Michelle DeSmyter: Welcome to the Standing Committee on Improvements Implementation (SCI) meeting held on 07 April 2016. Amr Elsadr: Hi all.

Anne Aikman-Scalese:Hi everyone!

Mary Wong: We had snow for two days up here in New England - a few inches, and below freezing temps!!!

Amr Elsadr:I have a tan. :)

Mary Wong: Ha

Julie Hedlund:Lucky you Amr :-) Our DC weather is giving me whiplash ;-)

Julie Hedlund: Hot then cold then in between.

Amr Elsadr: Sorry about rubbing my holiday in then Julie. If it helps, I didn't get to see any dolphins, which are normally around all the time. ;-)

Julie Hedlund:Sorry no dolphins Amr :-(

Amr Elsadr:@Rudi: Was glad to know you were OK.

Mary Wong: We also tried to make the language similar to the tone of the rest of the Operating Procedures.

Julie Hedlund: And otherwise it is the same as the language proposed by the Sub Team and accepted by the SCI.

Rudi Vansnick:@Amr :thanks and indeed it was scary ... if it happened 2 weeks earlier I was in the airport at that time

Mary Wong:@Anne, yes - that was the main reason why the team felt that keeping the current practice was preferable despite the uncertainty.

Anne Aikman-Scalese: THanks Mary.

Amr Elsadr:If I'm not mistaken, the discussions that took place on this were subteam discussions, not full committee. Right?

Rudi Vansnick:@Amr: indeed in the subteam

Julie Hedlund:@Amr: Yes, but the Sub Team presented its recommendations to the SCI and these were discussed and agreed on in Marrakech as the first agenda item.

Julie Hedlund: With the outcome that the Staff should proceed to draft language.

Amr Elsadr:@Julie: Thanks. And I missed that first discussion in Marrakech!! My bad.

Lawrence Olawale-Roberts:one of the critical points considered was the fact that there could be new information critical to the decision to be made that could nececitate an amendment

Amr Elsadr: That's a good point Lawrence.

Amr Elsadr: Not one that I had previously considered.

Julie Hedlund:@Amr: But sometimes these late amendments have been helpful and have improved the motion.

Mary Wong:@Amr, not a comment on the suggestion but on a detail - 48 hours wouldn't work with the Council's current practice during F2F ICANN Meetings, when they have the Tuesday night

discussion before the Wednesday public meeting.

Wolf-Ulrich Knoben:@Amr: Isn't your policy meeting also used to discuss potential amendments to be submitted by your SG?

Amr Elsadr:@Mary: Not sure how the Tuesday night meeting is a problem. Could you please clarify?

Amr Elsadr:@WUK: Actually..., yes. Another point I hadn't considered.

Mary Wong:@Amr, as in, if SG/Cs discuss the original motion during the day on Tuesday resulting in a Councilor submitting a proposed amendment on Tuesday evening

Amr Elsadr:@Mary: OK..., got it. I can see how my suggestion is really messy. It's helpful to have this discussion.

Mary Wong: Not messy - it higlights the difficulty between preserving flexibility for the sake of Council collaboration versus certainty of a deadline to avoid delays!

Wolf-Ulrich Knoben:So you see: it's councilors' risk...

Amr Elsadr:@WUK: You talking about the board game? :)

Julie Hedlund:@Wolf-Ulrich, that is an error. We missed it.

Mary Wong:@Wolf-Ulrich, you are right. We missed correcting that footnote and only just noticed it too!

Mary Wong: Apologies.

Julie Hedlund: Yes, apologies.

Amr Elsadr: Nice catch.

Mary Wong: Very, keeps us on our toes!

Julie Hedlund:@If there are not changes to the text the next step is to send it out for a consensus call (with the footnote fixed of course).

Lawrence Olawale-Roberts:great, nice to see this gradually moving on

Amr Elsadr: Had bad audio. Missed the last part of what Rudi was saving.

Amr Elsadr: I am not opposed to a consensus call at this time.

Amr Elsadr:Consensus call on list with a two-week deadline, correct?

Mary Wong:@Rudi, the consensus call will take place via the email list.

Mary Wong: Yes, with the usual two week deadline, presumably.

Wolf-Ulrich Knoben:footnote 1!!

Julie Hedlund:@Amr: That is correct.

Mary Wong:With correct footnote :)

Julie Hedlund:@Wolf-Ulrich: We'll fix it before sending :-)
Amr Elsadr:@Mary: ;-)

Amr Elsadr: I would like to take this back to the NCUC during the two week period. Thanks to everyone.

Julie Hedlund:All: I have unsynced the document so you may move through it.

Amr Elsadr:I'm OK with the deadline alternatives in option 2. Wolf-Ulrich Knoben:what's option 2? Alternative 2?

Amr Elsadr:@Mary: Thanks for that. Those considerations also apply to the time needed to go through scenario 3, then failing to appoint at least one interim VC, then moving fwd to scenario 4 as a result.

Rudi Vansnick:somehow i have the feeling considering a period to short to allow people to have access to all information would probably harm the voting process for electing the chair

Mary Wong: @Amr, yes

Amr Elsadr:@Lawrence: If both houses fail to appoint VCs, the council moves fwd with scenario 4, right?

Amr Elsadr: Scenario 2 and 3 are mutually exclusive, aren't they?

Mary Wong: @Amr, yes

Lawrence Olawale-Roberts:@ Amr i totally agree

Rudi Vansnick: what if the vacant VC position is meanwhile filled in by the nomcom appointee ?

Lawrence Olawale-Roberts:can we then say that in scenario 3, where there are no nominations from both houses to conduct an election 14 days after the AGM, the non voting NCA Ssteps in Lawrence Olawale-Roberts:automatically

Amr Elsadr: Apologies. Was dropped off the call. On AC room audio now.

Julie Hedlund:@Amr: What was the language you suggested? Rudi Vansnick:let's handle it in SCI

Wolf-Ulrich Knoben:full SCI yes

Amr Elsadr:@Julie: It was in scenario 3. Replace "which may incldue the voting NCAs" with "from within its respective House". Mary Wong:Sorry, all, I have another call. Thanks for a great discussion!

Amr Elsadr:@Julie: That will automatically include the NCAs in each house, but specify that each NCA can only be appointed by his/her house, not the other.

Julie Hedlund:@Amr: Thanks so much.

Amr Elsadr:@Rudi: Sounds good.

Lawrence Olawale-Roberts: yes and if possible a longer timeframe Julie Hedlund: @Rudi: We will get the call scheduled for 21 April at 1800 UTC.

Anne Aikman-Scalese:Okay I think.

Wolf-Ulrich Knoben:ok

Lawrence Olawale-Roberts:thanks all

Amr Elsadr:Thanks all. Bye.

Sara Bockey: Thank you all!

Wolf-Ulrich Knoben:thanks and bye

Julie Hedlund: Thanks everyone!