TERRI AGNEW:	Welcome to the Board Member Selection Process Committee (BMSPC) call taking place on Friday, the 7th of October, 2016 at 18:00 UTC.
	On the call today, we have Shreedeep Rayamajhi, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Maureen Hilyard, Glenn McKnight, Wolf Ludwig, Seun Ojedeji, Gordon Chillchott, John Laprise, Julie Hammer, Dev Anand Teelucksingh, and Cheryl Langdon-Orr.
	We have listed apologies from Baudouin Schombe, Oksana Pryhodko, and Ali AlMeshal, as well as Heidi Ullrich.
	From staff, we have Ariel Liang and myself, Terri Agnew.
	I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. With this, I'll turn it back over to you, Tijani. Please begin.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:	Thank you very much, Terri. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. This is the second call of the BMSPC. The first one was a joint one with the BCEC. The first one was more for [inaudible] introduction from the organization for everyone, for all of the members and the alternates.
	For this call, I also invited the alternates to be present because the two documents that you will discuss today are important for both members and alternates. Those two documents, first of all, you have the agenda. Do you agree on the agenda? Is there anyone who wants to add

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something or to, perhaps, discuss an element of the agenda? I see no hands, so I continue.

Today, our main agenda points are the discussion and the adoption of the BMSPC guidelines and the timeline for the whole process. For your information, the guidelines for the whole process has been developed by myself. I discussed it later on with Alan Greenberg and then I sent it to the BCEC, the Chair of the BCEC, Julie Hammer, because the guidelines should be also [inaudible] and adopted by the BCEC.

The BCEC sent me, two days ago, their approval of the guidelines with small modifications – not small modifications, but it's managing [inaudible]. Because it is their work, they didn't want to make a separation between some [fields] of their work, so I accepted as they wanted but now we will begin to discuss first the timeline so that because we have the duty to adopt it before the 10th of October.

So today, we will discuss it. If there is [inaudible], we will do it together today and then we will adopt it so that we can publish it on the 10th of October.

I sent both documents to the whole list including the alternates and they received only one comment from Baudouin Schombe. I will speak about that when we discuss the guidelines because his remark was about the guidelines and not the timeline.

Let's begin by the timeline. You have it on the screen now and you have received it. If there is any remark, any comment, please go ahead.

I see no hands. That means you approve it, you find it well. I know that Glenn approves it. Baudouin also approved it. Those are the two only comments that I received on the list.

Okay, John approves it also.

Seun. Go ahead, Seun, please.

SEUN OJEDEJI: I approve of the timeline and subsequent guidelines as well. [inaudible] my stand. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you. Is there anyone who objects? Please, if you object, make a cross, a red cross. I don't see anyone.

Maritza, go ahead please.

MARITZA AGUERO: Hi, all. Good afternoon. Can you hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I hear you very well.

MARITZA AGUERO: Thank you, Tijani. I was wondering one thing. For me, timeline is okay so it looks fine for me. But I read timeline and the guide list and know what's considering and [inaudible] coming on the chat. Sorry?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Can you repeat, please, the last sentence?

MARITZA AGUERO: Yes. I put a comment on the chat that says that if timelines is okay, we can reflect that point in the guidelines. In fact of saying before the 1st of May, we can put that date specific in the guidelines. That was just my comment. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Maritza. The date of 3 of May was the date, the last date, the deadline for giving.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello? Excuse me? Can you hear me? I can't hear anything again. Hello?

TERRI AGNEW: Hi, Seun. We can hear you. Tijani, sorry for interrupting.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: [inaudible] connected person to be member on the Board on behalf of the At-Large because it must be six months prior to the end of the AGM, of the [inaudible] 17th.

There is a problem on the phone too.

MARTIZA AGUERO: Sorry, Tijani. I did not hear very well your comment. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Terri, can you fix it?

TERRI AGNEW: Yes, Tijani. Go ahead and switch over to your Adobe Connect and mute your phone. Let's see if that's a little better for today's meeting.

Tijani, I see where you lost connection on your Adobe Connect as well and we'll have the operator dial back out to Tijani.

In the meantime, would anybody like to step in and continue the meeting for Tijani while we try to get him back?

ARIEL LIANG: Sorry, Julie just raised her hand, so Julie, please go ahead.

JULIE HAMMER: Thank you, Ariel. I just thought for the benefit of the members of the BMSPC, I thought I would explain the change that we did make to the time, what the merge was that we did. We made a decision that our process would be that we would call for candidate references at the same time that we called for candidate applications, that is all of their paperwork including their references would be submitted all in one big hit. That being the case, we didn't need include provision to subsequently go out after the receipt of candidate applications and seek references directly from the nominated referee, so we were able to

merge that whole process which gives us more time to do our evaluation and more flexibility.

So I just thought in the interim, while we get Tijani back, that I would explain that that was the difference, that we put into the timeline. The dates didn't change. We just took out two entries and merged a lapsed period. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Julie.

SEUN OJEDEJI: I'd like to take the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. First of all, do you hear me?

TERRI AGNEW: Tijani, I can certainly hear you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you very much. Okay, so I guess I heard you, Seun. First of all, I'd like to thank Julie to explain the changes they made on the timeline. They didn't make change on the timeline. They only merged two or three lines on only one line. It is their work. They wanted it to be only one line all together, merged, and it is their work, their preference

and we cannot comment on it. So I personally agree on it. I see that the majority of the members agree on the timeline.

Again, and for the last time, if there is someone who objects to the timeline before I give the floor to Seun, please speak. Yes, I see Glenn, and I have Seun. So Seun, please, and then Glenn. Seun?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay, thank you. Can you hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. I just wanted to point out that this is what Julie just mentioned, just like the timeline is not in sync because I see that there is actually a separate date for call for following up with referees. So is there an intention to update the timeline [inaudible] so that everything will be merged together? Because I also think, I also personally support the idea of making the call for [inaudible] the application as well. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I am sorry, Seun. I'm afraid I didn't understand your remark. Can you please make it clear and simple?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello. Can you hear me clearly?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, I hear you but I didn't understand what you mean.

SEUN OJEDEJI: What I mean is that the timeline that was shared as deadlines for submission of candidate's reference to be December 7th for submission and November 18th that does not seem to be in sync with the submission. If I get what Julie is saying right, they intend to push the call for referees and submission at the same time. Are these not ending the same time or is it just put it at the same time or not to end at the same time? That was the question. Thank you. Did you get that, Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, I see that. But now what the BCEC did is to meld the two periods so that now you have only one line. The deadline for the submission of the EOI is the 18th of November and then the BCEC will announce the slate of candidates on the 20th of December. So in-between, they will do what they have to do.

For us, as BMSPC, we don't have anything to say. Glenn, please go ahead.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Hi. I'm just looking at the document on the wiki, there is one section in the document, the last document, some technical problems faced during the 2014 selection. There was a document posted by Robert Gaetano on the list of technical problems and my questions to this, to

yourself, Tijani and [Jane], were these actually implemented in the revision of this standing committee or it's not an issue for us?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Let me open the guidelines so that we speak on the same document. One moment, please. Okay. Here we go. Okay, you said at the end of the document.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Yeah. If you look at the wiki. Okay, it's not a number. It's just the last item, one, two, three, four five, yeah. The fifth item, it's called "Technical Problems Faced During the 2014 Selection".

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, yes. Okay, I understand your question. Those problems, this list of problems, have been transmitted to the staff since last year and I made a reminder just before the process started and it is something which is related to the work of the BCEC. It was the remark of the former BCEC Chair and so Ariel who is in charge of this process responded and she is now in contact with Julie Hammer because inside those problems, there are problems with the process, for example, the submission of EOI, the submission offer, and etc.

And those are things that are confidential. I cannot be part of it. We cannot be part of it. This is BCEC stuff and Julie Hammer is dealing with Ariel to have everything fixed before they start their work. Julie is here. She can say two words about that if she wants. Julie?

JULIE HAMMER:

Thank you, Tijani. Just to clarify something for Seun first, Seun, I think you might be looking at an earlier version of the timeline. The most recent version of the timeline has [inaudible] entries there, so I think you, perhaps, need to look at an updated version of the timeline.

Secondly, to Glenn's question, Ariel and I and Cheryl Langdon-Orr are working with Ken Bauer who provides support for the NomCom on using some very much more updated tools of the NomCom adapted to our process to support the submission of [inaudible] applications and their evaluation. And these tools have been dramatically improved in the last couple of years by the NomCom and we're well progressed in work.

Ariel has been doing some fantastic work behind the scenes here to actually improve and update and resolve all of those problems that were encountered last time. In fact, Ariel and I are working on that together immediately after this meeting and I believe that we will address all of those issues and have a much, much smoother process this time. So thanks for the question, but we're certainly working on all of those and I think they'll be resolved.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much, Julie. The next one on the queue is Alan Greenberg. I suppose that [inaudible].

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. Tijani, you generally said everything I was going to say but I'll say it in another way. The concern of people in this group regarding the BCEC timeline and BCEC tools and such is noted, but the BMSPC explicitly does not have responsibility for anything associated with the BCEC and the BCEC has signed off on the timeline. Everything else is within their domain to either fix or live with, so I think we need to focus on the BMSPC parts of our job. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Alan. Thank you very much, Alan. Yes, Ariel. Go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello. Hello, can you hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: A moment, Seun. A moment, Seun. Ariel will speak before you. Go ahead, Ariel.

ARIEL LIANG: Both Seun and Tijani, I just have one question about the wording of eight and nine. It's about BCEC publication of call for EOI and deadline for submission of EOI.

So based on a conversation I had with Ken Bauer yesterday, we thought the word EOI can maybe a little bit confusing or can cause some misunderstanding because, in fact, when we use the tool for letting applicants to submit their applications, it's not really an expression of

interest. It's more like application and [inaudible] first need to indicate their expression of interest to apply and we will generate this application form for them to submit.

But I don't have a concrete suggestion now. I just wanted to let you know about our input on this, so I hope it makes sense. Yeah. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Ariel, for this comment. And I come back to Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI: I'd just like to make a clarification. What Ariel shared as the timeline is most likely the old version. That is why I was a little bit confused and I think Julie has made the clarification. So it's not about challenging what the BCEC has decided. It's just that I was looking at the wrong document. It was not in sync with what Julie was saying, so I wanted to be sure. Thank you, Julie.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you, Seun. And Ariel, please send a link to the new timeline, the timeline that Julie sent a few days ago.

ARIEL LIANG: Sorry, Tijani. I believe I sent the latest version today and, in fact, Seun said he couldn't open the spreadsheet or the spreadsheet displayed in the wrong format so I converted into Google Docs and he acknowledged

receiving it so that's the latest version and it's also linked [to the agenda]. And I'm happy to send the original spreadsheet version too, but it's already been sent to the mailing list, the latest version.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Ariel, the one [which is] on the agenda today is the old one. Can you please replace it with the new one? Thank you.

The next on the queue is Alan Greenberg.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. Just to note, the term "expression of interest" is used within our Rules of Procedure and that is what it is called. I hope the tool that Ken is working on is flexible enough to change the title from "application" to "expression of interest". If not, then we have an interesting little problem but that is the term used within our Rules of Procedure. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Exactly. I do think so. There is not another application than the expression of interest that we had on our white paper.

Anyway, let's go back to the queue and the next one is Julie Hammer.

JULIE HAMMER: Thank you. I was going to say we could change that to "candidate applications" but now having heard Alan's remark, I take note of that.

We'll leave it as "expressions of interest" and Ariel and I can re-use that terminology on the tool. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. Thank you, Julie. Cheryl, please go ahead. Cheryl, you might be muted.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. I totally managed to get off mute. Yes, I was muted.

The term, the use of "expression of interest" is not a problem. As I point out, it's probably an expanded work of art anyway in the world of these types of applications within ICANN. The mere fact is that it is a split process now and that the "expression of interest" triggers a link to an application is not an important issue nor does it have an effect on our process or timeline.

But the Rules of Procedure call it "expressions of interest". We need to stick with that. And the fact that the EOI then prompts the filling out of an application really doesn't matter. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Cheryl. Any other comments?

We are ahead of time. I don't see any hands, so as you have seen, the guidelines is a compilation of all the articles of Rules of Procedure that impact the process of the selection and also everything that we face during the two last rounds of selection, if you remember, people who

were with us last round, when we wrote the report, we tried to find solutions to all problems that we faced and some of the articles of those Rules of Procedure came from there. Not the Rules of Procedure, I mean the guidelines.

So the guidelines is more or less a compilation of the Rules of Procedure and other articles that are imposed by our experience for the two last rounds of selection.

I hope that those guidelines will be sufficient in the future so that all the upcoming rounds will not face any problem because everything is there now except if something new is raised and this is not impossible.

Okay. For your information, since we said in our guidelines and our Rules of Procedure and also in our guidelines, that if we don't have time to make a tie-breaking election, a tie-breaking vote, or if we did it already and the tie persists, we will go to the random tie-breaking. And we said that this random tie-breaking should be, how do you say, verifiable. Everyone can verify it. It shouldn't be something that's hidden that nobody knows about it and people who say, "Oh, perhaps you are gaming the process."

So now I am working with Alan Greenberg to have it detailed and I will add it to the Rules of Procedure so that in the future, everything will be written and you know what kind of random process we will use to make the verification possible to everyone.

So I think this is everything I can say on the guidelines. The timeline is clear. I think this time we started sufficiently early so that we avoid to work during the vacation, during the holidays, especially the end of year

holidays. Last time, Roberto Gaetano and his team, BCEC, worked during those holidays which is not good, I think, for everyone. So this time, we started earlier so that we avoid that.

Any other comment? Any other thing?

Alan, do you have something to add?

ALAN GREENBERG: No, I don't think so. The only thing that is still to be provided, but it's something that we don't need for many months from now is the details largely that will go to Ariel or whoever is setting up the big pulse votes for the exact parameters that will be used to implement what is in the current guidelines. So there's nothing that needs to change in the guidelines, but if I die soon, we want to make sure that that's covered because in the past, there has been some confusion over what methodology to use for the actual votes. The Rules of Procedure have been updated so they're very explicit, but now we have to translate that into the exact parameters that are used within big pulse to implement that.

So that's to come and that will be coming over the next couple of weeks, and well in advance to allow the test votes to be done to make sure there is no hiccups or problems with it. I think that's the only other thing.

This whole process, we've now done it twice and Tijani ran one of them. It's not a particularly complex process and I think the work of this group is going to be particularly easy, so there will always be some hiccups and

decisions that will have to be made. The issue of how to involve the candidates with the electorate to have interactions and interviews or whatever method is chosen is one of the things this group's going to have to work on. But again, we're talking a long time from now and I feel very comfortable that Tijani has everything pretty much under control.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Alan. And for the interaction between the candidates and the electorate and the guidelines, I made it clear that the procedure of this interaction will be decided with the candidates and approved by the BMSPC.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yeah.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Because the problem, last time, was that the BMSPC decided on some kind of interaction and the candidate didn't agree with them. So this time, we will start with the candidate first and see what they want as interaction tools and then come back to our BMSPC to approve or to modify or to say something.

ALAN GREENBERG: And you will note in my comments to you, I said that paragraph is exactly what it should be.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. What else we can detail more. I don't think there is more things to say, so I think, perhaps, this call will be shorter than we planned for it. As BMSPC, we will not meet or we will not have a call until Hyderabad. In Hyderabad, we will have a joint call, a joint meeting, with the BCEC and it will be the last one as a joint meeting. And then when we approach the date of delivery of the final slate of candidates, we will start having our calls with a regular pace. Excuse me.

So this is everything I have to say. If someone has a comment or something like this, please go ahead.

I see no hands, so I think that we will adjourn the meeting. Thank you very much, everyone, who participated in this meeting. I am happy to see that our two documents are adopted. So on Monday, we will publish the timeline as it is on the timeline. We put on the timeline that the publication of the timeline will be on 10th October, so Monday.

And for the guidelines, it is adopted so we are ready to work. Let's start. Thank you very much. Bye-bye.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you, Tijani.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you. Bye-bye.

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Bye.

TERRI AGNEW: And once again, that does conclude today's conference. Please remember to disconnect all remaining lines and have a wonderful rest of your day.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. Bye-bye.

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