
SYLVIA HERLEIN: This is Sylvia Herlein that's speaking. I think we can begin with this call. We have Humberto, Sylvia, Maritza—so, Gisella, please, you can proceed with the roll call whenever you are ready.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you very much, Sylvia. We will now officially start the recording, as well as interpretation. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the Formation of the Future LACRALO Council Work Group call on Friday, the 4th of August, at 1500 UTC. On the Spanish channel, we have Sylvia Herlein, Jose Arce, Maritza Aguero, Vanda Scatezini, Humberto Carrasco, Aida Noblia. We don't have anyone on the English channel. We have apologies noted from Alberto Soto, Alejandro Pisanty, and Silvia Vivanco. From staff, we have Heidi Ulrich, Mario Aleman, and myself, Gisella Gruber. We have Spanish interpretation on today's call. If I could also please remind everyone to please state their names when speaking, and not only for the transcript purposes, but also to allow the interpreters to identify you on the other language channel, and just speak at a reasonable speed to allow for accurate interpretation. Thank you, and over to you, Sylvia.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Thank you very much, Gisella. It is very important to speak at a reasonable pace, because we have interpreters, so thank you very much for reminding us about this. So, welcome, you all. Welcome to the call. The idea of this meeting is to analyze the final document, the first draft

of this final document, that we have published on the wiki page two weeks ago. And we haven't received comments yet, specific comments, on the wiki for this document. We have one comment, one general comment, that has to do with a group, somehow questioning the creation of this council by Alejandro Pisanty. And I'm very sorry Alejandro cannot be here with us today, because I would have liked to understand some of the rationale, some of the questioning, that he has, and of course I would like to ask him some questions. So, since that is the only comment that we've got, perhaps we can begin with that. Then we can make a review of the draft document, perhaps a final reading. So, I would like to ask Maritza to share the screen with us, so that we can read and comment on the document, just in case there is someone else who would like to add something else to the document. And finally, we are going to work with the choice of the name of this future council.

We had voting. This voting is closed now, and this is another item that we have to deal with in our meeting today. We have to define the name of this working group. So, based on the comments provided by Alejandro Pisanty, I don't know, Mario, if you would be so kind for us to share the screen, the page, the wiki page, on our screen before my sharing the screen with you with the final document, so Mario, please—and one of the comments provided by Alejandro—I will read them aloud. "The council was proposed by the mediation process that is not finished yet, and we do not have clear decisions." So, yes, Mario, could you please scroll down and go to the last comment on the list? That is Alejandro's comment, and based on that, I would like to say that we're following the advice of the mediators, because we trust them, and

because this is the process that has already been commented and discussed in Los Angeles, so we all accepted and agreed and understood that it would be necessary to have a council, and that's why we created this working group, so as to understand why we need this council and what the rules for this council would be.

So, that's why we're working right now, and what we're working since two months now. When it comes to the election process, Alejandro said something, "I propose that some members be elected by an external unit (for example, the board), and not by the NomCom." And in this case, I would like to ask him, but unfortunately he's not on the call, who he would like to suggest, what other external body could appoint or designate or suggest members for the council, because as far as I understand, in the end, this is an advisory or consultative council for LACRALO on LACRALO issues, so I cannot imagine who would be willing or interested in participating with that, or who will have enough knowledge so as to provide advice and accept to be part of this council. I see Vanda saying, "I don't think we have to stay outside LACRALO." OK, so that's what I wanted to ask you. What do you think about Alejandro's comment? I do agree with Vanda. I believe that it is only us, the ones knowing who can be—I mean, we know the problems that we have, the issues that we face, so I agree with Vanda. Aida, you have the floor. Go ahead, please. Aida Noblia speaking.

AIDA NOBLIA:

Well, when I read Alejandro's comment, I thought he was right, because this is an issue or a question of independence, that is, to have an external point of view. But now that I am listening to you, that we are

saying that is the people from LACRALO, the ones who are able to speak about LACRALO—OK, we can have a better understanding, but it wouldn't be bad to have an external point of view. However, I'm open to hear any other suggestion or any other comment. So, when I read his comment, I said that I agreed with him. I don't think that is a very bad idea, to have someone, an external body. But of course, I don't have all the arguments to endorse my comment, so perhaps Vanda or you may have some other background information.

SYLVIA HERLEIN:

This is Sylvia speaking. I see that Humberto and Jose—Humberto agrees with Vanda. Jose is saying that involving more people would mean to have greater issues, so Humberto agrees with Jose. So, the idea is, if we believe that we do need an external body or external people to participate, we need to decide who would be—and I see Vanda. She's saying, "I think that we need to strengthen the LACRALO group and to improve relationships, because that was the proposal that came out of the mediation." So, yes, I agree with that. I think that that is the function, the main task, of this working group, and the idea of this future council. Maritza, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

MARITZA AGUERO:

Thank you very much, Sylvia. I was reading Alejandro's comment, and there is a part reading, "To make the council more effective,"—this part—there is a part which reads, "To make the council more effective, we need to take into account different issues." So, the question is, how can someone be aware of LACRALO's issues and not be involved with

them? If that is the case, that person wouldn't be able to decide upon situations or to provide feedback. So, I don't think this is clear. I don't see Alejandro's comment is clear, so I agree with the comments on the cap, by the way.

SYLVIA HERLEIN:

OK, thank you very much, Maritza. Someone coming from outside would create a difficulty, and would not provide solutions, and Aida is saying that "I am in favor of the criteria endorsed by most of us, because you are the ones who have the knowledge." So, Sylvia speaking again, I believe that taking into account all the comments here, we believe that members should be members from LACRALO. Another topic commented by Alejandro Pisanty is that the group should be a group able to deal with disputes, in order to pave the way for long-term strategies, in other issues, if required. And my reply to that comment is that the rules that we have prepared are rules for the council to deal with all the things he's commenting about, for example, solving disputes to pave the way for strategies. But I don't understand when he says, "intervening in regular topics." We need to define "regular topics" here, because we don't understand what this means. The function of the council would be to collaborate and to have a different point of view from the leadership and to advise leadership, so we need to take into account all his points, but I don't agree with his comments, and I don't agree with the idea of intervening in regular topics. I believe that all topics are regular, and all these topics are important. Do you have any comment on this?

Just a second while we wait for Vanda to type her text. Vanda says, “The idea for me is that this council should be available to all LACRALO members, to provide guidance to everyone on any doubts they may have.” Exactly, I agree. It’s to discuss all sorts of issues or controversies, and it’s unrelated to our region, because at the end of the day, it would be the consultative body for LACRALO. I think that’s the idea, and that is what we intended to reflect in our final document that we’re going to read now. Another comment by Alejandro is to exclude the proliferation of functions on the same person. Well, this is something that we have discussed, and it’s considered in 4g and 3a, which refers to geographic diversity, so I think that is already included, has been considered, in our work. So, this was the last of Alejandro’s remarks. We’ve already discussed them, so we are up to date in the consideration of the wiki comments, so we should move now forward and discuss the document itself. Thank you, Mario, for updating the screen. Well, I will not be able to see now who is asking for the floor, so I will request Mario’s assistance. Are you viewing now the “functions of the council,” item 2, or section 2? Is that what you’re seeing?

MARIO ALEMAN:

Hi, Sylvia. You have to scroll down the screen. You have to make some movement, because it’s not shared yet.

SYLVIA HERLEIN:

Move?

MARIO ALEMAN: Yes, you have done it right.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Is it now on screen?

MARIO ALEMAN: I think you have to refresh. You have to prevent one screen from overlapping the other.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: I can only see a document. Can you see it now?

AIDA NOBLIA: Not yet.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Give me a second. Let's see, you just see a light blue box. I will go for the Sharing function. And now, here it is. I don't know if anyone volunteers to do the reading. Perhaps anyone can volunteer to read it out loud. Hello, welcome. Well, as nobody volunteers, it will have to be myself, so let's start with Item 2, because Item 1 is the name of the council, which we're going to remove after we are completing our work, because it has all the options. Number 2, then. The functions of the LACRALO council will be, A, to provide advice to LACRALO leadership interactions whenever requested, or when there is an issue identified on the operating principles and rules of procedure for LACRALO. B, provide support to LACRALO members on matters related to policy

discussions and issues of relevant interest for them. C, oversee for the operating principles and rules of procedure of LACRALO are always complied with by the leadership and the ALS. D, protect or safeguard LACRALO's institutional memory. E, make suggestions on the admission of new ALS's to LACRALO and recommend the community on application submitted. F, cooperate with leadership on the promotion and/or regulatory or procedural reform pursuant to experience and best practices. G, propose and foster the participation of LACRALO members in leadership positions to maximize opportunities of engaging and leading the community. H, provide assistance to the community in the development of effective participation and engagement mechanisms in working groups, discussions, and work of LACRALO and related bodies, as well as in the achievement of goals and objectives of active working groups. I, provide mentoring sessions in a regular manner, coordinating with LACRALO leadership to leverage training plans or similar ones and contribute to their development. So, I will open the floor for you to make comments on the functions of the council, if, while I was reading those, you had any idea that we might change or introduce anything else. Any comment? Is everything OK? We've been working hard with Vanda in the compiling and drafting of the comments.

AIDA NOBLIA:

Just an idea to improve the drafting—B says, “support the LACRALO members and leadership interactions.” I was wondering why interactions? Item A, paragraph A—it could be, not just interactions, but also documents. I don't know if we remove this phrase, interactions, and it would be OK—it's not just acting—“to provide advice to LACRALO leadership whenever requested.”

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Yes, it could be—well, actually, actions, in our understanding, is whatever outcome they obtain.

AIDA NOBLIA: Yes, it's OK. It's just that this—because I don't see any other major issue.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Yes, why not? Well, I am reading that Humberto agrees, and that we should submit this to the list comments. Yes, of course, once we have produced this document as a final output from the group, it will certainly be shared to the entire community, and we will always be open to changes or additions. Maritza is asking, "What should be understood by LACRALO executives?" Actually, we tried to use this expression for LACRALO officers. Here we are involving the chair and the secretary, as well as the members and the NomCom representative, those people who officially represent the region before ICANN in quarterly meetings. That would be my reply to "ejecutivos" in Spanish, executives. Humberto says the word is "leaders," and Maritza says, "or perhaps those who perform actions in the working group." OK, but that wouldn't be following our original idea. So, Maritza, you are saying that those who perform actions, such as the chair and the chair of the working group, would also be included among the LACRALO leaders? No, OK, very well. So, there is a suggestion to replace *ejecutivos*, executives, by—just keep the word *líderes*, leaders. I will add the exclamation marks to the word *ejecutivos* and also actions, so we will

remove the word *ejecutivos*, executives. Maritza, you want to say something? Go ahead, please.

MARITZA AGUERO:

Thank you, Sylvia. When we use the word “executives,” it gives a very comprehensive idea involving many concepts, those who work in working groups and many other things, which apparently is not the original intention, and as it has been said in the chat, apparently the idea is to include only the leaders. But then we have to check who the leaders are, the chair, the ALAC member, the NomCom representative. That’s why I made this comment, that the word *ejecutivos* was not clear to me. In the business world, it has a clear connotation. When we’re talking about the roles in our community, it would be different. That’s all.

SYLVIA HERLEIN:

Yes, actually, we can certainly remove the word *ejecutivos*. It’s always better, for understanding purposes, to have one word, but again, we should have a clear understanding of what leaders are. We might add leaders are just the chair and the secretary, or all others, including the NomCom representative and the ALAC members. Maritza asked, “What are leaders?” Perhaps someone could say who the leaders are. I am of the opinion that leaders are all those people who hold their position. I would be including here the ALAC member and the NomCom representative. Even though we might not be aware of what the NomCom actions and activities are about, because of the nature, it would be interesting to include them among the leaders. What do you

think about this? Aida says the meaning—they are those who lead an important activity for the region. I agree. So, I'd like to include the ALAC members here, so we could insert a clarification, so that whoever reads this has a clear understanding. Do you agree with that?

OK, any other comment on the functions of the council? So, we'll remove the word executive in all the items. We are on item A right now. Do you have any other comments on the other items about the council functions? OK, I see no comments, so we can proceed to read Item number 3. This is the formation of the council. So, A, the council shall be composed by a group of people with experience. There will be no less than 3 and no more than 5 members, taking into account the LACRALO geographic diversity. There is an article missing, which would write that in Spanish. The same would be elected by their community according to the regular election process of the region. B, regardless of the amount of candidates, at list of the candidates with the most votes will be generated. This list should be used, or shall be used, when there is a need to replace a member of the council. And then, a vote will be called upon. Item C, five candidates with the most votes will be elected for the creation of the first LACRALO council. Item D, this is resignation. The members of the council may resign at any time, and the next candidate with more votes during the original, the first, election for the council, will replace that member until the end of the term. In case there is no replacement or alternate, a new election will be called on. E, renewal of the members in the council. Number 1, the presence of the first members elected is of two or three years, with the possibility to renew two-thirds of the members of the council at the end of the second year. Number 2, the members with fewer votes will remain for

two years, and those obtaining more votes will remain for three years, to provide continuity to the activities and to keep the memory. Perhaps we should write “institutional memory” in this item. Any comment, or any opinion, about the items, about the formation of the council? Anything that you would like to change? Aida, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

AIDA NOBLIA:

This is a very small detail. The council shall be composed by a group of people, which would say by people with experience. I think we need to remove the word “group,” because if there are more than three, that would be a group. It’s just a very small detail.

SYLVIA HERLEIN:

OK, thank you very much for your comment.

AIDA NOBLIA:

And there is something which is not clear to me, when it reads two or three years, that is, Item E, two or three years.

SYLVIA HERLEIN:

So, this is for the renewal. Let’s suppose that we have five people, and in the second year, there is a renewal of the members, and only two-thirds of the membership is renewed. That’s why those with more votes would be renewed, and this happens during the first two years of the council. So, because of this, some people will be in the council for three years, but for the rest, they will remain two years, because

renewal will take place every two years, and renewal will be for the two-thirds.

AIDA NOBLIA: OK, I'm not understanding item number 1. The presence of the first members elected is two or three years? This is not clear to me. Perhaps it is me, but it's not clear to me. Are we going to say two years or three years?

SYLVIA HERLEIN: OK, I understand. It will be three years. Those with more votes will stay for three years. In the second year, some members will be renewed, because we have to vote to renew members during the second year.

AIDA NOBLIA: OK, that is stated in item number 2, right?

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Correct.

AIDA NOBLIA: OK, so if we say, or if we add, "In accordance with item number 2," or perhaps we need to write something else.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: OK.

AIDA NOBLIA: OK, when I read item number 1, that is not clear to me, but we can just delete one item.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: OK, we can just remove number 2, and we can create one paragraph.

AIDA NOBLIA: That's better, because they are all related. Both of them are related.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: OK, let's put it like this. We will remove the number. Thank you very much for your comment, Aida. I see a comment on item C by Maritza Agüero that it's a spelling issue in Spanish, *celar*, and we should be writing *velar* in Spanish, that is, to care for.

AIDA NOBLIA: Item C reads "watch."

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Well, we changed the word, and we have chosen this new word, which is the word in Spanish, *vigilar*, that is, to watch, or to observe in English. So, that's what we wrote, *vigilar*, or observe in English. So, Maritza, do you agree with this word in Spanish, the word *vigilar*, or observe in English? Maritza, I don't know if you are hearing me, but if you have any other comment, please, Maritza, feel free to say it. I will highlight

this in red, because we need to pay attention to this word. Now, when it comes to the formation of a council, is there any comment, any addition, any change to the wording?

AIDA NOBLIA:

No, that was my comment, with a group, which is already crossed out.

SYLVIA HERLEIN:

OK, let's remove that phrase. Thank you very much, Aida, for reminding this to me. Thank you. OK, so we can go now to Item number 4, and this is the requirements to become a member of the council. It will be necessary to have at least four of these requirements mentioned below in order to be eligible for the council. A, to be participating in LACRALO during the last five years, to have been elected for any of the leadership positions in LACRALO, president, secretary, ALAC member, delegate, and LACRALO liaison. Item C, to have had a relevant position in any of the other ACSO, or another board. Item D, to have participated in at least three working groups, CCWG, ICANN, and/or LACRALO. Item E, to have participated in at least 8 LACRALO monthly meetings during the last 12 months. F, to have participated in at least one DA, similar to ATLAS. And item G, not to be holding a board position in LACRALO, or a leadership position in LACRALO, secretary or president, at the time of being appointed, and during the term of its position in the council.

According to what we said before, some LACRALO leaders—I think that, in this case, we would need to add ALAC members and NomCom members, because when we say leaders, we mean all of them. So, in this case, no current LACRALO leader should be able to participate, and I

think that we need to add in this item the ALAC members and NomCom members, as well. Perhaps we need to copy the thing that we have on item B. Any comment about the requirements to be a member of the council? Maritza is saying to have participated in an active way, or actively—OK. So, to be actively participating—we will change that on item D, as well, to have participated actively. What about having the text in between brackets that is in item B? What about putting that text on item D? I mean, to remove the text between brackets that we have here, secretary, president, ALAC member, and to add or to copy the text in brackets that we have for item B. Aida's asking, "What do we mean by similar to ATLAS?" Well, when we say similar to ATLAS, we wanted to say that for these rules to be effective for long periods of time, because perhaps in the future, we may have any other event with a different name, which is not ATLAS. So, the idea is to cover those events, as well. I see Aida is typing. Vanda is saying, "The same applies for ALAC. ALAC is also doing the same in its revisions," so that's why. This is for the long run. So, no comments so far, no comments about this text between brackets, so I'm going to add this text to the last item, if we all agree with that. I'm going to cut and paste the information here, as well. I see Vanda is typing, "Should we include NomCom members?" Vanda is asking that. Well, I believe that we should, because it's an official representative, if you will. This is someone, a member, representing us official in every meeting, so I think that we need to include the NomCom member. But the NomCom member should not be part of this council, because they don't have time, because of the activities they already have.

Vanda agrees with me, and I see Humberto also agreeing. We have ten minutes left, and we need to continue, so let's continue with the operations of the council. The council shall elect one coordinator among the elected members, and his term shall have a duration of one year. This person will not be re-elected for the subsequent period, but after one year as the coordinator, that person will remain to be a member of the council until the end of his term. B, the council shall meet regularly by any electronic means once a month, mainly the Friday before the LACRALO monthly meeting, so as to report about the activities and notifications during that meeting.

Item C, the council shall have a sub-wiki page within the LACRALO wiki page, and any member of LACRALO shall be able to send questions out, and that question will be answered in that wiki page. D, the council shall be called upon for extraordinary meetings with the executives and leaders of LACRALO, and with the help of the staff, they will agree upon the date and time for that meeting. E, if necessary, in the discretion of the council, the council may participate in expert meetings in the community for topics requiring specific expertise, in order to help them with their activities. And the last item is, "The council shall work with maximum transparency and openness, consistent with its procedures, and in order to operate to guarantee the equity in all its activities. All meetings shall be recorded, and the agendas will be reported and informed to the general LACRALO mailing list. Any comments? Aida, go ahead, please.

AIDA NOBLIA: My question is, we say the Friday before, but what happens if we need to change that to Thursday, for example?

SYLVIA HERLEIN: OK, well, we prefer on Friday, preferably, but it's not compulsory. It's not an obligation.

AIDA NOBLIA: OK, so I mean, if this is going to be a long-lasting regulation, this should be agreed on a different occasion, but if you agree with that, I'm OK with you.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: I don't mind if you want to keep it like this, because it will always depend on whether the council can do it or not. OK, Maritza is referring to the word "expertise" and the understanding of "experience." She was kind enough to look up in the Spanish Royal Academy of Language website. There is an "expertise," and *experticia* in Spanish is also the meaning of expert examination. And Vanda has posted on the chat that it can also be the week before. Certainly, it will be the council, the one that will decide when it will happen, but the idea is that it's a meeting to report on activities. Heidi is writing. She says, "Would it be useful if staff had this document translated into English? It would allow our members to read it." Yes, Heidi, of course, indeed.

The idea is to approve it today and to correct some details, so that we'll have a fine document, and we'll certainly send it to the staff and have it translated officially into English, and yes, we have considered that.

Thank you. Yes, Heidi, yes, yes, perhaps it would be relevant for Language Services to know about this and be aware that we will need their work in that. OK, so please, anyhow, read the document again, and if there is any comment, we will be paying attention with Vanda to see if there is any additional comment introduced before issuing the final document. And now, we have very few minutes left, but I would like to ask now Mario to display the result of the vote. The vote has been closed. It was closed on August the 1st. 7 people answered the survey. It was an interesting vote. We requested first preference and second preferred name, and there was a tie in preferences, but anyway, as we said, first choice and second choice—now Mario is going to show us that the preferred name is the Emeritus Council, with 42.9%, Emeritus Council. That is the first choice, an interesting percentage, and the second choice, with 42.9, also very similar, is LACRALO Consultative Council. So, I don't know what you think about this, but as from now, we can determine that the name of the future council is the *Consejo de Eméritos de LACRALO*, LACRALO Emeritus Council. Any comment?

Vanda has posted in English, Emeritus Council—that will be for the English version, or Emeritus, actually. That's how it will become known familiarly, Emeritus. Any comment? Vanda is typing. Jose Arce says the name shouldn't be a problem. We have to focus on the work itself. Yes, thank you, Jose, but we know that, from experience, names can become a problem. That's why we wanted to be also transparent here, and that's why we've organized a vote, and there were comments on the wiki on the different choices of names. I know this shouldn't be the case, but it might be the case, or a problem, so that's why we organized this official vote. Vanda is typing, and she says, "Very well. I think this

meeting has been fruitful. I'm sorry. I apologize for having participated only in writing." Well, OK.

Now I want to thank you all for your participation and your collaboration. I don't know if we will be needing another call. If need be, because there may be many new comments on the wiki, you will be called by the staff. Otherwise, I understand that we can have this document as adopted. We will do the minor corrections that we've agreed. We will do that with Vanda. We will forward the document to the staff, and I think we have completed our work. This was a working group that worked very hard and very quickly, so thank you very much. I am very proud of having shared the group that was extremely fast. And thank you, Vanda, of course, for her support, and the staff, as well, for their assistance to this excellent working group. So, thank you very much, and see you over the mailing list. Thank you and goodbye.

GISELLA GRUBER:

Thank you very much. The call has been adjourned and the recording will now be stopped. Thank you very much, and enjoy the rest of your day. Bye.

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