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TERRI AGNEW: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the Joint Board Candidate Evaluation Committee (BCEC) and Board Member Selection Process Committee (BMSPC) Working Group Call for Members and Alternates, taking place on Friday, 23 September 2016, at 13:00 UTC.

On the call today, we have Murray McKercher, Gordon Chillcott, Sylvia Herlein Leite, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Eduardo Diaz, Glenn McKnight, Maureen Hilyard, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Yrjö Länsipuro, Jordi Iparraguirre, Alan Greenberg, Louis Houle, Ali AlMeshal, Julie Hammer, Vanda Scartezini, Seun Ojedeji, and Aziz Hilali. Joining us a little later in the call will be Dave Kissoondoyal.

We have listed apologies from Shreedeeep Rayamajhi, Gunela Astbrink, and Carlos Raul Gutierrez.

From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Ariel Liang, and myself, Terri Agnew.

Our Spanish interpreters today are Veronica and David. Our French interpreters today are Isabelle and Camilia.

I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking not only for transcription purposes but also for our interpreters.

With that, I'll turn it back over to Julie Hammer and Alan Greenberg. Please begin.

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JULIE HAMMER:

Tijani was scheduled to kick off our running through the BMSPC Roles and Responsibilities. I wonder if I could ask you to do that please.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Having not prepared and having no documents in front of me, I'd be delighted. The BMSPC, to be very short, is the organization that runs the entire process with the exception of the few tasks that are specifically assigned to the ALAC in the Rules of Procedure. That's pretty much limited to selection of the committees, approval of the rules, and maybe one or two other minor details going along.

Everything else is done by that group that is not explicitly assigned to the BCEC. The BCEC handles the entire process of sending out a request for Expressions of Interest, evaluating them, deciding which ones to put on the final ballot based on their criteria of meeting the minimal criteria plus a judgment call as to what to present to the electorate. Julie will go into that in more detail, I'm presuming. Everything else is done by the BMSPC, which implies setting the schedule, overseeing the process that happens following the BCEC's specification of who is on the slate, and all the way through to announcing the final results of the election.

The timing is one of the critical things because there are a lot of different steps that have to be done in order. Some of the steps have variable lengths to them. For instance, the voting process – if there's more than one candidate of course – may have multiple steps because

the process specified ensures that the final selection is made by the electorate, minimizing the chance that there's any random selection.

If there are a lot of candidates to start with, as we remove candidates, the electorate has a chance to reconsider who it is that they want. So the process can be somewhat convoluted, although in the case of our two elections we've had so far, they both went for only two rounds. Although there was a rerun in one case.

There are a lot of specifics, and they're all in the documentation, but that's really the overview. I'm not quite sure how much more detail I want to go into in this quick overview. If Tijani comes on, he will certainly fill in the details. And if not, when we go back to look at some of the specifics, I'll go over them in a little bit more detail.

Sorry for having to wing this and perhaps not quite being as prepared as I should have been. Back over to you, Julie.

JULIE HAMMER:

Alan, thank you very much. I really appreciate you stepping in at short notice like that, and thanks for a great rundown. Just to cover off now on the BCEC Roles and Responsibilities – and I do recognize that a number of you have actually done this before, so you're actually much more knowledgeable about this than I am – but as laid down in the ALAC Rules of Procedure, our role is to compile an initial slate of candidates for the Seat 15 Board position.

When you look at that in a little bit more detail, that breaks down into a number of different steps. Firstly, we need to agree some candidate requirements, we need to sort out our confidentiality arrangements, agree a process by which we will evaluate the candidate, draft a call for Expressions of Interest, and then actually solicit those Expressions of Interest. We need to then get on and do the evaluation and identify the suitable applicants. Then the second stage is soliciting their references and then deciding on the final slate of candidates.

I'm sure there are some more complex issues to be discussed in those steps as we go through, but as I understand it, that's the logical progression of steps that we need to go through.

I think perhaps when we have our separate committee meetings, that's probably the time to start looking into that in a little bit more detail. But perhaps if anyone has any questions at this stage that they would like to ask or if perhaps anyone who has been involved in past selections, if they have anything that they would like to add that they feel we haven't covered, now might be a good time to do that.

I see Alan's hand up. Go ahead, Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you, Julie. One thing to note that is different from any past rounds, so previous experience will not help in this case, and that's the concept of alternates. I believe the alternates have been invited to this meeting. Is that correct?

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Alan, yes.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yes? Okay, thank you.

JULIE HAMMER: Yes, that's correct.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yeah. In the past groups, there have on occasion been situations where one of the members of the two committees could not continue in their role or in theory was continuing but was not showing up at meetings at all. So there was lack of participation from that region, and that was considered to be a real problem. Yet there was no easy process to replace them.

The work done by the BCEC and the work done by the BMSPC at its critical times is very intense. It's relatively short-lived, but it's intense. And there's no real time at that point to say, "Oh, well, we have to stop for two weeks while we find a replacement."

So what we did when the Rules of Procedure were rewritten is we put in place for each region, for each of the committees, and alternate. That alternate does not participate, is not on the mailing list, does not go to meetings, but can be dropped in if necessary under short notices. So just to be clear, if you are an alternate, it is essentially a standing-by role

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in case you are needed. So just to make sure that we don't have any misunderstanding.

JULIE HAMMER:

Thanks, Alan. I noticed that a couple of the alternates have actually joined this meeting: Murray and Humberto from the BCEC. I'm not sure whether any of the people from the BMSPC alternates – I think Gordon is. So thank you very much for joining this meeting. Murray, please go ahead.

MURRAY MCKERCHER:

Thank you, Julie. I just want to make a quick comment on Alan's clarity, which was very good. There is a fair amount of information on the wiki from the BCEC 2014 which I was involved with which might be helpful. But I wanted to make one comment and, Alan, as an alternate I think if you're not part of the process, to jump in at some date without having certain information about candidates it might be a challenge. I'm just wondering whether the process [inaudible] up-to-date if you're needed as an alternate or whether one should just jump in when it's required. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Julie, may I?

JULIE HAMMER:

Alan, please go ahead.

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ALAN GREENBERG:

I realize in retrospect I either overstated or misstated. How each of the groups handles its alternates really is up to that group. For instance, in the case of the BMSPC where confidentiality is not an issue, the chair may choose to include the alternates in the mailing list or even attend meetings, although presumably not actively participating in them.

In the case of the BCEC, again it's going to be up to the chair to decide or the chair with the group to recommend to the ALAC – the ALAC has to formally approve the rules – how the alternates are handled. Certainly in my mind, it is presumed that the alternates will not be privy to the confidential information that the BCEC will be discussing unless they are called in. And clearly if someone is called in at the last moment, there's going to have to be some intense work getting them up to speed.

I would like to assume that if anyone starts the evaluation process, which is just a few weeks long, that they will continue it. Health and medical problems and things obviously could pop up, but in general it's availability that's the issue. It has not been things like health.

So, Murray, yes, it could be a difficult jump in the BCEC if you were pulled in at the very last moment, but this seemed to be the best alternative. But the actual rules do have to be set by the group itself and not me talking about it. The Rules of Procedure are silent in exactly what form the alternate will be used. Thank you.

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JULIE HAMMER: Thanks, Alan. Thank you very much for raising that. I've made a note that that's something we should talk about in the BCEC and make a decision or put down some guidelines [inaudible] our Rules of Procedure. So I think that's something that we need to think about a bit more, and I can see the pitfalls that you highlight.

ALAN GREENBERG: I will now stop being a surrogate for Tijani and let Tijani take on his rightful role.

JULIE HAMMER: Thank you. Tijani, welcome. Please.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Alan. Julie, go ahead.

JULIE HAMMER: Just to explain where we're at, Tijani, Alan went over the Roles and Responsibilities of the BMSPC in your absence and I've talked about the BCEC. But if there's anything that you would like to mention that you had planned to, please go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Julie, and thank you, Alan, for replacing me. It was a very, very, very heavy rain here. I was in my car, and I was obliged to [change the path several times to attend] my house. Just crossing

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from my car to the door of my house, I am too wet. I am all wet. It's not a problem now. I am here, and it's okay.

I'd like first to confirm what Alan just said. The alternates don't have any role unless one of the members cannot perform, cannot do the job. So the alternates are there. We changed the rules to have an alternate to not be at the last time trying to find who will replace the member who cannot continue. That's why we already appointed them, but they are here today for this call to be informed because this is the call for information, for welcome, [inaudible]. But in the future, they will not – especially for the BCEC – they cannot be informed as the members because there is a lot of confidentiality for this group.

So having said that, I would like to welcome all the members and the alternates of the two committees. Of course, I would like to welcome the members of the BMSPC, my committee, and also the members of the BCEC. We started preparing, Alan and I, we prepared a timeline that we will share with you very shortly. So the timeline for the process will be available very, very shortly. I hope Alan will confirm that because I sent him the last version. And we have to prepare our Rules of Procedure or guidelines or whatever you want to call them.

For the BMSPC, it is not a necessity. For the BCEC, it is really a necessity because in the rules we said that the rules or the guidelines to be approved by ALAC. So ALAC will meet and approve them or perhaps will do a vote – I don't know the procedure we'll do – to approve those procedures, so we have to prepare them.

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I started preparing a set of guidelines based on the history, based on the experience we had during the two last rounds of selection. But I think that it is not enough, and as Alan said several times, the rules and the procedures of the BCEC are the sole responsibility of the BCEC. So what I will provide you with will be only an effort from me, and the BCEC has to [draft] its own rules or its own procedures for the work.

What I can say more? I will stop here. If there are any questions, I am ready to respond. Thank you very much.

JULIE HAMMER: Alan, please go ahead.

ALAN GREENBERG: For clarity, I believe the updated Rules of Procedure – and I don't have them right in front of me – I believe the updated Rules of Procedure specify that the guidelines and processes for both the committees must be ratified by the ALAC. But that doesn't really alter anything. In both cases, the ALAC is not [going] to write them from scratch. They're going to [have to be] provided by the various [inaudible] for ratification or [rejection].

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I confirm, Alan. I didn't say that the BMSPC will not have [any] guidelines. I said that the guidelines that I will provide will be for use by the BCEC so that they get their own guidelines [inaudible]. That is what I said.

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ALAN GREENBERG: No, Tijani, I just was making sure because at one point it sounded like you were implying that only one of them had to be ratified by the ALAC. There's a horrible echo from somewhere. Thank you. That's all. I just wanted to make sure no misunderstandings.

JULIE HAMMER: Tijani, if I can just clarify because we haven't spoken about this offline. Were you saying you were putting together some initial thoughts for the BCEC to then take or were you just putting together some rules and guidance for the BMSPC?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: The guidelines I am preparing are, as I said, based on the historical experience and they are for both BCEC and BMSPC. Sorry.

JULIE HAMMER: That will be really helpful [inaudible].

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay.

JULIE HAMMER: Tijani, did you want to say anymore, or should we go on to Agenda Item 6?

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA:                   Go ahead, please.

JULIE HAMMER:                   Okay, thank you. I've just been trying to get myself up to speed on what has happened in previous years and some of the things that the BCEC needs to concentrate on. One of the things that I had a good look at was the previous BCEC Code of Conduct. What I've done as our initial draft is to simply copy what was put in place for the 2014 BCEC and basically ask the question, is there any need to change that? I think this is something that we in the BCEC can take up more formally in our first meeting when we just meet by ourselves.

But I do have a question I guess for Tijani and Alan and that is, with that Code of Conduct do the members of the BCEC need to formally acknowledge that they commit themselves to that Code of Conduct? Do they need to do that in writing? My second question is, does the BMSPC also have a Code of Conduct or is that not required so much because they're not dealing with the same sort of sensitive and confidential aspects? So two questions there if either Tijani or Alan might be able to help.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:                   Cheryl has her hand up. Julie?

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CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I suggest you two of the BMSPC respond to Julie's direct questions first, and then I'll say something.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. As the BMSPC doesn't have a Code of Conduct, we will have our guidelines for our work. It will be especially to clarify the points that were not clarified for the previous rounds and perhaps to make the procedure more clear for the members.

The BCEC has a different mission because you will select people, you will have an obligation of confidentiality, so you will need this Code of Conduct but not the BMSPC. This is your first question.

The second question is?

JULIE HAMMER: The other question was, is it required or advisable for the individual members of the BCEC to formally acknowledge that Code of Conduct and commit to it in writing, or is it more just a tacit agreement that if they are participating in the process, then by default they are deemed to have agreed to the Code of Conduct? How formal do we need to be in that matter, do you think?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: My understanding is that the members of the BCEC are establishing this Code of Conduct. So they agree on it. They have produced.

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ALAN GREENBERG: Perhaps we should let Cheryl speak who I think will address that issue.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay.

JULIE HAMMER: Thanks, Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you, Julie, Alan, and Tijani. Yes, it was that second issue that I popped my hand up for because [I'm] extremely firm in my opinion on that particular matter. The BCEC, as Tijani outlined, is the one that needs to [inaudible]. Thank you.

If you consider a Code of Conduct, a Code of Conduct is one which is probably critical for the members of the BCEC and, indeed, when and if the time comes the alternates, should they be activated in the processes of the BCEC, need to be both understanding of and in agreement to.

I would strongly suggest, in fact I will fight tooth and nail to ensure – and I have chaired and conducted both the BMSPC and the BCEC in the past, so I do kind of know what I'm talking about here – that the Code of Conduct, and we have our [inaudible] already provided [inaudible].

TERRI AGNEW: We're trying to isolate the line again.

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CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Okey-doke. I'm sure you're working frantically to do that.

ALAN GREENBERG: Cheryl, just to be clear, when the other noise is on, you voice becomes very, very faint, not only disguised but almost disappears.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Well, we'll fix that. Hopefully, I don't need to repeat too much. With the Code of Conduct that we've got for our consideration here, this is a draft. It's one that I would recommend that the BCEC look at and go through and if they are highly motivated to make changes, they do so in short order. But it is one of the most important and first pieces of business that needs to be dealt with.

It will become part of our guidelines and operational procedures. Notice I will try and avoid using the term "Rules of Procedure" for either the BCEC or the BMSPC because I don't want to confuse it with the master, which of course are the ALAC Rules of Procedure and a lot of those issues.

So in terms of our BCEC operational procedure, this Code of Conduct and the draft we have in front of us is vital and critical. I will fight tooth and nail to ensure that each and every member of the BCEC, and as the time comes if the alternates are activated and we now wish to have those in the alternates consider signing up in the first place anyway, do formally give us some sort of undertaking – it need only be an e-mail –

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that they have read, understood, and will adhere to any such Code of Conduct.

We do not have everyone on BCEC listing on this call. Ignorance is no excuse if there's a misconduct during our processes, and the consequences are serious. So, Julie, I would like to have the [Rules of Procedure] of this draft [please] looked at, reviewed, accepted, and then very formally each and every one of us provide an [approbation] that we have read, understand, and will adhere to them. Thank you.

JULIE HAMMER: Thanks, Cheryl. Noted, and that's good advice. Dev, over to you.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thanks. Actually, my comment is Maritza on the Spanish channel has a question. I just wanted to raise a hand for her since she is not in the Adobe Connect room. So Maritza has a question.

JULIE HAMMER: Okay, thank you. I wonder if the interpreter could put that question, please.

MARITZA AGUERO: Good morning. My question is in relation to the alternates. From what I've heard in this call, the alternates of course will not know about certain issues that are very confidential for full members. So the question is – and because I am an alternate, I am in this unlikely case –



and this is the question: what would happen if a full member cannot continue exercising the role that person was appointed to and an alternate member should substitute that other person? How can you validate those agreements reached by consensus and worked on if [we would not have full access to the information]? The Code of Conduct then in that case should be something that could be [solved]. This is just to the idea to have an informed vote. Thank you.

JULIE HAMMER:

Thank you for that question. I think that the issue of how alternates are dealt with and how they might need to be brought in is something that we need to discuss in a lot more detail within our committee, the BCEC, because it's something we have to agree as a group what procedure we might follow there. So I don't have any answer to your question at the moment but just to say we need to explore that together. We should probably include the alternates in that discussion and have it very early in the process.

I can still hear an echo there so if someone has their line unmuted – Alan, please?

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you very much. To be clear, the alternates were a concept which we added to make sure that if we had to add someone in the middle of the process, we didn't have to go through a selection process. So the original plan was envisioned that these people would not be participating just as if they hadn't been picked yet, and they were ready

to slip in if necessary. And, yes, that would require some getting up to speed, which might be easy or might be harder depending on exactly when it happens.

Now that being said, each of the committees may choose to change those rules slightly. The expectation is that we will not be using many alternates – perhaps any. But they are there just in case. So it has to be viewed that way and, yes, there is a potential problem of getting up to speed. On the other hand, having groups of 15 people that are actively all working and contributing would be unmanageable for this kind of short-term process.

So that is process. But Julie is right and Tijani, the group may modify those rules. The only exception I would think is involving the alternates on the BCEC with confidential information.

To reiterate, I put my hand up originally not to answer this question, but on the issue of confidentiality. I will be very blunt. I was a candidate in the last two elections. I should know nothing about what happened in the BCEC. I do know about at least one problem with a previous BCEC because there was a breach of confidentiality, and such that even I found out about it. So this is a serious issue and, as Cheryl said, it's going to be taken really seriously. Thank you.

JULIE HAMMER:

Thanks, Alan.

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Julie, there's another hand from Cheryl.

JULIE HAMMER: Yes, go ahead, Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. Just very briefly regarding alternates from a BCEC perspective. One thing I have considered is that perhaps what we might do in the BCEC is expect that our alternates are part of the process or at least are continually brought up to speed and are made aware of our working operational procedures and how and when we will be doing what. So should they need to be activated, they'll only need to be brought up to speed in terms of where we are in our project and then be able to look at the particulars of where we are with any confidential information.

For example, it would be important that they realize, and also if they were stepping in two-thirds of the way through the process, that we would be expected to already have done, for example, our first [inaudible] and second culling of Expressions of Interest down to a given number and that the BCEC by then would have very early on established a set of criteria, such as how highly ranked or otherwise any particular expectation, desirable trait, or characteristic they're looking for might be mapped or weighted in our processes.

So they should have an understanding of those principles and practices and really only be missing if they are activated on the gory details so to

speaking of the who and the what but be well understanding of the how.  
Thank you.

JULIE HAMMER:

Thanks, Cheryl. That's all good guidance, and that answers my questions. But I think as far as fleshing out all of that process, I think we need to do that within the BCEC and not [tie up] this larger meeting anymore for that. Thank you. That was a great discussion and really helpful for me.

Seeing no other hands, I'd like to now move on to the next Agenda Item 7 and just talk a little bit about Draft Candidate Requirements. I've actually had a look at candidate requirements that were put together for the 2010 and the 2014 selection rounds, and I've just updated them just to a degree. There wasn't actually any statement of candidate requirements that I could find for 2014 but just a discussion paper that talked about the candidate requirements.

What I've used as a basis for this draft is the 2010 requirements, but I have actually checked the new Bylaws and updated the wording under "Additional Bylaw Qualifications" to cut-and-paste the exact wording in the new Bylaws into this. So that's one change I've made.

The points 1 to 5 under "ICANN Directors" that you can see there on the screen were identical in the old version of the Bylaws and the new version approved in February this year.

One of the changes that had been made between the old and the new Bylaws was to delete an item that said “persons who are willing to serve as volunteers without compensation other than the reimbursement of certain expenses.” That has actually been removed from the Bylaws, and I think it must have been done with the introduction of remuneration for the directors. So that has been a change since the last time this happened.

I also noted that under “ALAC-Specific Guidelines” there was one extra one that had been added in 2014, which was “an understanding of ICANN At-Large.”

Again, this is just for information at this stage. This is something that I see us working on in our early discussions in the BCEC just to see whether we need to do much more evolution of this statement. But I guess my question for this group is, who actually approves the candidate requirements? Is this something that the BCEC itself approves, or do we need to send it to the ALAC for approval? I see Alan has an answer for me. Thank you, Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Short of not deleting things that are in the ICANN Bylaws, it is your discretion. Your guidelines and processes are approved by the ALAC – or ratified because I don’t expect the ALAC to reject them unless you have something really dumb there. The details of what is in the call for Expressions of Interest, what the candidates are asked, how you evaluate their answers is your job.

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JULIE HAMMER:

Thank you, Alan. That's a short and sweet answer and tells me exactly what I need to know. Before we move on, I might just ask if anybody else has any comments or questions regarding the topic of candidate requirements.

Okay, thank you. That brings us to Agenda Item 8, "Next Steps." We have three things to talk about there. One is the Frequency of BCEC Calls and the Next Call. What I would like to suggest is that initially at least the BCEC do a Doodle poll to find a time for a weekly call. I will work with staff to get that Doodle poll out. Staff will be having a weekend, but very early next week with a few suggested timeslots and see whether we can find a weekly time when we can meet.

I envisage that I'd like to try and get some work done on the list where we might be having discussions via e-mail, but I'd like to have a regular weekly time scheduled which if we find we don't need to meet, we can cancel. I think that's easier than trying to schedule a meeting when we didn't have one scheduled. I'd rather be cancelling meetings than trying to set them up at short notice.

So from the BCEC point of view, I think we've got quite a lot of work to do quite quickly, but some of that might need me to be putting out some documents for people to look at and certainly Tijani's with some draft operating procedures will be extremely helpful, Tijani. So I guess for any of the BCEC members on the call, particularly people who have

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participated before, I'd just like to ask if you have any comments or questions regarding that proposal.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thanks, Julie. It took me a second to get off mute. Look, I think that's a great way forward. Of course, not only do we have the review and ratification of the Code of Conduct and acceptance I would like to think of the – a mental blank on what you called your [inaudible], but anyway [inaudible].

We also know regardless of when this goes out, we know we have to as a BCEC send out a call for Expressions of Interest. So I'd like to suggest that very early on we also get on with that job of initial drafting. By initial drafting, I mean looking at the two calls for Expressions of Interest that have gone out publicly before and see what if any changes we want to make or do we want to start fresh. Perhaps on our list we could distribute and have also reviewed some initial text for our call for Expressions of Interest. That way, we should start getting ahead of the "administrivia." Thank you.

JULIE HAMMER:

Thanks very much, Cheryl. If there are no other comments, I'll hand over to Tijani to talk about BMSPC calls and what his plans are for next call and for the possible face-to-face for ICANN 57. Thanks, Tijani.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much, Julie. I hope that the audio is better now for the interpreters because I have been sad that my voice wasn't well received.

The BMSPC will hold at least one call before Hyderabad, and surely before 10 October, to discuss two things. First, the timelines that we have to publish. We need to agree on it all together, the BMSPC or the members. Then the second point will be the guidelines. Since the BCEC should agree on the dates of this timeline, I will work with Julie before but I will ask Julie to come to our next call to be on the call also so that we adopt together the timeline as the BMSPC. This is the first thing.

The second thing will be the guidelines. I will propose some guidelines for the BMSPC. I will send Julie the summary of all the parts and the experience that we had during the last two rounds so that she can be inspired from them to make their operating procedures. But for our guidelines, we will discuss it during this call. I hope we'll adopt them so that we can be ready to start our work as soon as possible.

Before Hyderabad, I don't think that you will have more than that. But after Hyderabad, knowing that our work really starts when Julie finishes her work – when the BCEC finishes their work – I don't think that you will have very frequent calls before the final slate will be [ready]. We will have at least two calls before that, two calls if you want to finalize everything to be ready because once the slate is ready, we'll start the work immediately.



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So this is what I think as a program. If there are any other thoughts, if there is any comment or any question, I am ready to answer them. Thank you.

JULIE HAMMER: Are there any questions for Tijani? Seun, please go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay, thank you. Sorry for the noise. I'm on the road. [This is to Tijani.] Thank you very much, Tijani, for the information. [inaudible] is that the drafts be sent to the [inaudible] before 10 October [inaudible] necessary comments [well] before the meeting. Thank you. [inaudible] Thank you.

JULIE HAMMER: Thank you, Seun.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: If someone understood what Seun said, please explain it because I didn't hear him. It was so noisy I didn't understand what Seun asked.

ALAN GREENBERG: Me too. I was going to ask the same thing.

JULIE HAMMER: Seun, would you please repeat what you said? I don't think any of us clearly heard you. Thank you.

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SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello. Can you hear me now? Is this better

ALAN GREENBERG: Yes, go ahead.

JULIE HAMMER: [Much better.] Thank you.

SEUN OJEDEJI: I was saying that Tijani should try to send the documents [inaudible] with the timetable and the [exact] guidelines early enough before the next meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> so we can actually [start it] even before the meeting. Thank you. Did you get that?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you very much. I understood now your question. Thank you very much, Seun. Sure, I will send the guidelines as soon as I finish them before the call. That's sure. For the timelines, I'm working together with Alan and Heidi. When we are ready, when we have something which is nearly the most adequate timeline, I will send it to the list and then we will discuss it during the call. Okay? Any other questions?

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JULIE HAMMER: Thanks, Tijani. That sounds right. I think Seun must be having trouble unmuting.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you very much, [Tijani].

JULIE HAMMER: Right. Thank you, Seun. I think we've overachieved and got through our agenda [in under] an hour. I'd just like to see if anyone has Any Other Business, and I might particularly turn to staff here and see if they would like to add anything. Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, Julie. Hi, everyone. I just put into the chat that the face-to-face joint session of the BCEC and BMSPC will be Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> between 11:00 and 12:30. Thank you.

JULIE HAMMER: Thanks, Heidi. I guess call to anyone for Any Other Business. Tijani, any final comments from you before we wrap up?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, thank you, Julie. I would like to stress or focus on the fact that the joint face-to-face meeting in Hyderabad will be to really finish everything before we start the process. I am sure that the BCEC will be working even before Hyderabad, but it will be a point where we can

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Speak together, see if there is any problem, try to find solutions for every kind of problem we have.

We will have all together the timeline, the comments on the timeline for everyone. Every committee will have each procedure or each guideline so we will be really ready. This face-to-face meeting will be the opportunity for all the members attending face-to-face or remotely to express their point of view and to correct anything that needs to be corrected. Thank you.

JULIE HAMMER:

Thanks very much, Tijani. I'll just make my final call for any final comments. If everyone is happy, we will close the meeting and wish everyone a good morning, evening, and afternoon.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much, Julie.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you, Tijani. Thank you, both of you, for volunteering to do this work.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Our fantastic staff, thank you very much.

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CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yes, indeed, thank you.

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