
EVIN ERDOĞDU:

Good morning, good afternoon and good evening everyone and welcome to the APRALO monthly call on Thursday 18 May 2017, 06:00 UTC to 07:00 UTC. Today on the call we have with us Satish Babu, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Holly Raiche, Maureen Hilyard, Shreedeeep Rayamajhi, Pavan Budhrani, Tomohiro Fujisaki, Lianna Galstyan, Kaili Kan, Hong Xue, and Aris Ignacio. With apologies from Suhaidi Hassan, Kelvin Wong, and Yasuichi Kitamura.

On staff we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Evin Erdoğan, who will also be doing call management. Sohaib Saleem has just joined us as well. And with Chinese interpretation we have Jessie, YiYi & Ray. I'd like everyone to please state your name for the record, not only for transcription purposes but also for the interpreters. And with that I'll turn it over to Satish. Thank you so much.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much and welcome to this monthly call on 18th of May 2017. We will get started right away because we have a number of items on the agenda and just enough time.

First of all we would like to welcome the new members who have joined us since our last call. We have two new members, one is an ALS and the other is an individual member. The ALS is the Internet Development Initiative, IDI, from Georgia. And the person that we've been corresponding with is Vladimer Svanadze. I'm not sure if Vladimer is on the call but on behalf of all of us in APRALO I'd like to welcome Vladimer to APRALO and of course to this call. The other new member is an

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individual member by the name of Faheem Soomro, and Faheem is from Pakistan. And Faheem is on the line today and I'd like to welcome you, Faheem, to APRALO and to this call.

Our first agenda item today is a review of our Membership Pipeline which is the applications which are under processing. I request Evin to give us an update on the current Membership Pipeline.

EVIN ERDOĞDU:

Hi everyone, great. Thank you, Satish. As you mentioned, we have a new ALS, Internet Development Initiative, from Georgia, and a new individual from Pakistan. And currently we are waiting regional advice on ALS structure, our Armenian Internet Traffic Exchange Foundation, or ARMIX, which is based in Armenia, as well as the Cyber Café Association, or CCAOI, from India. And due diligence is being completed by staff for (inaudible) and it's also based in India. Individual members, we are processing (inaudible) from South Korea, and pending feedback from an applicant who expressed interest from Australia, Nick O'Donnell. Thank you, that's all from my end.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Evin. So we have three ALS's and two individual members who will be likely joining us over the next month, most likely.

We now move on to another very important agenda item, which is the At-Large Review. I hand over the floor to Holly who will be updating us briefly on the At-Large Review.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Thank you, Satish. Where we're up to, the ITEMS has issued their final report on the 5th of May. It's available and we've all had a look at it. I have to say there are not too many major changes from the past versions. The next steps are the actual leadership team of the Working Group on the review will be meeting next week really just to draw up what tasks are ahead of us now and what timelines.

The main task will be to draw up a Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan which will also have to include the ALAC responses to the recommendations of ITEMS, including indication of whether we accept the recommendations or not. Whether we've already undertaken what they suggested or not. And to the extent that we don't agree, why we don't agree and what we're planning to do about it.

So there's a fair bit of work ahead. The tentative date for evaluation is probably September. We're not sure that we're going to clarify that it next week's call. We've sent out a call for the membership of the Working Party for this second phase. So far, the people who are on the working group have all indicated that they would wish to stay on for this phase which is fine. But that's where we're up to. Cheryl, do you want to add anything?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

No, Holly, I think that covers it. Cheryl for the record, by the way. I think it's important to realize that this is now where we get to specifically detail what we will and will not be recommending to the board that we implement, and also therefore is a good opportunity for

accepting what we agree should be accepted, modifying what we think should be, and above all trying to get good outcomes out of this. So it's opportunity as well as work. Thanks.

HOLLY RAICHE: Yes, agreed.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Holly and Cheryl. I think these are very important points raised, particularly as related to the final implementation of the recommendations. So we look forward to the next step from the At-Large Review Working Party and the team. Are there any comments or questions on the At-Large Review? Not seeing any hands we now move on to our monthly Policy Update. I hand the floor to Holly, Maureen and Kaili for the updates.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. Maureen, I'm going to let you take the (CROSSTALK).

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Satish. I think I've actually been given that pleasure. Thank you, Holly. Firstly just going through the statements that have already been approved by the ALAC, that means that we've actually voted on them and they looked (inaudible). If there are any questions on those, please just put your hand up and ask. The ones that we're really concerned with at the moment of course are the ones that we're actually drafting and we're really keen to get comments on is the

second list. Holly is actually involved in the first one and I think she might want to say something about that one.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Yeah, the first one, and Kaili's on the call so he may want to join in as well. This was the review of the Consumer Trust, Consumer Choice, looking at the new gTLDs. Looking back and seeing whether in fact the criteria that were set, which was competition, consumer choice, consumer trust, and the report that's come out, we have had a lot of comments. Kaili's had some comments as well as has Carlton, both of whom were on the team. I've put together a lot of comments. Really, the stress that we've laid is the impact on end users as opposed to the outcomes for the industry itself.

And probably the first comment is that there is a lot of information that simply isn't there. The study that it was undertaking, very early the (inaudible) said, well, we actually didn't know how to assess whether there was consumer trust or not, so right away one third of the metrics that was really going to impact on consumers, we don't have information. So, our probably overall comment is there's a lot of information still to be had and we would like that information.

I welcome any further comments but I think we're now in the process of almost voting on it. We've had comments and we're simply finalizing those comments. People are welcome to read it. The report itself is a fairly lengthy one, it's probably about 160/170 pages, but it does make interesting reading. And Kaili, if you want to add anything to what I say then please do. Thank you.

KAILI KAN:

Yeah, thanks, Holly. First of all, I fully agree with what Holly mentioned. There was not sufficient data to reach conclusion. This being said, one side of ICANN which whether ICANN is surely for public users which is for the end users in turn in order to collect data or it is for DNS industry itself. This of course is a long time debated issue, but this is something that we need to think about and start (inaudible) to do about that.

Also, about the report itself, as Holly just mentioned, it is indeed pretty long, it's well over 100 pages, but on the other hand a lot of effort was put in, so I would say that based on the current available data it was very comprehensive. Well, there are at least two points that really would concern us as end users. One issue is attention of (inaudible) trademarks of brand names. Well, due to the new gTLD program, the gTLD has been 20-something, over 28-somethng, when directly, you know, we're well over 1,000. And that has for many of the brand name owners who registered that name in (inaudible) of the new gTLDs, okay?

Of course, most of end users, we do not register domain names ourselves, however, we can imagine that those brand name owners, after they have spent a lot of money, sometimes well over a million for this kind of expensive registration, of course that cost is going to go transferred to us as the regular consumers and end users. So this is one issue that directly concerns us at At-Large.

The second issue is that at any measure it is well recognized that well over half of all the gTLD registrations in total, but especially over the last two or three years, over half of those registrations are so-called parked

for various reasons. However, the (inaudible) of a registration by that name, also there is an overwhelming amount of those registrations are for speculation. And it is important that many of those parked domain names are being used for, I will say, undesirable activities, for example, phishing, for example, money laundering, and so forth. Those would directly harm us as the end users.

So, especially that is from China, that over half of the new gTLDs are from China, and overwhelming those registrations in China are parked, some gTLDs even well over 90%. So this is an issue that directly relates to us as end users at At-Large and so I would highly encourage everybody to look at those issues and especially to have those issues included within this draft report (inaudible) as a multi-stakeholder organization, ICANN as well as (inaudible) composed of multi-stakeholders. There are sectors who will resent the DNS (inaudible) but we have to fix it, within that report. So I highly encourage our people to look at those issues and then comment on them and include that in our APRALO report. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Kaili. I think it's really important that we have got a very comprehensive report and the statement has been submitted and I think it's really important that if anyone from APRALO is interested in this area that's able to do (inaudible) got a comment to make, please do.

Okay, moving on. The next one is the Deferral of the ccNSO Review. And the ccNSO of course was due for review just as the ALAC has gone

through theirs, and they decided that they wanted to defer it because they know there's quite a lot of work that they had to do beforehand and the ALAC statement actually supports their decision. So, we are currently, I've got a feeling we're actually voting on that one already, so that's done.

The next one is the GNSO Community Comment Number 2 on the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process. And that is a biggie, I'm in charge of that one actually. And there's actually four sections and this big number of people that we've got here already have taken the lead in establishing some sort of like starter tech for our statement in each of those different sections.

And I would encourage anyone to please have a look. Section one is on the Overview and the Applicant Process and if anyone's interest (inaudible) strength and tensions which was (inaudible) area that Alan Greenberg has made some comments on. And the fourth one is on IDN's which Satish and Andrei have drafted some comments for that too. So we've got a few more days yet so if anyone would like to contribute to that I'd very much appreciate it.

The next one, Cheryl, would you like to just give us an update on the SO/AC Accountability statement?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Well, in fact, I'm not in a position to do so. I am aware that as the person who heads up the part of the cross-community working group that set out those questions, that we are keen to get feedback from obviously the ALAC and any or all of its regions. I don't think it's

contentious that the questions were important. We had a public comment period which will be ending very shortly and I'm assuming that Alan, because I keep saying to people I'm not going to draft something that I set the questions out and made the recommendations for in the first place.

So it shouldn't be contentious, I don't think there'll be much feedback coming from the At-Large Advisory Committee for the public comment on this. It talks about, for anyone who hasn't looked at it, it talks about improving accountability of each of the SO's and AC's to its component part, in other words, those who we are gathered together in our form to serve. It mentions at a lighter level, a sort of overview, that we also need to start sharing best practices between the AC's and the SO's.

It steps back to a relatively lighter line than having a highly formalized cross SO and AC inter-session that allowed accountability to be discussed where the accountability was between the organization at this stage. Some of the SO's and AC's are less comfortable with that than others, although ALAC was perfectly comfortable with having a regular sharing of best practices. So the only slightly contentious text in our documentation is around that point.

So I'm just assuming that the At-Large Advisory will go, yes, that all sounds very good and we would be happy to have a regular/as needs interaction opportunity between the SO's and the AC's. If APRALO wishes to put in its own comments they'd also be more than welcome. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Cheryl. Yes, we've just recently had a meeting, like this morning/last night, I had a meeting with the GAC and I think one of the things that was important was that they too are very keen to maintain some regular communication between the ALAC and the GAC, and as we do, with ALAC and ccNSO. So it's really good and important that we maintain that dialogue.

The final one that's in the public comment that we're actually involved in at the moment is to do with the .NET Registry Agreement, renewal of this agreement. And it's a contract between ICANN and Verisign. Anyway, we've had quite a bit of discussion recently about which sections of that agreement took the eye of the ALAC and it's to do with pricing, so there will be statement that will go down over the next few days before the 30th of May. So, before the 30th of May it's a good idea if you have a look through the policy documents and see if you can add or at least learn more about what the statements are trying to (inaudible) from the ALAC.

The other sections we've got here are (inaudible) public comments that we just decided that we won't submit any statements on because they're not sort of like end user related. And there's others that we still have to make decisions on which I don't (inaudible).

But one of the things that I would like to draw your attention to is that we've been having webinars, the At-Large Capacity Building Group has been holding webinars on ways in which ALAC responds to public comments and how ALS's can actually be engaged more in this whole communication of public comments experience. And I was actually sort

of like using the information from the webinars, created web e-books which still have to be transferred to ICANN.

But in the meantime, I'm just giving you the link to our sort of like informal APRALO website which has a section on the e-books that have been produced. So these two in particular I feel are really important for APRALO to catch up on. One of them is, the ALAC one was done by Ariel and Alan Greenberg, and the one on ALS Contributions toward Public Comment and just general engagement was done by Alan and Olivier Crepin-LeBlond. So I really recommend that you have a read through them, especially if you were not able to attend those webinars. They actually have the transcripts and the presentations that we did.

So that's all from me. Are there are any questions or queries on any of that? That whole policy thing of course (inaudible - 00:25:18). Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Maureen. A very useful input and good to see a lot of policy activities happening. And also thanks for the e-books which will be definitely very useful for people who have missed those webinars.

We now move on to the next item in the agenda which is the Leadership Selection Process in APRALO which is currently ongoing. This is a process largely run by staff and we have Silvia who will be updating us on two points. The first on the selection process, and second on a recent decision that ALAC took which APRALO also agreed to on the matter of endorsement of candidates. Right, over to Silvia.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you very much, Satish, and this is Silvia from the staff. And so I will update you on the selection process, the Leadership Selection Process in APRALO. The nominations period ended on May 12th and the process is started on May 1st in conversation with all the other RALO's.

There were four positions offered for nomination in APRALO, the APRALO ALAC member, APRALO Vice-Chair, the ALAC Delegate to the NomCom representing every RALO, and the APRALO Secretariat, however, this is an appointment so it's not an elected position. And in this regard APRALO took a ballot decision, the APRALO will let us know in due time when indeed this position is to be filled.

So, we have all nominees who are seconded nominations and we have one single candidate for the following position, APRALO Representative to the ALAC, Maureen Hilyard, and APRALO Vice-Chair, Lianna Galstyan. So in this case APRALO could already confirm these candidates as the elected candidates as it's usually done by consensus. So we stand ready to hear from you on that.

Then we have the next is the APRALO Representative to the NomCom. We have four candidates for this position. Nadira Al-Araj, Rao Naveed Bin Rais, Fouad Bajwa and Bikram Shrestha. In this case APRALO has the option to elect one candidate or to submit the four candidates to the ALAC. This is in accordance with the ICANN Bylaws, Article 7, Section 6, of the Bylaws which state that the ALAC shall, after consultation with each RALO, annually appoint five voting delegates to the nominating committee. And the ALAC practice is that if the ALAC is offered any

recommendation it must take them into account but it is free to follow a specific recommendation, or select from multiple recommendations, or even ignore them altogether. So the vote will start from May 22 to May 26 and the newly elected representative shall be seated at the ALAC (inaudible) sessions during the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

So that's all from me, Satish. Are there any questions?

SATISH BABU:

Yeah, thank you, Silvia, are there any questions on this? So the current situation is that we have for several positions only one candidate and we will be very happy to kind of declare them elected by consensus, by (inaudible) acclamation. But we have a process required for the one position which is the NomCom, which I would that we have a discussion between the leadership team and we will come back with the process. Our options had already been outlined by Silvia. We can either do a process in APRALO, a voting process, and then forward one name. Or we can avoid any voting and forward all the names.

In all cases, ALAC has the ability to decide from this list that we are recommending, or from outside, to appoint a NomCom member for (inaudible). So I am personally very happy that, I mean, the most difficult part of the process is over and now it's just a matter of following on through the process. So we have time to decide on the NomCom candidate, a few days, and we will make the announcement together in one shot.

I also had to mention something about another point which is related. ALAC has sent us an email saying that they have decided in ALAC that when a candidate is nominated, either self-nomination or by someone

else, that is a usual process wherein community members all say, I support, I like this candidate, and so on. And we have a lot of emails coming in. So ALAC felt that that process was not necessary and just one person seconding the candidate would be sufficient. And then they asked APRALO whether we would like to follow the same or follow the traditional system.

And after some discussion we said we would like to follow the ALAC recommended pattern, although it is not binding on us, so we said we would like to follow that. So while we had a bunch of community members endorsing the nomination, we're only recording one recommendation or endorsement, unless it's taken for granted. The reason what ALAC has told us is that in some cases this may dissuade or discourage those community members from contesting.

I see Cheryl has raised her hand. Please go ahead, Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you very much, Satish. I raised my hand earlier but I'm going to respond to the very last thing that you mentioned there with the ALAC way of doing things, in terms of if people go, oh yes, I support, I support, I support, that that will somehow make others fear or be concerned about doing self-nomination or nominating other people. I'm afraid if the people don't have enough intestinal fortitude to self-nominate, or nominate someone who agrees to be nominated under those circumstances, they don't deserve the role in my opinion, and I've not been a supporter of this spineless way of doing things that the ALAC currently practices, but that's just my personal opinion.

And to that end I'm perfectly happy for only one name to be recorded as the seconder and equally delighted to see when and if the list, in its various ways, likes to encourage or support whomever we put forward from our region because we need more people in our region stepping up to leadership, that's for certain. I put my hand up however, not just to criticize a current way of the ALAC doing things, although I am always tempted to do that when the urge takes me, I put my hand up because I wanted to mention at this meeting, at this time, to the leadership team that I'd like to encourage them to seriously consider just putting all the names forward for the people who have been nominated for the Nominating Committee position, to 2018 NomCom.

As you rightly pointed out, Satish and I assume, Silvia, the ALAC can do exactly as it pleases on all of this. It can certainly appoint even a name that we don't come up with, and I see little point in us going through an electoral process when, even if you only put one name forward, they could choose from the list that they're aware of, or choose from outside totally. So I just think it would be expedited and certainly perfectly reasonable if the leadership team just simple put all the names forward. And whether you do that in a preference order or an alphabetical order, I'm not fussed about, but I'm aware that the ALAC will exercise its rights quite carefully on this. Thanks.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Cheryl, for that very valuable input on both the points. The point regarding the NomCom, yes, it is simpler for us to forward all of the names, of course, in alphabetical order, not in any order of

preference, because the preference would mean we have to consult the community.

So what I suggest is that we will discuss among the leadership team one quick round and then decide on the course of action which might well be the course of action that Cheryl just proposed. So, Nadira is saying that maybe we should just mention the number of supporters. But the actual issue is that we do not want to subvert the election process if it is there, so the nomination is just a matter of record that we assume that this person has the minimum backing required to contest for a position. By recording the number of people who support, first of all, one person might support many people for the same position and so on.

Secondly, it does not really add value, or in a way it tries to subvert the election that might follow later. So, I think ALAC suggested a particular way how we had to follow ALAC recommendation, but we will discuss this matter of whether we should count the number of supporters. We will suggest it to ALAC and see whether they will support that. Cheryl also says that supporters make no real difference. Okay, so are there any other questions or comments? Anything else that anyone else in the community would like to know about the process? Not seeing any hands.

We will then go on to the next item in the agenda which is Organizational Matters. We had two important organizational matters for discussion. One is the General Assembly coming up in October and we wanted some committees. Some community members have volunteered for these committees. And now what I would suggest is that as soon as the election results are announced, although the formal

instating of the new committees from the ICANN 60 meeting, we would I think induct the people into the new team and get going immediately.

One of the issues that we are facing now is regarding outreach, which is the second point under the same agenda item. So, I would like these committees to start their activities immediately and that we would like some more volunteers. In fact now I see that Silvia has put me in several committees. That doesn't really work because we need more community members to participate.

So I would invite once again any member of the community, should they wish to participate in the process of organizing the General Assembly for ICANN 60, where all of you will be present, representing your ALS's, please volunteer in the link that Silvia has given us, or Evin has just forwarded, and put your names down there and we will activate these committees maybe next month, maybe by June.

Another issue is that we had done a survey of APRALO members and the survey was last month actually. Now, we have downloaded the preliminary information from the survey and what we find is that we have 35 responses from 18 countries.

Silvia, Lianna says that she had volunteered but her name is not there in the list. Please sort it out with her and put her name up.

Yeah, coming back to the survey, we see that 27 out of 50 APRALO ALS members, the organizational members, have responded. About one or two individual members also have responded, but we didn't really tabulate individual members, we were more concerned at this point with the ALS's. Now, it is good to note that we have slightly over 50% of

ALS's responding but we are even more concerned that a large majority, about 47/48% have not responded. It is quite likely that some of them are not so active, they are dormant, whereas some of them are active and they may need some reaching out from our side.

So, this is an extremely important thing for us because we have our GA coming up and we do not want a GA with lots of our members missing. Plus we have also decided that we will only invite the active ALS's to the GA. So what I will now suggest for once the election is over and the incoming team is all ready, that we contact the ALS's by phone, by email, by any means possible, and ensure that they are able to participate.

And we would also like to request the community to help us with contacting the ALS's in your region, your country. Pavan has already kind of volunteered to help out. So is there anyone who can help us in contacting the dormant ALS's? We will kind of use their services. Now, we have a bit of ALS's that have responded, I'm not sure whether Evin will be able to put it up on the screen. If it's possible we should take a look. If not, we will have a more detailed presentation on this matter in the next meeting with the full set of details on who has and who hasn't and so on. Evin says it will be uploaded. So, in the meantime, are there any questions, suggestions, comments on this matter? I don't see any.

Okay, the list of the... now, that one APRALO comment is an individual member, so there's all the... so these are the people who have responded. And of course we have the big list of our members which is about 50 strong now. So this is just for your information. This is a preliminary kind of presentation. We will come back with the—yeah,

Maureen has suggested that everybody on the call should put down their name as a volunteer. I would welcome that. Please do.

Right, so, mindful of time today and we're mindful of the fact that we have a guest with us who is going to talk to us on behalf of the Community Onboarding Program, I will move on. If there are any questions on any of these matters please contact us by mail, even if you don't have time here today during the call.

So, we now go on to a special item. Beran, are you on the call? Beran?

BERAN GILLAN: Good afternoon, yes, I am on the call.

SATISH BABU: Yeah, please go ahead, Beran. You have your seven minutes now.

BERAN GILLAN: Thank you, Satish. Good afternoon, everyone. I'll cut that seven minutes down to five because I know you are pressed for time. (CROSSTALK) I don't know if the slides are up.

SATISH BABU: Yeah, the slides are up. Please tell them "next" when you want to change the slide because right now you're on the (inaudible) slide.

BERAN GILLAN:

Excellent. So we'll just delve right in. Evin, so you can go to the next slide. So basically I just want to give a short introduction on what the Community Onboarding Program is. What we're trying to do is to bring together all the different onboarding that is going on in the different communities who are working with Janice under the DPRD program. And it's a multi SO/AC cross-community affair. We have a mentor and mentees from each of the SO's and AC's.

And we're working together to develop a toolkit for each of the SO's and AC's to be able to help onboard people in the different communities. So what we have been tasked to do, our mentor is Dev Anand Teelucksingh and I am a mentee and the second mentee on the At-Large is Isaac Maposa. So the plans are to come up with a different document, an e-book, and any form of apparatus that can help new people coming in to be able to come into At-Large easier and in a more seamless fashion.

And the reason for this whole mentor/mentee approach is because they wanted to pass on experiences both from the experienced community member as well as someone that has already entered the community, what the experience is and how the system can be made better. Next please.

So the different stages of At-Large that we have is, what we came up with is we want to promote At-Large first of all to the users or to the incoming people then they would understand At-Large, join At-Large and engage in At-Large. So, in order to do that the first step of promoting At-Large is basically going through the challenges of At-Large. What are the challenges? What challenges do we have in getting

people to understand what At-Large does? How do we get people to understand that internet policy affects them as end users? So these are the things that we asked ourselves when we developed some of these questions. What are the relationships? What do all these things mean to an ALS sitting somewhere in the middle of Africa? Why would they care that these policies affect them? Next please.

So what we decided to do is we developed a series of ordered lessons. So it will be in the form of a toolkit and possibly most likely will be uploaded on the ICANN Learn platform where it will be transformed into a module so to speak. And people can go through it and teach themselves or be taught depending on how it will be used. So the next point here is the At-Large structure representatives can also use it not only to train people within their ALS's, but also to use it for themselves as well. I mean, we'll be able to provide for it to be available both online and offline to allow for those that have connectivity issues to be able to have access to it. Next please.

So, how do we overcome these challenges that these people have? "Oh, the internet policy doesn't affect me. How does DNS affect me? I don't want to know anything about DNS." So, what we've done is we've started from the basics. Basics that you need to know to engage and to remain engaged hopefully, within the community. So we started with the basics like, knowing what the DNS is and how it affects you and what it entails. And then the second thing we dealt with was policy because ICAN, a lot of it is about policy. If you don't know what the policies are, what we're working on, your input would be very limited.

So that was one of the things that we also really came up with. And then the next step we said, following that you know about DNS and you know about policy, the next thing you would need to know about is At-Large. What is At-Large? What do we do? Who do we represent? What do we try to work on? The structure, organizational structure, things like that. And then from there we would now go to the next level of actually navigating At-Large.

Okay, now I know what At-Large is, I know what the DNS is, I know what the policy challenges of ICANN are. How do you I move around in this huge organization? What do I need to do to be engaged? How do I remain engaged? How do I get the leadership position? That's where the working groups come in, the Adobe Connects come in. How do I use Adobe Connect? How do I subscribe to a mailing list? That's the last part of engaging within At-Large.

What we also do is we tailor make our documents to fit three different people. Not only that are coming into ICANN fresh, but we're also taking into account people that are already a member of At-Large, they're ALS's, so they may not need to know the basics, they already know the basics. So what we've done is we're going to tailor make it in such a way that we're able to take into account the people who are coming in fresh, the people who have been around but need a bit of polishing, and then the people who have been around but don't know anything about At-Large, and are ALS's in other SO's and AC's, and want to know more about At-Large. So that basically caters for every single question that could be coming into the At-Large, through the At-Large door, at different levels of understanding. Next please.

I'm sorry, I may be moving ahead of my slides.

Excellent, okay, so these are just the next two slides are just snapshots of what some of the things that we have in documentation regarding, What is the DNS? And the 8th slide, next please.

Is just a snapshot of the policy issues that we feel are basically currently top policy issues that we're discussing within At-Large, and snapshots of what they are. Next please, that's the 9th slide.

And that's the introduction to At-Large snap shot, and then it basically tells you what we've covered within those documents, within that document of introducing At-Large, how we (inaudible) the structures of the RALO's and how we explain how to engage and how we explain how to join the working groups and community activities that we have running.

So, just to wrap up, next I think on the last slide, basically this is what we have at the moment. We have about five or six different documents that we're working on. It's on the wiki. Evin or Silvia, if you can help me paste the wiki link on the chat, I would appreciate that. And this is wiki, we basically have all our documents listed there from the beginning when you start all the way to the end of engaging within At-Large. So what we've done is we're reaching out to the RALO's and the rest of the At-Large community to basically also look at these documents and see what we've missed out, the holes that we have and if we have to fill those holes along the way so that we make the onboarding newcomer experience as seamless and as easy as possible.

Thank you, Satish.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you very much, Beran, for that very informative presentation and for the slides and for the wiki. We don't have much time for questions but I have a very quick question. During the APRALO discussions there was a request from the individual members for kind of a booklet on exactly the same thing that you mentioned right now. You know, what is the APRALO, how does one work with it, and so on, these questions. So, in what format are you putting out this information? So there is obviously a website and a web kind of a thing, do you also have some other presentation as a booklet or a poster or something like that?

BERAN GILLAN:

Well, right now we haven't looked at posters but these are the types of ideas that would be great to have and bring on board and be able to utilize. We're looking at e-books, that's one of the platforms we're looking at. But anything that can basically make it more accessible would really be welcome. So I would note that down that it's something that we would look at if it's something that the ALS's are asking for, then it's probably something that most of the ALS's across the RALO's would appreciate.

I just wanted to throw a question out there. I do know that you did a capacity building session at the last ICANN meeting and I heard it was fantastic, and maybe if I can be pointed to the people who actually worked on that document and that presentation, maybe we'll be able to glean a few ideas or things that we could take off of them. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Beran. Satish here. That would be Holly who organized the session in Hyderabad. So please contact Holly for any support. Yeah, Holly, please go ahead.

HOLLY RAICHE: Beran, send me an email, I'm happy to send you any and all stuff that I did and I'd welcome any feedback.

SATISH BABU: Right, thank you, Beran, for the presentation. We now move onto the last item on the agenda which is an update from the NomCom which will be done by our NomCom representative, Amir. Amir, over to you.

AMIR QAYYUM: Yeah, okay, thank you, Satish. Can you hear me?

SATISH BABU: Yes.

AMIR QAYYUM: Okay. So it will be just a brief update of current NomCom activities. As you all know that NomCom 2017 started with an additional responsibility of selecting two positions for the PTI Board of Directors. There's one seat for a two year term and one seat for a three year term. And the remaining were the routine positions for the ICANN Board, two positions in ccNSO Council and GNSO Council and ALAC. This year we

got more than 130 total candidates and then the initial phase ended the day before yesterday on the 16th of May.

Then we did the shortlisting of candidates and it was a very nice (inaudible) by all the team, all the NomCom members, really going through the profile of each candidates and discussing bit by bit which aspects of the candidate profile are supporting for the position they're applying for and which are not and I mean, really discussing very diligently.

And now the next phase is that these shortlisted candidates will be interviewed. Or you can say we will be starting the stage of the deep-dive. Many teams have been formed who will be deep diving and exploring further these profiles of candidates whether they match or they are adequately suitable for the position they are applying for. And not only these NomCom teams will be doing the deep-dive. Another organization that is hired by ICANN, or contracted by ICANN, will be also doing the interviews of these shortlisted candidates. And then at the very final stage, final selection will be done. So this deep-dive phase is starting maybe today and then it will take about one month for exploring the profiles of shortlisted candidates only. That's it.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Amir, for that bit. I'm sure that this is a kind of grueling time for the NomCom members and (inaudible - 00:56:48) really hard phase of work that is coming up, so thanks for that. Thanks very much, Amir, and we now move on to the last item on the agenda which is Any Other

Business. Does anybody have any other comments, suggestions? We have a couple of minutes.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello, Satish, this is Silvia.

SATISH BABU: Yes, Silvia, please go ahead.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, just a reminder to everyone about the webinar. I believe there was an email which had the subject line, "Cancellation", it's not canceled. So please, a reminder to join this week's webinar on "Privacy and Data Protection. Impacts on end-users, At-Large community and other sections within ICANN." That will be on Thursday 25th of May from 05:00 to 06:00 UTC. And the speakers will be Mary Wong, Senior Director and Special Advisor for Strategic Policy Planning, and Holly Raiche, member of APRALO and the ALAC. So, thank you very much.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Silvia. I request everybody in the call to please attend this very important webinar, which is get a partner in this webinar. I see Lianna has raised her hand. Lianna, please go ahead.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Thank you, Satish. This is Lianna Galstyan speaking. I would like to share with the community about the initiative we have done for the SIG,

School of Internet Governance. I'll talk about their (inaudible) on the call but now we launched this program for students of Armenia. It will be in Summer, the week of July, and I would like to ask Maureen, and will send a link for the activities list.

About this school, we will have speakers mostly from Armenia but we will also have international speakers from ICANN, (inaudible), IGF Secretariat and (inaudible) Organization. And after the results, when we've finished this school, I will share the results with the community. This is an update from me.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Lianna. This is a program that is supported by APRALO as well. So we have come to the end of our time. Are there any last comments? Not seeing any hands. I would like to thank everybody for having attended this meeting. I would like to thank staff and also the Chinese interpreters for being on this call. So we will get back for the next month which is going to be very important, the new team will be taking kind of their roles and all that. So, thanks again and see you soon. Bye-bye.

EVIN ERDOĞDU:

This call is now adjourned. Thank you very much for participating. Please do not forget to (inaudible - 01:00:05) and bridge. Thank you all for joining and have a wonderful rest of your day.

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