
TERRI AGNEW: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the EURALO Monthly Teleconference on Tuesday, the 15th of September, 2015 at 18:00 UTC.

On the call today, we have Siranush Vardanyan, Yrjö Länsipuro, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Sebastien Bachollet, Wolf Ludwig, Narine Khachtryan, Jimmy Schulz, and Pedro Veiga.

We have apologies from Roberto Gaetano, Bill Drake, Oliver Passek, Jordi Iparraguirre, Lutz Donnerhacke, and Oksana Prykhodko.

From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Gabriella Schittek, Gisella Gruber; and myself, Terri Agnew.

I would like to remind all participants to please state your name for transcription purposes.

Thank you very much, and back over to you, Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks a lot for this roll call. I think we have already a stable number of participants at this call. Welcome to all of you. I realize this appreciation that Gabriella Schittek is now participating regularly at our monthly calls, what is much appreciated. It's also very useful, helpful for the coordination with Jean-Jacques Sahel because as we will discuss later, coordinate our networking activities in evening.

Let me suggest to start with tonight's agenda. The next item on the agenda is point 3, action items from the August monthly call. If you have

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a quick look on it, most of the points we have noted at our last call are either done or in the process being done as our next steps. We are preparing the welcome package. We will discuss tonight some of the documents which are part of this welcome package. And we will also talk about the networking event and more ideas. Olivier, he followed up on this, and so far we can consider them as either completed or the way to being completed shortly.

As the next agenda item, we have point four as usual. Brief summary on current ALAC consultations and initiatives, and as usual, Olivier's part. Olivier, you have the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Wolf. Can you hear me?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, we can hear you clearly.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic. Thanks very much. So this week we have – or this month, in fact – we have had quite a few statements in the usual pipeline of statements. If you click on the policy advice development page, you will be able to see all of the current work of the ALAC as far as policy advice is concerned.

Looking at our agenda, you have a list of all of the recent work that has been done. First, the statements approved by the ALAC. There were three statements recently approved. The first one is the Next

Generation Generic Top Level Domain Registration Directory Services to replace WHOIS preliminary issue report. That was a statement that was adopted with 11 votes in favor. It's all self-explanatory in the title, but the replacement of the WHOIS and the current WHOIS system, which provides detail of the registrant of a domain name.

The next was the initial report on data and metrics for policy-making. That was adopted with 13 votes in favor.

The third one was the IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal. That was a consultation by the IANA Coordination Group (the ICG) that had put the proposals together from the names community. In other words, ICANN [and the] protocols community, which was the IETF and from the numbers community, the regional Internet registries.

We had a statement that was concerned about a few issues. If you're interested in any of these, you can click on these links and it will send you over to the actual statements and the way that they were built.

Now, the current work statements and process. The first one is extremely important. It's about the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability. It's a process that has just ended a couple of days ago. Sorry, the consultation has just ended a couple of days ago and the ALAC submitted a statement. There is the ratification that is pending, so the vote is currently taking place and ALAC is voting on the statement. It's a very important statement because it's all about ICANN accountability.

The Work Stream 1 part of ICANN accountability or cross-community working group and that Work Stream 1 work is going to feed into the IANA stewardship transition proposal.

So if the cross-community working group does not reach consensus based on the feedback that has been received during this consultation, that might delay the Work Stream 1 work, which will delay the feeding into the IANA stewardship transition, which might delay the transition altogether. So it's important to be aware of this. But at the same time, it's also important to be aware that any of the recommendations made by the cross-community working group here will go through the board, and if the board accepts them, then because there are bylaw changes for the board, there's a whole number of very important changes that are proposed, that might change ICANN completely and radically.

On the one hand, there's pressure to go forward quickly. On the other hand, there's pressure to make sure that what is going to be done is going to serve the public interest and be good for not only ICANN's Accountability, but also the overall, all the communities at ICANN.

I really, really ask you to have a look at this. It's interesting and it's important.

The Preliminary Issue Report on the New gTLD Subsequent Procedure is equally as important. As you know, the first round of generic top-level domain applications is now, I wouldn't say completed, because there are still some that need to be launched. But as far as the actual application process, that's all done. It's all now implementation stage.

There are some in the community, some people, some organizations, that are saying, “Well, the first one is through. Let’s go with the next one.” The thing is, of course, as you all know in the past few years ever since the first Applicant Guidebook was drafted, there are some serious problems with some segments of the Applicant Guidebook. These were all put together and listed and kept in the bank for the time being, and now a first report which lists some of the problems that were encountered, some of the things that might need to be enhanced for the next round, all of these have been put in a report drafted by staff, and as usual, as is customary with this, the issues report goes to a public comment period and that will feed into a policy development process (a PDP) that the GNSO will be putting together.

I’m sure that people from At-Large will take part in this and the work of the PDP will determine what the next round of new generic top-level domains is going to look like.

We might be looking at this next round taking place two years from now. It might be that the issues are so huge that next round might not take place for more than two years. It might be that the next round might only include a subset of the applicants that you saw in the first round. In other words, we would have we would have a second round, a next round that would be targeted specifically at development countries, this sort of thing.

What’s important is that we comment on this Preliminary Issues Report and try to identify if there are any issues that staff have not identified, that they may have missed. As you know, our community is particularly interested in issues that relate to end users. If you read this issues

report, please think of it also, how does this relate to end users? How does this relate to our own community? It might have been missed.

Next, a statement that seems to be stalled at the moment – that's not stalled as such, but it's to do with the proposed ICANN bylaws amendments with the GNSO policy and implementation recommendation.

Alan Greenberg is currently drafting a statement. The end of the comment period was the 12th of September, but Alan has been in touch and staff have been in touch with the group that is working on this policy and implementation and we've been given a few more days to have that statement drafted. As you know, Alan Greenberg has also been very much involved with the Cross Community Working Group on ICANN Accountability. That's pretty much sucked up a lot of the time of many of the people there. He is working on it. It's not stalled, and we should be seeing a statement within the next 24-48 hours. It's imminent that we'll see a statement coming out. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions, please put them on the wiki page that pertains to that statement.

Next, the public comments request, which the ALAC has decided not to submit statements. There are a few of them. One is very technical. It's to do with the review of the plan for the DNS root zone key submission KSK – I keep on losing this. Key submission key I think. Anyway, let's call it KSK. Oh yes, key signing key. Why did I not think of this? Key signing Key.

As you see, I even get confused on this one. It doesn't really relate to end users, [inaudible] that this might not be something we would wish to sign something about. Having just quickly browsed the document, it looks like the plan has done what needs to be done. There's no need for the ALAC to comment on this.

Then the release of country and territory names, whether the [.BROTHER], [.GEA], .ASO, .SECURITY, etc. In general, there have been a lot of these requests that have been in the past already and the ALAC has never commented on these. Some of our community thinks that it's a good idea. Some of our community thinks it's not a good idea. If you look in there, you'll note that some of the top-level domains here are very generic. Some are a little bit more targeted. Not something that affects end users as such. It's second level anyway. Country and territory names are the second level. You'd have like uk.brother or de.brother. It's not that exciting for us. So [no new] statement on that.

And then finally, there's three new statements, three new comment periods, that have opened recently. The first one is about proposal for Arabic script root zone label generation rules. This is all to do with internationalized domain names (IDNs). There's some work in that.

I'm not sure if we have that many people in our region that are knowledgeable about the Arabic language, but if you do have knowledge of Arabic, and you know how to write it, please volunteer for this statement if you wish to hold the pen. I suspect that other regions might be better suited for this.

Use of territory and country names as top-level domains, that's important. That's something which would affect Europe as well. For example, having .GERMANY as a top-level domain rather than having just [.DE]. So you have to think about this on whether this could be then. It's not a country code top-level domain, but it could be a country code top-level domain. A number of questions around that.

Finally, the new gTLD auctions proceeds discussion paper. Another very important thing. If you do remember – and maybe you don't, so I'll just quickly let you know – when you had more than one applicant for the same top-level domain, one of the processes by which there would be a decision as to whom of the applicants would have the ability to pursue their application was through an auctions process that was run by ICANN.

Let's say you had .OLIVIER – there we go. If anybody would ever want that. .OLIVIER, two applicants for .OLIVIER to run the .OLIVIER top-level domain, and they would then go through an auctions process run by ICANN and the highest bidder for the auction would pay ICANN the amount that they bid for, and the loser of the auction would get nothing.

That amount of money, in some cases, definitely not in the case of .OLIVIER – but in some cases – would be quite a few millions of dollars, euros, whatever currency you wish to call it. As a result, that has ended up with being quite a large amount of money. I don't know the exact number, exact amount, but we're talking tens and tens of millions of dollars here.

So now there's a question as to what to use these auction proceeds for. There's a discussion paper that has been drafted. I think the line along the ALAC was that this money should serve end users and should probably serve maybe At-Large Structures or spread to do Internet governance or more involvement of end users in ICANN, this sort of thing.

We're considering drafting a statement on this. I think we should draft a statement. If you have ideas as to what these auction proceeds should be used for, please contribute. Who knows? That's one of the statements that perhaps someone in EURALO region might be interested in holding the pen.

I'll remind you all, you don't need to be an ALAC member to hold the pen on a statement. You volunteer. You can be more than one person if you wish to share the load with a few other people, it's a good way to get involved.

That's it for the time being. As soon as they'll be more, I'm sure we'll be able to t them. In the meantime, I'll be glad to answer any questions about any of the above. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay, Olivier, thanks a lot for this briefing again. Are there any questions from our call participants? Please stand up, give me a sign. Otherwise, I may consider that your briefing and liberations, Olivier, were substantial and more or less self-explanatory. So yes, [Pedro] said it was a clear explanation by Olivier. So there are no questions open for the moment.

In the given case, let me continue with our next agenda item, what is agenda item #5, status of registrations for the Dublin General Assembly. This is just an update of what we talked already about at our last call.

Meanwhile, we have more or less full confirmations. And as I noted on the agenda out of [inaudible] three members, 28 ALSes are confirmed. Two who cannot participate what are two German ALSes. It's [inaudible] and it's [inaudible]. What stands for Federation of Informatics for [Peace], what is usually [Stephan] [inaudible], but they will give a proxy vote to participants from Germany who will participate. So altogether we will have 30 representations including the two delegates at the General Assembly and there was only three ALSes who didn't respond at all. We can say this is a very high level of participation.

I think that meanwhile Constituency Travel has reached out to the confirmed ALS representatives and are on the way of arranging flight bookings, etc., and all the rest.

If there are no questions regarding the status of registrations for the Dublin GA – yes, I see one hand raised by Jimmy. Jimmy, you have the floor.

JIMMY SCHULTZ:

I do just have an answer. I just missed out the application period for my ALS in Germany. Is it now too late to register as an ALS for Dublin?

WOLF LUDWIG:

Well, it's never too late, Jimmy, to submit an application. Just submit it as soon as possible, but we cannot promise. You cannot be certified

until the Dublin General Assembly, but as you are EURALO officer and ALAC member, you will be in Dublin anyhow, so this will have no consequences on the travel arrangement. I have to check with staff whether an applicant has already [inaudible] at the General Assembly. This is what we need to find out. But the sooner you submit your application, the better, and we will check meanwhile. Yes?

JIMMY SCHULTZ: Okay. I'll do that as soon as possible. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. I see a comment from Holly. Jimmy, [inaudible] takes time, but [inaudible] certify [inaudible] for getting funded to come to Dublin. So there would be no chance to send another representative but you, but as you are a [inaudible] traveler as an ALAC member already. Your presence at the General Assembly will be appreciated.

JIMMY SCHULTZ: Of course I'll be there.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, hopefully. Any further questions regarding agenda item #5? I see no more hands raised. Then let me continue with the next one, what is approved formats and timings for the Dublin GA. This also a standing issue from the last two calls we had. Then we approved the two parts, the content part in the morning and the regular part in the afternoon. We need to concentrate particularly on the draft agenda at our last call.

We approved on a small drafting team what was Olivier, [Yrjo], and me. Also including Roberto. We submitted a first draft of the GA agenda, what we now would like to share and discuss with you.

This draft agenda, it will be more or less approved tonight during this call. It will still be a preliminary draft agenda. It means once it is circulated via the list what has to be at least two weeks before the General Assembly, then of course members can still come up and suggest new agenda items. The agenda for the second part of the General Assembly will be finally approved during or at the beginning of the General Assembly what is among standing issues, point 4 adoption of the proposed agenda. So it will be only a preliminary consolidation. Let's call it this way tonight. And your comments on this agenda draft are welcome.

Olivier, [Yrjo], and I, we agreed so far already on this draft that we would like to have you comment as well. Take a moment to scroll through it. I can additionally say while we always have the standing issues, what are more or less the rules we have to follow also according to bylaw prescriptions, our usual procedures, then we have proposed agenda items, what is as usual again, get speakers. I suggested Wolfgang Kleinwächter who is an old EURALO member from the very first hour, and on the ICANN board now. And optional, we can also invite Alan Greenberg who is current ALAC chair. We would give five minutes each for a statement.

Then we have to discuss the EURALO annual report, what is also part of the regular procedures and agenda items 8, 9, 10. Especially 8 and 9 are

the crucial ones. I would at least try to dedicate at least 20 minutes in this, in my opinion, very important agenda items 8 and 9.

Olivier has raised his hand. Olivier, you have the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Wolf. Thanks for taking us through each item on the agenda. I was going to suggest that just a moment ago. It certainly helps us think a little more. Now that you've actually mentioned the speakers, the guest speakers, with Wolfgang Kleinwächter and also with Alan Greenberg, I wonder if we could also have our current board member selected by At-Large. I know that she is not from this region, from the EURALO region, but I think that certainly for our General Assembly – well, for our colleagues in EURALO – being able to hear a few words from her and perhaps be introduced to her, so that later on in the week they could talk to her and so on, is an important thing. I wonder whether she could also be allocated five minutes.

But of course I'd be interested in seeing what others think on this call. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks a lot, Olivier. Actually, we were sharing thoughts beforehand, because I was also thinking about Rinalia when I first drafted this. My only consideration not to put her on the list so far was the time element. Because we will be extremely short with even having 120 minutes, the last 20 minutes we will try [inaudible] allocate EURALO individuals.

Another option would also be to concentrate on Wolfgang and [inaudible] Rinalia. So to have two board members would be another option. But just five minutes. Okay, so it's fine for me. You do not have to convince me. I'm very much open to include Rinalia here because she is brilliant and she is really a good representative as far as I could follow representing At-Large on the ICANN board. I would say she deserves it.

Okay, I take that five minutes should be acceptable, Jimmy. Yes. I think we do not need to discuss this in further detail because I see no objection so far. So let me suggest that we add under [B.6], among the guest speakers, Rinalia from the board. So we would have three: Wolfgang, Rinalia, and Alan Greenberg as the current chair. By the way, we have another guest speaker who is mentioned at the very beginning at the point one. Welcome to [inaudible] and special guests, and then of course we have to list the special guests from the board. Here, Jean-Jacques Sahel is mentioned. Jean-Jacques comes in at a later moment at point 11, EURALO's outreach strategy in coordinating with ICANN's European strategy. I think this is high time to bring Jean-Jacques in to share his thoughts and suggestions because I was always saying EURALO outreach strategy should be in close coordination with ICANN's European strategy, and therefore Jean-Jacques is imminent for this agenda item.

So I think we agreed and it's listed under action items, Wolf Ludwig to invite Rinalia as a guest speaker at GA for five minutes. Yes, I will reach out to Rinalia and Wolfgang and Alan Greenberg and tell him that we dedicated in the first part of our General Assembly five minutes each as special guests and speakers.

Then I was just checking on Skype messages from Heidi. I would like to concentrate on this agenda item on the draft. Any comments about after we have discussed and approved the guest speakers, discussion and adoption of the EURALO annual report? This will be circulated before the General Assembly. We will try to circulate it at least two weeks prior to the General Assembly. This EURALO annual report will also be part of the documents.

We will, of course, share it on the list, so I see at the moment no need to discuss this during the call now. It will be just as every year the similar type of the annual report recalculating in brief what has happened during 2014, our last General Assembly in London, and now the 2015 General Assembly in Dublin. There will be nothing surprising or very exciting in it.

As we decided last time, it will be Olivier, [Yrjo], and Roberto, the people of the drafting team who will have a look on the first draft with me, and then we circulate it via the list.

Any further comments on points 8, 9, 10, or 11? 11 I mentioned already. I think after we will discuss how to improve EURALO's in-reach and member involvement, and outreach option more or less internal ideas or practices. We will come back to open this discussion and to continue with Jean-Jacques, and I hope we will be somehow in [inaudible] position to approve an outreach strategy for EURALO. There is a [inaudible] we presented to the ALAC Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee. This document will be circulated as well.

Silvia, can you please mention this? Because I think in the listing we had so far, I didn't include a copy of our draft outreach strategy. This should also be part of the welcome package.

Olivier, you have the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Wolf. I have question regarding agenda item #10. Briefing and approval of the EURALO CROPP concept Fiscal Year 2015 and 2016. The reason that I'm asking this question is that I understand that EURALO has used a different way to make use of its CROPP so far. By devoting five minutes to this, are you just thinking that the same system will be used in the future, that there will be no changes? I wasn't quite sure whether you were just looking at presentation of just what was going to take place and saying we're going to have the same thing as last year and leave it as that, or are you looking at more than that? Because if there's to be a discussion on this, five minutes might be a little bit tight.

WOLF LUDWIG: Excellent point, Olivier. We are really somehow sharing thoughts on similar issues. My consideration was limiting it to a briefing because most of the EURALO members I am sure have no clue. They have heard about it, but if you would ask them what [inaudible] all about, they couldn't tell you any details.

I think when people are not so much familiar with this particular program and the way it was used so far, I think due to certain time

constraints, we should limit on a briefing and at the General Assembly, the total of members who will be present, more or less to give a mandate to the new EURALO leadership. Perhaps it could suggest a small working group for EURALO who may consider a change of our CROPP concepts we followed so far.

But I think we do not have the time to open a discussion with newcomers. Not this newcomers, the majority of participants who are not familiar and to discuss the whole concept with them even if they have not really understood how it was handled so far.

So give them an idea how it was handled so far and let's suggest a working group, and whoever is interested in following up on this issue, then we should give a mandate to such a working group. Under the given time constraints, the only option I see for the moment.

I see approval from Jimmy Schultz. If we would extend here for more than five minutes and we have to cut down on other suggested agenda items, for me 8 and 9, and for 20 minutes dedicated to this two absolutely important issues. 20 minutes is already, in my opinion, not really much to discuss such substantial questions. Therefore, I would like to the stick to the 20 minutes for 8 and 9 and be a little bit respective on 10, but providing an option for those people who are interested to follow-up afterwards.

Olivier, you have the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Wolf. Now you mentioned the second part of the question I wanted to ask. 8 doesn't have a timing next to it. You just mentioned 8 and 9, 20 minutes. Are you saying 8 and 9 jointly are just 20 minutes in which case it's 10 minutes each?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yeah. We could also say 10 minutes each. For me, it was 8 and 9. It was meant to be 8 and 9, 20 minutes together. But perhaps it will be clearer if we say under 8, 10 minutes; and under 9, 10 minutes, what actually is not much.

Yes, Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Wolf. Could I just suggest that we make 8 and 9 as in 8a and 8b? Because these are two facets of the same discussion, and allocate 20 minutes all together for them. Because at the moment, it looks like 9 has got 20 minutes and 8 has got an unknown number of minutes on top of that.

I'd say, because they're both encouraging more participation, more member involvement, these are two aspects both under 8. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks a lot. I totally agree with your thoughts, Olivier, and I think it's a great idea to incorporate 9 into 8a, etc., so we have this as a thematic block as 8 and dedicate 20 minutes to it. So we have to rework this one for the consolidated proposal. Then we have under 11, as I said already,

outreach strategy then we have point 12, EURALO selections. We will come back to this point later on the agenda. Therefore, I do not want to go into detail.

We had our nomination rounds, what we launched in August. The nomination round is closed by now. We have nominations for the next EURALO chair and the secretariat. I've dedicated 20 minutes. Then we also have more or less to re-select the board members. What is missing, I do not at the moment. I've mentioned the board, yes. A, EURALO chair. B, secretariat. And C, board. I hope we can really do this in 20 minutes, and then the next and last part is more or less [point 13], briefing on status and development of EURALO's individual association, and this will be Roberto who will give a briefing to us.

So any further comments on this, or questions? I just see Gisella's comment, yes. Reminder afternoon session is no longer than 120 minutes, but 105 minutes. 15 minutes less to allow to join [with Jean-Jacques]. Yes, this is a technical aspect. We have to reconsider – again, thanks Gisella for reminding me on this.

So we have [inaudible] cut it down by 15 minutes. The last point 13, and maybe we can suggest for further discussions and exchanges, etc., we can do this through networking. This would be an option. Let me suggest as it's a timing, [inaudible], etc. issue. Just let me ask on the principles that we dedicate some time. I was thinking about 30 minutes, but due to the fact that we now have an even more narrow schedule, so we have possibly to cut it down to 15 minutes, but I think Roberto may probably agree to this.

So if I see no further questions and comments, I need to take this [SU] approval with few parts on the guests, on modification of point A and 9, what is new point A. And cutting down here on 15 minutes for 13.

I take this as your approval. Let's continue with the next part. I have to speed up a little bit because are running short of time. We have [approved] format and timing for the exact timings. We have to nail down with Gisella, who is extremely helpful for this in close coordination with Olivier and me. There are a lot of room and time constraints, and therefore we have to consider given realities. We will sort this out with staff.

If you do not have at the moment... I got a message [inaudible]. We are almost on the [inaudible] already, as Gisella is just telling me. So it will be more or less in this timeframe.

There is still something we have to shortly consider. At the networking event, what was roughly discussed and [inaudible] decided at our last call. There were some ideas to include music elements that still have to be sorted out. It was also a question that we need some additional funding for the networking event. Olivier is still looking into this question. These are the open issues. I think we cannot decide much about this European Coordination Session, will be probably the new title after we do it with Jean-Jacques Sahel. Ah, okay, European Coordination Session. Okay, to avoid confusion.

Will immediately follow, at the end of our General Assembly, Gisella posted the new timings in the chat. Then we will have at 5:30 to 6:30 the European Coordination Session where everybody, of course, is

welcome. This will be organized by Jean-Jacques Sahel. Then the networking event will start at 6:30. So it will be a full program the whole afternoon with a lot of opportunities for exchanges and communication.

[inaudible] will have for the networking event sponsoring. Olivier submitted a proposal already to potential sponsors what is Afiliat. If we have a good idea to have some music during the networking event, it would be I think nice and appreciated, but this is something we cannot promise at the moment because it depends on Monday available, etc., and some more details.

So I would like to ask the participants of this call to more or less mandate Olivier and the drafting group to follow-up on potential details and come up with the more-detailed concept for the networking event. [inaudible] approval from your side? If there are no hands raised or objections raised, I take this more or less as a sort of approval. I see Jimmy Schultz and Sandra agreeing to it. Are there any questions regarding the networking event? It will be our social event. It will not be a showcase like other RALOs are usually doing, but it will be really dedicated for networking among members and networking to new members.

For the networking event, we also have some ideas already to invite European ISOC chapters. It's a suggestion by [Yrjo]. I think it's an excellent suggestion. We can invite ICANN fellows. There are not many from the European region. One of them is, to my knowledge, [Memory Navine]. We can spread some invitations also among the fellows. So we will try to attract also people who are not yet part of EURALO, but could be potentially interested to join EURALO.

Further questions for the networking? If this is not the case, we are running short of time. Therefore, the next agenda item after we approve the agenda, complementary [inaudible] to the agenda. There will be more documents, but we will discuss them under status of nominations and suggested process.

You may have realized when the nomination [inaudible] EURALO leadership was closed. We had three nominations: one for the chair, two for the secretariat. There was a deadline until the 5th of September for acceptance of nominations. One nominated candidates, [inaudible] who was nominated by [Oksana] didn't accept nomination until the end of the deadline, 5th of September. We had no further message or response [inaudible]. Therefore, we had to consider that she is most probably not interested to stand up for this position.

So if you click under the link of the EURALO elections and selection and appointments 2015, you will see that Olivier who has got quite a lot of support and who was a single candidate, we considered this on the workspace already as approved by acclimation. As we had originally a second candidate, I was insisting on the secretariat positions. They will be voting during the General Assembly, so that people who have not expressed support for my nomination may have the chance in voting in Dublin to say no. I think this is a rather fair process and procedure. It can be an open vote for the secretariat in Dublin, but if somebody stands up demanding a secret ballot, then we have to do a secret ballot.

For your orientations, we will also submit the distribution of EURALO positions. It's an overview of the last couple of years regarding gender and regional. Another important document for this part of the General

Assembly will be selection and performance criteria for EURALO board members and for the EURALO secretariat. If you click on this document, you will find a draft of criteria for future board members, as well as [inaudible] performance criteria for secretariat members. This is meant as an orientation to all members [inaudible] the voting.

Any questions on this issue? Any comments? I see you see it now also on the screen. This is a list I started some time ago, which was regularly updated, what just shows gender and regional distribution of EURALO positions or functions held by members over the years. From the early days of EURALO, even before and comprising different categories what was ALAC members, EURALO officers, NomCom members, and for the ICANN board.

As you may see at the end, there is a comment over the years. We tried our best to consider gender and regional balance criteria as much as possible.

Questions, comments? It will be the last call before the General Assembly. There will be no monthly call in October before the General Assembly again, because the General Assembly [inaudible] face-to-face General Assembly will somehow replace the monthly call. Personally, I see no urgency to have another call before. As we discussed at the last calls, we are in full process of preparation of the General Assembly. They are now showing on the screen the [inaudible] selection and performance criteria. It's a [recap] or to make clear that there should be some criteria involved. And in the case of the EURALO board, it was under-performing overall the last years, and for re-selection of board

members, we would like to point to the minimal criteria, which would be fulfilled by next candidates.

So this is orientation paper. Let's call it this way. Also points which are still open at the moment, we will deal with this to prepare the welcome package and also a document we would like to have available and to submit to the General Assembly, this [inaudible] annual report and the [inaudible] annual report with the agenda will be shared on the list.

Also, a bylaw prescription to have the proposed agenda circulated and the annual report that people may have a chance to have a look on it before the General Assembly already. But I do not want, due to my previous experience, to over-feed members. There's too many documents prior to the GA we can refer to. It will be in the welcome package. The welcome package will be given to our attending ALS reps at the beginning of the week. They will have enough time until General Assembly on Wednesday to have a look on all additional documents we will provide.

Any questions, comments? Then let me ask for the last agenda item, what is point 9, any other business. Anyone want to share some news [inaudible] with us? If nobody is demanding the floor for point 9 on any other business, we are at the end of this September Monthly Call, what was quite productive to me. One of the intentions was really to consolidate the draft agenda. It has been seen and reflected by more than three people, and I think we have now a good proposed agenda we can then circulate on the list.

Thanks very much for your participation at this call. If you have any questions or comments in between or until the Dublin General Assembly, you can share this on our list or send direct mails to Olivier and me, or whoever you want to get involved.

Thanks for attending this call and I wish all of you an excellent evening and goodnight. Bye-bye.

TERRI AGNEW:

Once again, the meeting has been adjourned. Thank you very much for joining. Please remember to disconnect all remaining lines and have a wonderful rest of your day.

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