
LORI SCHULMAN:

Hello. Welcome to Call #4 as our sub-team Guidelines for Standards of Conduct [inaudible] of exercising removal of ICANN Board members. I have the agenda up. I'm going to give the group a little bit of an update. Then if you have any questions or comments, we can have our discussion.

As I said, my goal is to keep this call to half an hour or under because I know people are [inaudible] Hyderabad, and there's so much to do.

ICANN staff will take the attendance based on the call register. Any changes to the SOI, please let them know.

I want to let you know that after this call, the draft guidelines that we had discussed last week will be loaded into Google Docs. Actually, it's loaded into Google Docs now. Then you can go to the wiki and access and just put any kind of comments, suggestions, any kind of thoughts you have into that. Any and all contributions are welcome.

We also discussed prior to the recording started, so I'll repeat it for the recording, that we are going to take any comments that are on the list [down]. And [Franco] has submitted some comments earlier today. We're going to capture those comments and put them into the Google Doc as well so that we can capture everything into that one place.

I see in the notes that Rinalia said that the Board input might be ready by Hyderabad and says we're welcome to put that into the Google Doc as well. [inaudible] directly to me and I'll put them in the draft. It will be no problem on that [inaudible].

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So there is a draft. Inside the draft, there are footnotes, and each footnote has some of the questions and points that we raised in last week's call. You're welcome to add footnotes or add text comments or redline or do whatever you think is easiest to get your point across.

Okay. Now I had also posted to the list. I submitted my questions to the legal committee regarding the conflict of interest with ICANN in-house counsel reviewing the guidelines. I do believe there's a potential conflict regarding reviewing these guidelines when the in-house counsel reports to the Board. There could be an issue here.

So in my questions, I asked two things. I asked whether or not there was a review of this question of conflict of interest. If there was a review, we'd like to see the opinion. If there hasn't been a review, then we would like that question discussed.

Then I also estimated the time that I thought we would need for a professional, whether it's inside or outside to review the guidelines themselves and offer to this group their expert opinion about whether or not there are legal red flags here, whether or not any guidelines we've developed may be contrary to California law or [practice] [inaudible] legal decisions we may not be aware of that could help us in any way hone our guidelines so there would be no issue that whoever brings a motion to remove a Board member for any reason will be deemed as acting in good faith.

So I got a response back already. Basically, the legal committee has asked for a timeline. I'll give them a timeline, but as I said I think is just two questions. I think one of the questions is: is there a conflict of

interest. And if it has been deemed there isn't, I'd like to see written [inaudible] of that for the team. And then secondly, the actual review. I hope that sounds good to everybody. As I said, the actual text of the question is on the [inaudible].

In terms of Hyderabad, there will be a plenary meeting, so please check the schedule for the entire CCWG. There will not be separate breakouts for the subgroups. However, there will be subgroup reports. My participation will be remote for the first half of the ICANN meeting, but I do plan to submit our report remotely.

I will basically use the report that I submitted to the list two weeks ago with some updates. If you have any information that you would specifically like me to include in the report, if you could post it to the list or e-mail me privately – it doesn't matter which way because it will get into the report – please let me know. What I will do is I will submit report hopefully with enough time for input from the group. I'll do the best I can on that.

I just do want to let people know that [the week, like two days] after Hyderabad ends [inaudible] second largest meeting of the year, our leadership meeting, takes place back here in the U.S. So I am just personally right now juggling two huge meetings in terms of planning. But I will do the best I can to give this group as much advance notice with my report as I can.

Although it does seem that my write-ups are not being questioned, that I seem to be capturing what the group is talking about, so that gives me some confidence here that I am reflecting the discussion accurately.

I also wanted to ask a question of the people on the list, but maybe I should put it out on the call and then maybe put it out to the entire list, whether or not we should have a call next week if we feel with everything that's going on it's worth it to do.

What would happen in that case is the next three calls would probably be canceled. Next week, the week we're in Hyderabad, and then the week following when I'm at [INTA's] leadership meeting. So that would put us back almost a month in calls when you add all that time. So I don't know if people really do want to skip a call.

But I just wanted to throw that out there to the group, and I'll certainly open it up for questions and comments. Thanks. So there are no questions or comments? Does anybody want to add anything to the guidelines? Has anybody looked at the guidelines this past week? It's okay to say no because everybody is busy.

I think it's perfectly acceptable to have a ten-minute call if people feel there's no other business right now. Julf is typing. Okay, well, the people on the call are comfortable. Rinalia, if there's anything to add, I know we're going to wait for the Board input. Alright, I'm going to ask all the people to raise their hands if you'd like me to adjourn the call. Okay, then I will send a query out to the group about whether or not we have a call next week and assume that we will unless we hear otherwise. And I look forward to seeing everybody in Hyderabad.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thanks, Lori. I think you just set a new record though.

LORI SCHULMAN: Well, I'm sorry to be efficient. I know everybody's time is so valuable. No worries. I'm not going to waste people's time.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Oh, I'm not complaining. Trust me. I am not complaining.

LORI SCHULMAN: Thanks a lot.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: [inaudible] everybody if we don't meet next week. Bye.

LORI SCHULMAN: Okay. Bye-bye.

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