
HEIDI ULLRICH: ... the agenda. I've added a little bit more information, including very importantly the links to the fiscal year 17 and fiscal year 18 requests, and very importantly is the approval language. 'Cause that's gonna be the driving force of how it's implemented. So if you haven't done that, particularly for the fiscal year 18, do take a look at that link. It is a full implementation work space and I have put the key, the introduction for what the request was as well as what the approval language was. So, you'll see that it changes significantly, actually.

MARIO ALEMAN: Hi, everyone, hello, Heidi. This is Mario.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, there we go Mario. Let's go, Mario.

MARIO ALEMAN: Thank you. So it's now 08:00 UTC with nine minutes, the scheduled start time, good morning, good afternoon and good evening everyone, welcome to the NARALO Tribal Ambassador call from Phase Two Friday, 19 May 2017, at 08:00 UTC hours. On the call we have today Judith Hellerstein, Loris Taylor, and Matthew Rantanen. On the staff side we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber and Mario Aleman, myself.

And on the bridge we have Glenn McKnight, and we have no apologies. Oh, apologies from Eduardo, actually. I would like to remind all the

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participants, please to state your name before speaking, and with this I would like to turn it back over to you, Glenn.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: I think that I'm actually chairing the call.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, Mario, Judith is going to be chairing the call now.

MARIO ALEMAN: Okay, Judith, thank you. You can go ahead, please.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yes, so thanks so much for coming to the call, this is Judith Hellerstein. This call is interesting because we see funding for the excellence special budget request that Loris and Matthew had done on the global indigenous mentors program. And so this call is trying to figure out how we're going to go forward on this and where we're going to go from now. So, that's an introduction. And I think -- well, on the agenda is that Janice and Siranush are going to review the support that's going to be granted under the special budget request, so I'll turn over to them for that.

JANICE DOUMA: Hi, this is Janice. I'm here. It's Janice, can you hear me?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yes, we can.

JANICE DOUMA: Okay, great. I'm actually going to -- I'll just give a short couple of words here just about the program in the past, and then we'll be handing over to Siranush to talk about our fellowship guidelines and the expectations for the Ambassadors as Siranush is completely at this point managing the fellowship program. Just so everybody knows, it'll officially start July, as a new fiscal year, but as far as she and I are concerned, she's in the driver's seat from this point forward with the fellowship program. And by the way, she's co-leading the entire newcomer program with Deborah Escalera who is the manager next generation programming in the Next Gen program.

So, I encourage you, anything that you need from a fellowship perspective, you can go directly to Siranush; anything that you need for the Next Gen program, you can go directly to Deborah and I will always be behind the scenes with them if they need any support, but they're both terrific, so thank you all. The outreach committees and such really work well.

The pilot Tribal Ambassador program was extremely successful with its collaboration with the fellowship program, to the point that one of the first two tribal Ambassadors, April Tinhorn, is now attending the Johannesburg meeting as an alumni of the fellowship program.

So, what it means is basically, Siranush will explain what it means to be taken under the fellowship guidelines, and to be a fellow and to get the final certification as a fellow and therefore you would always become

an alumni of the program, which affords you some different things. So, Siranush, do you just want to go over with everybody some of the basic expectations from a fellowship perspective for an ICANN meeting?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, can you hear me? I was muted, sorry.

JANICE DOUMA: Yes, I can hear you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: So, one more time, welcome everyone. Yeah, actually fellowship criteria and fellowship expectations are all posted in ICANN's website and we have criteria for selection. And as you may know, that since ICANN 55 we don't have any restrictions on the regions, and North America particularly is a part where people can apply for the fellowship.

So, it is already global and it's open for everyone, and like the one which is upcoming for Abu Dhabi, we also shared this information that the application is open for everyone, everybody can apply. Or ICANN Johannesburg as we agreed on Tribal Ambassadors as they came, not through the fellowship application, but they came through the budget request, special budget request, At-Large request, we consider them as alumni and requested them to apply for Johannesburg if they are interested.

And with great pleasure, I would like to let you know that April was selected, April actually applied and the selection committee selected

her for being a part of the fellowship alumni, Tinhorn Jebber. So we'll see her again coming back to Johannesburg ICANN 59. The expectations are that we usually have this application process, and then vetting process by our global stakeholder engagement team, and our policy staff.

And then, the selection committee, five people, five members, who are doing the selection, and one more time with another great pleasure, I would like to let you know that starting from this round selection, committee one of our members is from North America, so this is for the first that we also included the selection committee member from North America and I'm sure that many of you know ICANN Wiki Dustin Phillips, and he will be one of the members of the selection committee for ICANN 60, Abu Dhabi.

So this is also another great expansion of the program, not only for the applicants, but also for the selection committee, so we now gave the opportunity for the local so called North American local person also to be there and to bring the perspective of that region also to the selection committee. As for expectations, for the fellows, every fellow selected first should go to the expectations that we have initially set for them.

This should be fully engaged in all the activities, pre-arrival to the meeting so this is working with travel team, this is working with local FTM teams to start their visa processes, to help with their ticketing, etcetera. But six weeks prior to the meeting all newcomers also should be assigned to a coach, so every single time this is a coaching program which we started three years ago and this is now the usual process for every single newcomer.

So, six weeks prior to the meeting the coach is assigned and they are passing through this coaching program, with ICANN Learn, with ICANN Multi stakeholder model with all the learning process to be ready at the meeting to fully engage into the activities. On site we have mandatory fellowship meetings where they should come, including the newcomers' day.

And the expectation is also that they should participate during the whole week at the not only mandatory fellowships meetings, but also in the sessions where they are interested, based on their sector and country. We also connect them with the global stakeholder regional team, and for every meeting global team is meeting them in person, it is they are trying to meet them in person, if no, there is a connection through email.

And all the fellows who complete the one week participation later should submit the report of the same expectation was given tribal Ambassadors for April and Valeria, and they submitted their reports, they got the fellowship certification, as we usually do for every single person who, after completion, successful completion, and completion of their report they are getting their certificate of participation of successful completion of the program.

So, and then, we encourage them to be engaged in the local activities by connecting, as I said, before, at the meeting, by connecting them with their GST members, and we encourage them to continue this collaboration, to be involved in local strategy development, local activities, hosting the meeting, and getting support from the regional team there. So, these are the main expectations for the fellows, and we

use this expectations for every single person who is selected to be a fellow. Any questions on that? I'd be happy to--

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yes, this is Judith Hellerstein. I have a question.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, I saw you put who is the member from North America? You mean for the selection committee?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: No, no. Yeah, no. My question is I think one of the questions we had is that at least we heard from the two tribal people we had on, that they were confused about which sessions are mandatory, which sessions are recommended and the also we didn't even have them come to NARALO sessions because they said, "Oh, we can't go, we are in sessions all day." And I think there was a confusion by what is mandatory, what is recommended and somehow North American staff did not get recommended and they were not able to come. And maybe we could get some clarity on that?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, thank you for the question, Judith. We usually have mandatory sessions, we never had mandatory sessions for the whole day. So, we have assigned two hours per day for every single community representative, community leader, to come and talk with the fellows, this is some kind of private meeting with the fellows for them to

understand that community; specific, particular community, for them to understand this multi-stakeholder global model. And we encourage them out of those mandatory meetings go and participate in their sessions of their interest.

So, they had clear agenda sent before the meeting, and also updates every single day. Letting people know that these are the places where you should be, so these are mandatory ones, for you to have at the end of your week as a capacity building process you understand the whole model. We are not focusing for any single person that you should go to At-Large, or you should go to ccNSO or you should go to GNSO, this is the mandatory part, that you should be with the fellowship program, to understand the whole model. But if you're interested to go At-Large, you are more than free to follow the sessions in At-Large.

Probably NARALO session was at the same time when fellowship mandatory session was there. This is something we can think about for future, but this is not the place where we are telling them, "You shouldn't go for this, or you shouldn't go for that." This is we are encouraging them to follow up with their sessions of interest. So, if responded to your answer?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN:

Yes, thanks, Siranush. I think there was a lot of confusion with being at the first time. And I think it'll be easier, I think once now this time, it'll be easier, because we can get some of that stuff done ahead of time, and also we can get them on they weren't originally on the Facebook

page and the WhatsApp group and so I think we can get everyone on that page this time and it'll be much easier. But I think--

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

All the fellows, Judith, are just to tell you, whenever the selected fellows are finalized, we are establishing the Facebook group for them, and every single person is in the group. We also set up the WhatsApp group but this is again, this is within the fellowship program. If you, in NARALO, for example, have your own Facebook group and would like to invite people who are selected fellows from your region, and you are interested to invite them, you feel free to create your own Facebook group, but all the fellows are in their specific, assigned Facebook group and we are sharing every single outreach event taking place during the week, ICANN week, and encourage them to participate.

We cannot force them to go somewhere for the first timer, it's always difficult to find the right place to be, so we encourage them to go to different sessions, to find out, maybe they first were interested in NCUC, but listening and hearing about the NCUC they might go to At-Large, to find out more fit into that group. So, this is the way how we work, we encourage them, and we share all the outreach opportunities with them.

If you have any outreach events planned, you can, in advance let me know, work with me, that you have this information and I would be more than happy to share this with all fellows, and you will get not only people from North America, but you will get all those people who are interested in At-Large to come, to hear and to express their willingness

if needed for further participation. So, this is the way how we can improve to some extent the collaboration with all the At-Large in general, but also per region as well.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Thanks, Siranush for that, I also wanted to turn to Matthew, 'cause he had a question and wanted a response, so Matthew?

MATTHEW RATANEN: This is Matthew Rantanen, for the record. So, I just wanted to make an offer that since Loris and I, are somewhat well versed in ICANN now, have been around for a couple of years, it seems to me that having NPM provide mentorship services, because tribal to tribal is an easy understanding from the new tribal fellows. We're certainly offering that support at the ICANN level to be able to help tribal US, but also indigenous world level do this stuff. I also attended an IGF where we did an indigenous track in Istanbul, where the indigenous groups got together and worked on global strategy for indigenous so I have some experience there as well.

So, I'm offering that up and just wanted to make sure that was an opportunity. And then, also as before, it would be very beneficial to have a report by the fellows that was reported out to native public media and obviously NARALO, but that also one that we could share for the national congress of American Indians, which I sit on the, I'm a co-Chair of the Tech and Telecom subcommittee there and I can present to that group as well as the general sessions, 360 tribes, so that there's a little more traction here.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: This is Judith, thanks so much. And Heidi, I know has another question.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Well, I have a question -- Yes, Siranush, I don't know if you want to go first? If that was in direct response to that? And then I'll go after you, Siranush?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Okay. Thank you very much. Yes, Matthew thank you very much, actually this is really very important, to know that tribal to tribal perspective is really important. For the tribal Ambassadors of ICANN 57 we assigned a coach, as usual process for all as coaching program, usual fellowship coaching program. And Maureen Hillyard from Pacific Island actually the perspective of another small country person was given to them and Maureen did amazing job of the coaching, then not only to the At-Large, but also through the whole ICANN multi-stakeholder process. And encouraged them to participate in ICANN Learn, Maureen also, as a coach, was in our special coach high group and Facebook group and they were discussing what are they sharing with so other coaches, what are they doing.

And the coaching process at least, what I have seen from the reports of those two tribal Ambassadors was really appreciated and it was helpful. And we will continue this assigning the coach process as we now have this as a process, as I told you. So, we are happy to involve them in the fellowship coaching process, from the starting, from this six weeks prior

to the meeting, as we did with ICANN 57 tribal Ambassadors. There are related to the report, actually, they sent their report to Glen, if I am not mistaken, and then I received also their report.

If NARALO has from fellowship perspective reports were good, they featured all their understanding and further steps to be improved, if NARALO has any comments for their improvement from the regional perspective they are actually under your budget request, so you were free to go back to them and request for more input. But we can work this again, together, if needed.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN:

I will turn to Heidi, but I think, this is Judith again, one of I think questions that we also want to figure out is the ability to get them housed with the other fellows in the same housing, and also in the same way so that they can get more valid experience, and that did not work out so well the first time. But I'll leave it to Heidi and you to figure out how to work it this time, but I want to call on Heidi now, for her question.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Thank you, Judith, I have just two questions. One is in the selection of the mentors, so again, my understanding, Siranush and Janice, is that what's being offered is that for ICANN 60 Abu Dhabi and ICANN 61 Puerto Rico, there's gonna be funding for one mentor at meeting? And two fellows? I mean, to make it easy, would it be possible to have Matthew and Lorin to say they're going to cover one of those meetings

each, and let them decide which ones they want to do? Or does there need to be a selection process within At-Large?

And then, the second question is because the original fiscal year request this year was for to make it more global, the program, and that including some indigenous people outside of North America, under the approval text would of those two fellows going, could one at each of those meetings be from outside North America? Or do they need to be from the North American region? Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

I will start my response, but Janice probably may add. Related to the coaching, we are selecting coaches out of the pool of applicants, who applied, actually if those who are interested to be a coach, they should apply for the meeting, through the fellowship application process. And put there that they would like to serve as a coach. We usually assign one coach for three maximum three newcomers, this is up to three. If we don't have enough pool of coaches, we can assign from the community, like we did last time for several fellows, we had based on their sectors, we requested different people from GAC, from ccNSO, from business sector of their business constituency to be a coach for that particular person because he or she is interested in that specific sector.

So, I also would like that all those who would like to be a coach to apply as a fellow, Janice might add for that, but coming back to Judith's question, that it would be good if they were housed together with the fellows, I completely agree. Being in the same place is always helps, but

for ICANN 57, as the budgets were different and they came these two Ambassadors, tribal Ambassadors came through At-Large budget, and At-Large housed them in another hotel, then the fellows, we can beforehand discuss with Heidi how we can, where we are going to place fellows and probably those tribal Ambassadors who would place out of the special budget would be placed together with fellows in the same hotel.

JANICE DOUMA:

Yeah, and this is Janice, I'll just follow up. Advanced planning with Laura, from our hotels team is the key. So, we will simply add that to our notes, that we are going to have whatever number, supported by the SO/AC, these slots, these individuals need to be housed with the fellows. We can get that done easily, quickly, this is way advanced notice for her to be able to do that. So, we'll wait till she starts her exercise there close to the Abu Dhabi.

For the coach situation, so we do the alumni coach in our application system so that we validate that this person has had prior experience, coming up from a newcomer in the fellowship program, that they have a breadth of ICANN experience. That they can help guide the individual into the right places and give them opportunity for networking and all that kind of thing.

So, this is an unusual situation, though, and I hear what Matthew's saying, and certainly we always appreciate someone volunteering their services. And I think there could be a good match here, someone who has a foot in both camps as it were. And so really understands the

Native American tribal perspective and where they're at with their knowledge of ICANN and what they need for their own come back home go forwards and things like that.

But I would like to have Matthew paired up with a fellowship alumni coach, so that that individual takes him through the fellowship experience right on, but I think this would be a great collaboration, a great partnering, and I see that Matthew applied for ICANN 60 so we'll keep a good eye on that, that is one way to try to secure some travel funding.

But it is out of our hands, in that it is a selection committee based on very specific criteria, which again, is on the fellowship website, you click in and see the applicant criteria, you can see the questions that are asked and you can see the selection committee and what they ask. That being said, I think that we can further keep talking about this situation to see if we can ease up some of the funding a bit, a little bit of a cross-over for the fellowship program, if Matthew doesn't get the fellowship on his merit, through the selection committee.

Then, Siranush and I can leave this open door to come back and have a discussion whether as a co-coach we would fund Matthew, because again, I wouldn't do this normally, but Matthew has great experience at ICANN and so he knows about ICANN but more specifically he really understands the needs of his particular community, so that's why I think in this kind of a case, we would partner the two for both levels of experience.

JANICE DOUMA: I'm finished by the way.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yeah, that's great. Janice this is Judith again, thanks so much for that. I guess our question and then maybe we're not understanding is that the special budget request provided funding for one mentor. For one mentor.

JANICE DOUMA: Right, so Judith, what I'm saying is I feel like the pilot program was very successful and I feel that I understand the special budget request, I got it, I reviewed them 50 times myself with some of the other team members. What I'm offering is that Matthew is going to apply, maybe come into the fellowship program, which would be a great experience for him to see ICANN from a different perspective, the lunchtime download sessions, and meeting other members of the ICANN community from a chair by chair perspective. I think that could benefit him, so we'll see how the application progresses from that, but I understand that, understanding what the budget is, from special budget requests I'm just offering as we get closer, what if you get some really excellent candidates, what if we, as a team, decide team, being all of us on this call.

Decide Matthew didn't get the fellowship but we want to have him be a mentor but we found two other stellars, or three other stellars and how do we do it? We should all get back together again, and we should all kind of chat about perhaps shared resources, the up and up transparent, right way is to come through the application system and be

selected through the independent selection review. But again, this is a different kind of a program, under an SO/AC budget request, and based on its success and us trying to get into the North America market now that the fellowship is open, I just want to leave the door open for us to have further discussions on how to best support this, going forwards.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Judith, it's Glen, can you hear me?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yes.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Okay, can I say something?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yes, go ahead.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Okay, thanks everyone, Siranush and great overview on the fellowship program. And I just want to reiterate Matthew has been at ICANN meetings, he's been deeply involved and a great representative for the community on everything from broadband issues for First Nations, or American Indians, but I think he's got a much broader perspective on indigenous people around the world, so yeah, I look forward to seeing Matthew involved.

So, I just want to make sure I have clarity. So, we last time, with the Ambassadors, we went through the process of the application and vetting the individuals, so in this case, all we're doing is promoting but we're not accepting the applications, we're not on the selection committee? So, is that correct?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN:

This is Judith, no, Glen, I think that's a different question here, I think there's two questions here. And maybe we can clarify on them. So, under special budget request we, in cooperation with Janice, who was on our team, created an application that mirrored the fellowship one. And then we sent that out, and we got responses and then we evaluate them, along with Janice and some others. Is this process going to continue for these two ones are selected, or is it your own process, and I think that is the clarity that Glen and I were asking about.

JANICE DOUMA:

This is Janice, I'm going to jump in here just really quick and say yeah, okay. The best way is always through the ICANN fellowship application system, because then everybody's information is there, it's in a database, we didn't have the time and you came up with a great mirrored application for the tribal Ambassadors last time, Judith, which worked perfectly. 'Cause you took from our cue card and then made it for your own.

If we can as Glen said, we're just now in the start to market stage and all that kind of thing, is we can keep you aware of the opening, closing date of the fellowship applications which will be posted an announcement on

the homepage, when it opens. It would be cleaner, better, more transparent to have these applications in the fellowship application website. I think that would be the great way to go forward.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Okay, so have you already closed Abu Dhabi? Or 'cause we are just opening it, we haven't even opened Abu Dhabi and I guess I'm unclear on that.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: No, Abu Dhabi is closed. This is Siranush. Abu Dhabi was open in January, the application was opened in January and it was closed if I'm not mistaken in March. If I will be more clear on the dates, I will tell you.

JANICE DOUMA: I was just trying to make the point that in the future it'd be cleaner to keep this program running as long as the special budget requests support it, which I hope they do, because I was chatting separately with Heidi, we need the capacity building in North America and for the indigenous nation.

So, hopefully on the merit on that some SO/AC requests coming in for FY18, well, FY18's done, but FY19 and such will have advanced notice in order to be able to get them into the application system. So, I just want to say in the future, I think that is the right way to go to support the program and have all the files in the database, but for this one, we

certainly have to just punt, like we did for the last one, there's no stress to it at all, no stress at all.

You've got your slots, we're just going to see if we can help you to get closer to Abu Dhabi, depending on how everything turns out, so we'll just remain in support, but let's look to the future and hopefully this capacity building program will continue and you know, it may come to the place in another year or two, where we've all done such a fine job, between Chris Mondini's office, NARALO and its amazing outreach committee, and the fellowship and Next Gen programs, we might get to the point where we're having enough applications come in into the fellowship database, or into the Next Gen program that we no longer need to have a special budget request, we're getting everybody in where they need to be, on equal footing, which was the revamp for the fellowship program application system and selection criteria and applicant criteria was to open those gates and make the applications user friendly and available for everybody.

So, I think their end goal should be in a year or two, to have anybody be able to come into the application system, on their own merit, but then we do look in the criteria, is are they from an underserved, underrepresented nation? Do they need financial needs? So all those things are still part, which would bode really well with the Native Americans coming in, so as of now, we have our path, you guys will market, you'll get your people into their slots using that mirrored application process, we will continue to be in touch closer to Abu Dhabi. What happens with Matthew, how can we help support this and stuff. But in the future, I think we'd be well done to recognize success in a

couple of years of marketing enough out, that we can get all those applications into one database.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Hi, this is Judith again. Thanks.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: This is Siranush, just to be clear on the dates, the application round for Abu Dhabi was opened on 29th March and was closed just on 10th May. And the announcement of the selected fellows will be 21st July. ICANN Puerto Rico, 61, the application round will be opened 4th July. And it will the close date will be 15th September, so beginning of August and middle of September will be the period for when the application round for Puerto Rico will be opened and you can encourage people from your North America to apply through the fellowship application process as Janice mentioned.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Great, this is Judith again. So, just to summarize, because of the deadline for this year, we're going to continue with our current process, that was a mirror of the fellowship application. And we'll again, reconstitute to an evaluation team to evaluate them. And we could use some of the same evaluators to ask about some of the other ones from joining them. But because, I think of the timelines, I think we're gonna continue with our path, but I'm gonna Heidi has a question and maybe she has some more clarification on that. Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, thank you, Judith. So, Janice and Siranush, I just wanted to be clear that we can still get two Ambassadors to Abu Dhabi? And the way we do that is the way we did that last time, basically, where NARALO selection committee with some criteria and then there's a call out for members or interested parties from the global North American, slash global indigenous community and then we that group selects the two, is that correct?

JANICE DOUMA: Right, that's correct, you guys go with your normal process for this time.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, perfect. And then my next question --

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Heidi, just to revert to your question, you can select based on your selection application process as you did for previous one. And we can some kind of adopt them as fellows and start with them, from the beginning of our process with the selected fellows. So, they can get our

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HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, perfect, so what's the deadline? When do we need to have the two people ready to go, ready to start your program?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: So, for us, the selection process should be completed by 6th July. And then, we so the announcement will be on 21st July, so if by that time, you have the names of your two or three, I don't know how many you will select, tribal Ambassadors, we can start working with them from the beginning, after the 21st July, for Abu Dhabi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, perfect. Okay, so we have a little bit of time, about two months. So, I guess the next question, Judith and Loris and Matthew is that do you want to have get that selection committee together in the next couple of weeks and start looking at how we're gonna do outreach to get people to sign up? It's in your hands now.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yeah, this is Judith, but I want to call on Loris, 'cause I saw her hand up first, and then I'll ask my question. Loris?

LORIS TAYLOR: Yes, thank you. Yes, can you hear me? Hello?

UNKNOWN SPEAKERS: Yes, we can.

LORIS TAYLOR: Okay, thank you. Loris Taylor for the record. Yes, definitely Native public media would love to be involved in the selection process, I'd definitely like to work with NARALO in putting together that committee

and move forward on this. It looks like a really quick timeline, so thank you so much.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN:

Thanks Loris, this is Judith again. So we will put together I think the application we used last time was good. And we'll do a lot of promotion, I have now a lot more people to promote it to from the Jejune inclusion conference and I've been talking about on this application. So, I will send out this information as well, to them, and we'll get a lot, and hopefully a lot more promotion of this and new people. And since it's global, we'll also send it out to other indigenous groups, we'll add some other groups onto an evaluation committee.

So maybe people -- Gunela Astbrink from Australia works with a lot of indigenous groups in Australia. So we could add her to our evaluation list and if you know of other indigenous groups, besides in Australia that we could add, that would be also good. But I think if everyone's fine with the current application that Loris and I created last year, then we'll keep that.

And then I guess we won't create an application form for mentors, we'll save that. And I think that is fine, I think we I think we'll continue with the application period, the same process for the Puerto Rico one, because it'll be too soon to jump to new one with the fellowship ones, 'cause the cycles are very different, our application cycles are a little bit too advanced for us right now. But I hope in next year that we can do that. And Heidi, does anyone else have other questions?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Judith, I guess for next steps, should we plan a call of the selection committee, that's Glen, Judith, Loris and Matthew right after Memorial Day? So the week of the 29th sometime? Would that be okay?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: That week is not such a great week, it could be only right after Memorial Day on that Friday, because Wednesday and Thursday are Jewish holidays?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, how about the next week, after that?

UNKNOWN SPEAKERS: That's fine. Okay. Yeah.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Judith, it's Glen, I've been trying to say something.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Glen, go ahead, sorry, I can't --

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Yeah, they can still the other two-- the application form needs expanding because it asks particular questions on which North American tribes are with. So, we need to look at that application form again, and also I'd like to suggest Sheryl. Sheryl actually has lots of contacts in Australia on this issue, and I believe I have a contact in New Zealand, so those are two that I would like to suggest.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yeah, I think but we'll ask Gunela, Gunela has a lot of ties to the indigenous tribes, and she's very much interested in working with us on that. So, I think maybe we'll just put out the word to others. And maybe Sheryl can tell us, give us some other contacts in New Zealand or other places. Or Gunela can, but we'll make a list of people to be on the committee.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Judith, we have an indigenous ALS actually in New Zealand, it hasn't been very active, it's KT, I don't know if you remember him from years ago? So, he's not been very active, but I'm sure we could get his Rolodex. That would be useful, too.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yeah, and Maureen will also probably maybe some indigenous people as well.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, and I'm sure that Loris and Matthew know a lot of potential people as well.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Right, and then another avenue of promotion is Maureen can post [inaudible] ISOC. She has a whole list of people for the internet society

of the Pacific Islands. And several of those may be indigenous groups, as well.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Judith, I'd like to have another comment. Can you hear me?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Can.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Sorry folks, this is challenging when you're on a [inaudible 00:47:36] I'm sorry it's hard to get your attention. The other thing I just want to mention, and Eduardo might be on the call, he's the coordinator with our team for the North American school of internet governance. I'd just like to throw this out, he'd love to have them involved and when we have our mentor involved, too to be on one of the panels that we have we have a three-day event, it's shaping up to be a real dynamite event. Partially supported by ICANN and others, but it's great to have a track and that the mentor can be involved. But particularly these individuals to be involved and attend the three day session, as well. So, I'm just throwing that up, we can't make it mandatory, but it'd be a great opportunity for them, thanks.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Glen, this is Judith. Yes, that is a great idea. It all depends on the funding and whether there's funding for the extra three days and that we will turn over to staff or other areas to look at funding issues. But

that will be an excellent idea. And I see we're almost at the top of the hour. So, we will get to sum up, we will draw up other people and Gunela and Maureen and others to look at the application and see different ways of improving it and adding more information to it.

And then, we will set a date for when that revised application will be able to be sent out and have the call started, for the application. And I think Heidi's gonna send, get a doodle out for some time in the next few weeks for a follow up call. And I think, unless we have any other business, please let me know. Glen, anything else you have for comment in any other business?

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Yeah, I just want to make sure that we have the process well documented. I know we've been trying to chart last time we did this, so that I'm missing bits and pieces of this call, because of my transit. But yes, as long as we're following the process, a step by step process, it's great. So, no, I just want to also mention, I'll do an extra outreach to the first mile, which is the First Nation group in Canada, that is involved with broadband issues, so that's great. Thanks for everybody's time.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN:

Great, okay. Well, thanks so much for this call. And [inaudible]. If there's anything else, let us know and we will send out the application to everyone so that they can review it. And others can review it as well. And with that, I think we are 30 seconds away from the end of the call and I will close the call, unless anyone else has anything else? Okay. So, I give you back the 30 extra seconds.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thank you, bye bye.

MARIO ALEMAN: The meeting has been adjourned. Thank you all for dialing in and remember to disconnect all remaining lines and have a wonderful rest of your day. Bye bye.

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