because the moment that we try to get new organizations to join ALAC, to become an At-Large structure, at

least my experience is that the first thing that they ask is, “Why should I join?” And I think that if the why they should join is to participate in the development process, then I don’t understand why those who have already joined do not participate in the development process, in the PDP.

I just add one thing in terms of, since we are talking about social media. I think that one element that has not mentioned was Twitter, and I think that if we can create a network by which we Tweet and re-Tweet what is happening, and what is relevant for the ALAC, I think that we can first of all, get more information about the members, and also then extend and use it as outreach. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks a lot Roberto. The next one is Olivier and Lutz.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Wolf. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. And Roberto, very well mentioned the different working groups. There are about a dozen working groups in At-Large, and okay. Some are very active, some are not very active. Some, there is not that much work to do. It might just be a couple of things a month to be looking at and so on. But it would certainly help to have more people from EURALO.

We are a RALO which has much less number of people on these working groups than any of the other RALOs. So it's a bit bizarre and kind of... Often we're pointed out with a finger, it's the same two people on this working group, and that working group, and that working group. And we can really spread the load.

I don't think it's a big heavy load on our shoulders. We're not asking for any of you to become a chair of a working group. If you want to become a chair of a working group, that's fine. But these are, you know, they're technical working groups, there is non-technical working groups, there are some that deal with registrant issues which are privacy. And I know that some of you have got a lot of knowledge about these things.

So it's a good first step to start seeing how you can influence how policy is done at ICANN. The next level, of course, would be to take part in the working groups of the generic name supporting organization, but the amount of knowledge required to be in those, because it's heavy policy work and there is no onboarding process. You go in there and you're in the river, it just flows and you have to survive.

That I would consider as a second step, once you feel that you've grasped a topic well enough to be able to be in that. And the third way is the cross community working groups, where often

there are appointments into those working groups. But it's just a way to get into the mood and start seeing that what you're saying actually does influence the end policy.

And I think the feeling you get when you see that finally, and we are being heard in this organization. Finally what your concerns where are now being channeled and they are taking into account by the organizations, is I think a very good way forward. Thank you.

ROBERTO GAETANO:

Just one sentence to add. I understand, I agree it's very difficult to jump into the GNSO working group, but I think that we have not to underestimate the fact that we cannot just develop our policy statement within ALAC, and then present it as an outside statement versus what is going on. The very reason why with review, with previous GNSO review, that I had the honor and the privilege to chair, the working group was where open to members outside of the GNSO community, and therefore to ALAC.

That was a great opportunity for us. At least, after a while, when we become to know the issues, we should work also within the GNSO working group, so that we don't end up with a position of the GNSO, a position of ALAC, and then we have to try to

summarize at the end. We have to work during the process, not at the end of the process.

WOLF LUDWIG: Quick.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks. Olivier again. And to take part in the working groups, I quite agree with you Roberto. To take part in the working group, of course, is the mailing list. There are also calls, now since the past few years, things have really improved. The Adobe Connect system now works with voice over IP, so you just need to go on the webpage and you'll have the voice working, and you can just use your computer's capabilities for this.

There is also the ability to get a dial out to whatever number you want to receive the call into. So it doesn't come at a cost to you. I know it comes as a cost timewise, but at least you don't have to pay phone bills and stuff like that, that might be in addition to your time. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. First Lutz and then [inaudible].

LUTZ DONNERHACKE: Lutz for the transcript. There are two points. One point is, as mentioned here in the last few minutes, there are a lot of internal work to do, and we all have no time for. The other question raised was about outreach presents in social media. Outreach presents in social media can't be a central issue, or a centralized issue. It's an issue of each person here in the room, you have your own community to speak with us, you have your own language to speak, you have your own expressiveness [inaudible], your own phrases in order to reach your peer group.

So don't expect that anybody from staff, or from the Board, or from anyone else, will do this work for you. If you are going to outreach, you have to do it yourself. In social media, there is no help, do it yourself.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks. I think this was a clear hint. Manuel.

MANUEL SCHNEIDER: Manuel, Wikimedia. Just to be sure, because it has been said this morning already, as a response to Roberto and Olivier, the Adobe Connect doesn't work anymore since one and a half year, and I have tried to deal with the ICANN technical staff, and at some point it has just stopped responding to my email, because

they were given me hints to fix it that didn't help, and I told them, and they didn't respond.

As I heard from, I think it was [Vana] who mentioned it this morning, so several people have that problem, and this is actually the reason why I stopped participating in the calls, because it was simply impossible.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. There are two additional information from Heidi and Ariel, to the working group.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So sorry, can I just jump in? Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. In response to your concerns. It was Adobe Connect doesn't work. Yes. That is a problem we have had with a lot of people who are not using Windows, or Mac, or some browsers which Adobe only works on. It's primarily caused by a Flash. We were understood that... We have a technical taskforce, actually, in At-Large that has been looking at these problems, and they found a way to fix it, but unfortunately it hasn't been sent to absolutely everyone, and I see Lutz shaking his head.

I don't know if it works with some or doesn't work with others. What we do understand though is that Adobe is now changing and moving to HTML 5, so it might work better. Hopefully,

crossing fingers. They've done it this week, and this weekend it wasn't working well at all. But it's going to get better.

Our technical taskforce has found some ways to fix it, so it might be worth that staff tries to find out this. We need to spread this to our community. It's obvious nobody knows how to fix this problem, and it's something that many people have had now as a problem.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Jimmy, this is a technical response. Again, we are very tight, this hour has kettle already. Can you, Lutz, Jimmy...?

LUTZ DONNERHACKE: Lutz Donnerhacke for the record. Tomorrow morning at eight there is a meeting, please come. Discuss it there, not here.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Great. Thanks a lot. I think what shows a way out, is welcome. A short thing from Ariel's side says also a working group.

ARIEL LIANG: This Is Ariel Liang for the record. We do have a working group on social media, and we only have two EURALO members in that working group. So we also did a recent call for volunteers on the

EURALO mailing list, but nobody responded except for maybe Matthew.

So we do need you, and please work with us for social media. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. This was a friendly reminder. Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. This is Heidi. And just, I know that we're running very tight on this topic, but perhaps a suggestion, if you would like, is that we can set up a Wiki page for your comments on what it would take for you to be more engaged. You know, versus tools, topics, etc. I mean, that we can take a look at and see if we could provide that with you. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. As you have heard a lot of options, opportunities to get more involved, to become a member of an ALAC working group either on technical or on social media or on whatever aspects. There are plenty of opportunities, just let us know. We can bring you in touch with Ariel or any other staff member, or the working group chair. So this is easily done once interest will be registered.

As we are getting very tight with our timing, now I would like to make, come to agenda item nine. A short briefing regarding approval, approval EURALO CROPP 15, 16. Some of you may have heard, it was talked about, capacity building training. This CROPP program started two years ago, and it offers the option of getting five of EURALO members for event in the region.

And we dedicated it to EURODIG last year in Berlin. We had five EURALO members, and we concentrated on members from south and eastern Europe. And we also tried to follow this concept again for Sofia this June, EURODIG 2016. And it will continue next year. So much is already clear.

So I fear we do not have the time to discuss the concept in detail, but we have to deal with it at one of our next monthly calls, and to discuss what should be the priorities for the next year's program. It could be one option, just to say, okay, next EURODIG will be in June in Brussels. So it would be an option to have it as a sponsoring program for five members from the south and eastern European region, to bring them to Brussels.

So this could be one idea. It's nothing decided at the moment. I think it has to be re-discussed. We had it for two years, and we have an option for the next year as well. Any questions regarding the CROPP scheme? We will put it on the agenda of

one of our next monthly calls, where we have a little bit more time to discuss it in some more details.

If there are no questions and comments, then let me go to the agenda item 10, what is EURALO outreach strategy. I mentioned before, that it was here part of the annual report. There is a draft overview of the outreach and engagement. I see Jean-Jacques in the room.

Jean-Jacques Houdini Sahel.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

I'll help you out while we're waiting for Jean-Jacques. When we are talking about outreach, that I applied for a talk during the [inaudible] Congress, talking about IANA transition and accountability, and explaining the community, what we are doing here at EURALO and ICANN. Hopefully, this talk is going to be accepted this year. Last year, they rejected it.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay, this can be an opportunity and as we discussed this, Jean-Jacques already... Meanwhile we use almost every ICANN meeting for some kind of European coordination meeting. And during the last ones, it was also mentioned that a good next step in the coming year could be to attend [inaudible] in Berlin again. For those of you who do not know, [inaudible] started with a

very small event, a fair, with some kind of accompanying program, but the initiative could expose themselves and became, meanwhile, as the biggest fair event on Net policy in Europe.

Based between seven and 8,000 participants. So this would be excellent, where we meet people who are already interested in the subject. And this could offer some potential and opportunities for effective outreach. And this is one of the ideas, meanwhile Jean-Jacques is here, and you can quickly...

We are running short of time Jean-Jacques, therefore I cannot offer you 15 minutes, but we can have this afterwards in the European coordination as well. What will follow this session, afterwards and what we usually use for closer coordination between ICANN staff in Brussels and EURALO. It became a very good relationship in the meantime, and please, Jean-Jacques.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you. Hello everyone. Jean-Jacques Sahel for the record. I'm the vice president Europe at ICANN, and I sit within the global stakeholder engagement team. So we are very much the people in ICANN that can work with you and support your efforts in things like outreach strategies. Our mission following the ICANN's mission and bylaws is to seek to increase diversity in

ICANN's participation and reflect the Internet user's global diversity, and so in Europe.

We do that, we encourage increased participation in ICANN by raising awareness, informing people, showing them the relevance of ICANN's work, and eventually helping them get integrated in ICANN. So raising their interest in ICANN so they're already signed to participate, and as they decide to participate, help them onboard, join your groups, making it easier to participate.

And more importantly perhaps, to have an impact in discussions. So we have a number of events that we run ourselves. But when I say ourselves, in fact, what happens is that we usually partner with organizations locally, nationally, and then regional level. So of course, we have been a supporter of EURODIG for a number of years now. But we also do, you know, collaborate in national IGFs, for instance, or for instance we, ourselves, when we see a country where there is maybe less activity than in other countries, we go and see, just as an example, the local country code manager, the local government, and we try to partner with them to put together information sessions, workshops.

And so, in the context of EURALO, what we would be really interested to do in that context is, in particular, to try and see

how much we can work with At-Large structures on the ground. And perhaps in a way sort of merge our own activities with the [inaudible] structures when it makes sense, or organize activities which can help the ALSs increase their own visibility, their own dynamism on the ground, and provide opportunities for them to network with the wider community, etc.

So I will perhaps stop here. As Wolf said, we have a European coordination session for an hour, from 5:30, that's really an opportunity to, again, hear from the likes of us, but also ISOC and RIPE about the sort of activities we have around Europe. And then at 6:30, we have a networking cocktail as you hopefully all know. So I think Wolf will mention it. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot Jean-Jacques for the moment, for this introduction. And teaser for the next session, what is usually larger than this group, because there are all kinds of stakeholders from, with other backgrounds involved. And I always like this opportunity to exchange with other people, and to get to know other people from our region, which is a quite productive opportunity.

If there are no questions for agenda item, we are really running short of time, point 10. I would like to go to the next agenda item 11, what are 2015 EURALO selections. As you may recall,

we had calls for nominations, for this positions during summer. And nominations until end of August. And this is all posted on the workspace. And for the chair there was only one nomination, Olivier, who was supported by quite a number, I think, almost 20 members have already [inaudible] as the nomination.

Therefore I can guess that Olivier is elected by acclamation.

So just to be sure, this was such a clear decide. Nobody asked for a secret ballot in his case. So I will be the first to say welcome. Taking the bloody chop.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And I'm sweating away.

WOLF LUDWIG: And it's a moment for me now, because I'm in the next item B, Secretariat personally involved. He has to take over.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And I will not use your microphone. I'll use this microphone. Mine, mine. My precious.

First words as EURALO chair, well there you go. So, we now have to deal with the selection of the Secretariat. And according to Wolf's wishes, we could have done it be acclamation because there is only one person who has stood for the position, but Wolf

wanted to have a selection process with some balloting, secret ballot, so as to be able to, for people to really express themselves on whether he has the support or not the support of this regional At-Large organization.

If desired. So we have ballots that are ready. So I now open the floor for any comments, and if there is a desire to have the balloting taking place. So Roberto, you're first.

ROBERTO GAETANO: I think it will be a useless loss of time.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's how quickly you get replaced, huh? It's just one out, next one in. Okay. What is it now? EURALO chair, interesting.

Have you ever seen Quantum Leap? Where you go from, anyway. Okay, so Roberto believes that it could be a great waste of time. Any other comments? Seconded by Stephano.

WOLF LUDWIG: But just formally, if one member demands a secret ballot, it has to be done. And I think Oksana is asking for a secret ballot.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: No. Oksana...

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oksana Prykhodko.

OKSANA PRYKHODOKO: Oksana Pryhodoko for the record. I do not ask for secret ballot. My position is absolutely clear and open. I am against Wolf, I am against regional and gender. This balance between, I'm absolutely for Olivier and I'm absolutely happy with our new chair. And I'm absolutely sure that even without changing our rules and bylaws, we will not meet any this regret over any region.

I know I am talking from Ukraine, when Olivier is our usual suspect for five years. That is why I'm sure that our region will be, how to say here? Considered as other regions, but I am against Wolf. Sorry, I would like to, my position will be noted. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I'm chairing this part, so sorry Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG: Just for clarification. If a secret ballot is not demanded, we can also make a voting in an open manner.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. So if nobody is asking for a secret ballot, then we can proceed with the election or selection, I'm not even sure what it is called. Selection by show of hands. Are there any objections to show of hands? Might be some objections. Roberto as well. You're showing your hands.

We will have to note it. So we're going to ask to...

Okay, so Sandra has three votes. So you're going to have to have three hands up.

We need a picture of that.

Wolf has Bill Drake's proxy, so he has two votes. So two hands. Wolf can have two hands, yes. And Wolf will abstain. So Wolf will vote on behalf of Bill Drake. And the third person with more than one vote is...

Olivier [inaudible] has two. Excellent.

Okay, thank you. And we will have to vote with a card, so as to see the card up. And calculate it. And staff has asked me that you keep your hand up for a little while, because your card, sorry, for a little while because otherwise they won't be able to count.

So we're placing staff at specific points in the room. Are we ready?

So I'll tell you what, we'll start in reverse order.

Okay, we can do it the GNSO style. The GNSO style, it's Olivier speaking. The GNSO style is for the roll call, or the names to be said, and then person would say in favor, against, or abstain. Is that okay? We are losing time.

GISELLA GRUBER: [Inaudible]

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: [Preda]. [Caroline]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: On the record please, we have to do mic.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: In favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you [inaudible]. [Caroline].

CAROLINE: In favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Christopher.

CHRISTOPHER: In favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Roger.

ROGER: Abstain.

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry. Was that Roger abstaining?

ROGER: Yes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, and Christopher was in favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Yes, thank you. Lutz.

LUTZ DONNERHACKE: In favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Manuel.

MANUEL SCHNEIDER: In favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Stephan.

STEPHAN: Favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Matthew.

MATTHEW: Favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Miguel.

MIGUEL: In favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Michele.

MICHELE: In favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: [Inaudible]

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: In favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Oksana.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Against.

GISELLA GRUBER: Oliver [inaudible], for yourself and for Christopher [inaudible].

OLIVER: In favor two times.

GISELLA GRUBER: Pedro.

PEDRO: In favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: [Inaudible] That was in favor from [inaudible]. Roberto.

ROBERTO GAETANO: In favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: [Inaudible] not here. [Theodore?]

[THEODORE]: In favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: [Stephano]

[STEPHANO]: In favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: [Inaudible]

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: In favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: [Inaudible]

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: In favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Bill Drake.

WOLF LUDWIG: Proxy Bill Drake, in favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Yuliya.

YULIYA MORENETS: In favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Sébastien.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Sébastien has stepped out of the room.

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry. He stepped out, maybe he might come back. Sandra Hoferichter herself, Stephane, and [Annette] please.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Three times in favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: And Yrjö.

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: In favor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Great, we have everyone on the list except Sébastien who stepped out, and Rudy who, unfortunately, isn't here.

WOLF LUDWIG: You have not mine. My proxy from Bill Drake was in favor. Mine was abstain.

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry, yours is abstain. Thank you Wolf.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It's Olivier speaking. There is also, I think that [Stephano] when he replied, did not have his microphone on, so we couldn't hear him, but we have heard him in favor. Okay. The mic didn't hear it through the system. Thank you.

So we're waiting for the results.

GISELLA GRUBER: Yeah, sorry for the delay. We have 26 in favor, 3 abstain, and two absent. That makes a total of 31 people.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: No, I'm sorry Gisella. There is one against.

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry, one against, sorry. 26 in favor, 2 abstain, one against, and two absent.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Gisella. Which means that Wolf is selected as the next EURALO Secretary. And we will see this magic switch of cards, oh look at that.

Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: From now on, I will call him boss.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. So I believe I'm now chair, it seems. I thought I was coming this afternoon for a nice little rest, but obviously not the case. Let's have a look at the agenda. Where are we? We've done the selections, and now are at the EURALO individuals, I believe. Is that correct Secretary?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Correct. Okay. So, we are going to have a briefing on the status and development of EURALO's individual association. And for this, Roberto Gaetano has the floor. Roberto.

ROBERTO GAETANO: In the interest of time, I will be brief. The purpose of our association was to provide a place for individual European individual users who do not have an At-Large structure to participate as ALAC in the policy development process, and in all

of the things that are happening in our organization. So that's the purpose.

We're going out from now, from the interim face that was the formation of the organization. We have now a website, a procedure for engaging with new members. As of today, we have 12 members of which five women and seven men. So pretty good in terms of gender balance versus other parts of the organization.

We had our general assembly. Today was not very well attended, but we had the voting for the steering committee that will be the new governing body of the organization. The new, the voting ended up with eight votes in favor and four absent for Jean-Jacques Subrenat as chair of our association.

And I will be the Secretary of the organization. So since at the end of this meeting, the voting member for us will be Jean-Jacques. I would ask all of you, when you're doing the outreach, if you happen to meet individuals who want to participate, and who happen to be either European nationals, or being resident in Europe as, for the time being, as defined by the ICANN regions, but we need to organize this in the near future.

Then you can point them at me and I will also send the link to our website to the EURALO list as well as to the ALAC list. Unless there are questions, that's it. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Roberto. That was pretty quick. One remark from Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG: So far, compared to other RALOs, we are among the models, because NARALO, North American region, had it from the beginning. We had to do some bylaws developments in 2011, and we approved it, and now we are the second best cast. Why this is still under discussion, I think APRALO, what is Siranush representing, and I think they're also discussing how to enable individual participation in their region. And the discussion in Africa where there is a lot of reservation against this model, and it's under discussion in Latin America.

So for the moment, this option is feasible or isn't practiced at two RALOs. And we mentioned or voted as a good example.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Wolf. Any other comments regarding the EURALO individual user's association? I don't see anyone putting their hand up. There is Siranush, okay. Siranush, if you could please step up to a mic. And the mic next to Matthew is on at the moment, could you please? Siranush.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Mr. Chair, and congratulations to you and Wolf. Siranush Vardanyan for the record, representing Asia Pacific region, but originally from Armenia. And as you know, Armenia is some kind of within ICANN structure, so we represent Asia Pacific, but by all other means and by all the natural development coming through, the whole history, so we are attached to Europe.

And we, as you may notice also, there are three ALSs in Armenia who actively participate in EURALO discussions and are involved in different activities in EURALO, and also from my point of view, I think that the... In the point of not having officially, not being a member of Europe officially by ICANN, and with all of my respect to Asia Pacific region, what our representatives can do, can become a member of individual membership, individual association in EURALO.

And be, continue being active participants of EURALO activities. So at this point, I think this is the best way for our Armenian ALSs to be a part of this, this is my personal opinion, just for the record.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Siranush. And whilst you are sitting at the table, I would like everyone to give you a round of applause for receiving that wonderful award earlier this week. Well done.

Roberto Gaetano.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Yes, just to answer. We have an application that just arrived from [inaudible]. Yes. I know her. And the, for the time being, according to our internal procedures and our bylaws, we are following strictly the European, the ICANN region, Europe as defined by ICANN. However, we have, the discussion has been started. And I think that this is not something that we can do in isolation.

I think that we need to do that within also within EURALO, and we are thinking about a double membership, full member and an associate member. That's the famous [inaudible], European telecommunication standards institute, that they used for having members from outside of Europe. So they have full members, and associate members, but they both have the same rights.

But formally you have the distinction between European and non-European. So I think that could be a compromise but we need to go through the, through a process of changing some of

our internal staff, and we didn't want that, we didn't want to do that, while we were in an interim phase.

It's only with today's General Assembly that we are stabilized. Thank you. That was Roberto Gaetano for the record.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Siranush, just 30 seconds.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: 30 seconds. Thank you Roberto, and I welcome that. It's like the [inaudible] control, EU member and non-EU members. So we used to go non-EU members. Thank you. But I appreciate that Armenia, even being in APRALO, was included in some CROPP funds, due to the huge efforts coming from EURALO members, so thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Siranush. And it's also thanks to the flexibility of ICANN staff in being able to do things. So that was greatly appreciated also. Right. We are totally running out of time, but I would like to thank... Sorry? Jean-Jacques, sorry yes. I'm crouching too low, I can't see you behind. Jean-Jacques Subrenat.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you. This is Jean-Jacques Subrenat. Just a couple of words. The first is to say here, why I continue being involved in EURALO. One of the reasons, obviously, is that I was designated by EURALO to become a member of the Netmundial coordination counsel. I am a member of that, and I would like to thank EURALO for their trust.

I propose in the coming months to keep the EURALO chair cognizant of the action which is undertaken in that. My second thing is that, I was designated by the ALAC of which EURALO was a part, to be its, one of its two representatives in the ICG on the transition work. And here again, I have constantly kept the chair and the chair of the working group on ALAC on transition, appraised of the work in the ICG.

So this I will continue to do also in a capacity, as a more direct participant in EURALO. The third thing I want to say is that Roberto's term as the interim president or chair of the individual user's association will end at the end of this General Assembly which you are holding, and I will take over at that moment with his very great help.

In that capacity, I just want to announce that there are two things that I really would like to launch with the help of the members. The first thing is to reach out to the members, and beyond them, to their constituencies or countries, etc. to see

what are actually the kinds of expectations that our membership has regarding the individual user's association.

And my second point is the one just mentioned by Siranush. You can imagine that as a former diplomat and ambassador, I do have some little knowledge about some complexities of geopolitics. For instance, regarding Armenia, which is at the same time, asked to join customs union with the, with Russia and some neighboring countries, and at the same time, which is relaunching its status as a special country with a special link to the European Union.

I know all of this. Here I want to underline what Roberto said, that in the meantime, whilst we do not have the possibility to change the geographic regions of ICANN, where Armenia is in the Pacific Islands, well we must be able to welcome people from Armenia and similar country situations as individual members. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Jean-Jacques. And what I propose is a round of applause for the hard work that Roberto has done in creating the EURALO individual user's association. It was not an easy task.

Okay. We really are behind schedule. You will have noticed that we haven't done the Board selections. There have been a number of nominations on the mailing list. I'm a little concerned that we probably need to have a whole discussion about what is the size of the Board that we want to have.

I have heard before this Assembly started that some people wanted to keep the Board the same size, others wanted to shrink the Board, make it a bit more nimble, be a bit more targeted. Perhaps assign responsibilities to Board members. I unfortunately don't think we have the time to discuss this whole thing now. We're already 10 minutes behind schedule and we're really eating into the overall, the next session, that's the one that Jean-Jacques is leading with all of the European stakeholders.

Jean-Jacques Sahel, yes, Jean-Jacques Sahel, the other Jean-Jacques. So we are, so what I suggest is that we might continue this perhaps, should we continue this on the mailing list, or do you wish to try to find some time later on? I'm a little concerned about the agenda being absolutely packed.

So please, any suggestions.

Roberto.

ROBERTO GAETANO: I think that in terms of circulation of the ideas about the different options, and so on, I think we can start now on the mailing list. So in order not to lose time. If we find a moment between now, I think that we are assumed to be leaving tomorrow. So I doubt that we are going to have the time for scheduling another session, but at least we come, we can start having these ideas while we are here, so we can also have little face to face exchange of ideas while we are here.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Roberto. Any other suggestions or are we okay? Let's do a quick consensus call. Is Roberto's suggestion of holding it online and following up on the email okay for everyone?

I don't see anyone objecting. Ah, maybe Wolf is objecting.

WOLF LUDWIG: Questioning. I don't know how realistic this approach is. And there is, after it's the end of the day, enough people will respond to it. If it will work, would be perfect, but I hope it will work.

ROBERTO GAETANO: I'm not assuming that we will be able to elect the Board tomorrow. I'm just saying, let's start the discussion, and then maybe we can have that during a conference call, or by email, or

some other tool. But don't waste the 24 hours that we still have ahead for having, also confrontation. I mean, we might have different ideas.

It's easier to have a chat rather than typing and typing and typing.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks very much. Right. We are 15 minutes behind schedule. I'm going to close this because we are eating into someone else's time at the moment, and I don't think it's particularly nice for them. It's the European coordination, exactly. So we still remain here, and we have several others who have joined us. So ladies and gentlemen thank you. And this meeting is now adjourned. And Christopher, I know that you wish to make a comment please on the mailing list. Thank you.

Oh the other thanks I wanted to make is for Yuliya, for being our outgoing Secretary. So thank you as well.

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry, just a reminder that we've got the EURALO networking cocktail on in 45 minutes in the foyer just outside the meeting room here. So if you're staying in for the next session, great. If you're not, please do come back at 6:30 for the cocktail just outside the meeting room. And we will be joined by...

The MOU will be signed between EURODIG and ICANN, and we will also have Fadi and Steve with us for the cocktail, so please do join us. Thank you.

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