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YEŞİM NAZLAR:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the Pre ICANN60 Orientation for Fellows by NARALO Leaders call, taking place on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, 2017 at 1600 UCC. On our call today, we have Glenn McKnight, Susannah Gray, Mathew Rantanen, Destiny Tchhouali, and we have received apologies from Eduardo Diaz and Alfredo Calderon. I also would like to remind that Judith Hellerstein will be joining us shortly, and from staff, we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Yeşim Nazlar.

Before we start, I would like to remind everyone to state their names before speaking for the transcription purposes. Back to you, Glenn. Thank you very much.

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Great. Thank you, everybody, for joining us. The purpose of today's call is to be very informal and to work with all of you who are newcomers to the fellowship, and newcomers to the ICANN system. We wanted to share our experiences and our stories of being veterans in the ICANN space. We turned around and we invited people, such as Eduardo, who has been – and he's the incoming chair, by the way – of NARALO, to be on the call today, and one of your colleagues, who will be a fellow as well, will be Alfredo Calderon.

Now, they have good reason not to be on today. As you know, Hurricane Maria went right through the island, and if you've been reading the Skype chat at large, you'll see that we have extensive damage in the island. I do occasionally talk to Eduardo, and Eduardo

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does have the occasional internet access. But both of them are okay, except for a little bit of damage to Alfredo's hand. He has a small fracture. But generally speaking, they're doing okay. But I was hoping that they'd be here.

Maybe I'll fill in some of their duties that Eduardo in particular has done, and the reason I wanted him in particular to the call is because he's done something called the NARALO newsletter, and Susannah did a fantastic job on the blog post, and pictures of her experience at our NARALO GA. We were looking at one of the deliverables of you all as being fellows, to provide an excellent summary of the meeting you're at or pictures or your perspective.

Let me just give you a bit of history, and I just want to check – oh, Judith has joined. Judith, welcome to the call. Can we do a sound check, Judith, with you? Judith? I don't hear you. Oh my gosh, Alfredo has joined us as well. Welcome, Alfredo. Can we get a sound check for Alfredo and Judith, please? Does anyone hear either of them? I'm not hearing anything. Yeşim?

YEŞİM NAZLAR:

Hi, Glenn. This is Yeşim. I cannot hear them either.

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Okay. Welcome both of you, but I do need audio from Judith, as she's one of the other veterans that I'm relying upon, to tell her stories as well. Okay, Judith. Please check your audio and see what happens. Okay, Alfredo, welcome. It must be extremely difficult for you to join us

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today, and I appreciate you having the time. I hear somebody. I have an open mic from someone. Who is that? Okay, it went away.

Okay, folks. I want to give you a little bit of history, and I'm going to share a couple of things with you. The reason why I feel so compelled to tell this story is Judith and I, to tell you, we hammered to ICANN for a long time, the whole importance of having a fellowship program that was inclusive. This is a very historic moment, because NARALO, or North America, I should say, never had any fellows. Now, I'm going to give you a document. This is a thousand fellows that, over a ten-year period, ICANN has had the fellowship program.

This is a document that was created by myself and Dev Teelucksingh. Dev and Judith are both co-chairs of the call that Judith was on, and the technology taskforce, through the leadership of Dev, we went ahead and we actually created this database of all the fellows. What was very glaring was the absence of North Americans and Europeans. One of the first things we clamored for is a North American indigenous fellowship, and from there, in the fellowship program, requested feedback on their program.

Judith, myself, and actually a lot of NARALO people, made a very good, strong argument comparing other fellowship programs. We actually just recently received change in the fellowship program guidelines. This is the first set of fellows. It's just a significant step in the right direction, because we have four people from our community – and what's very important is all of you who are associated with an existing ALS and you're familiar with the ALS structure, you're familiar with ISOC, you're familiar with the internet governance issues, which is important

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because anyone – if they wrote a good proposal – could become a fellow.

But do they stay within the ecosystem? Do they contribute? We don't want to put pressure on you, but I think it's important for you to realize that you're a very special group. As a special group coming in, you have probably a leg up and you have a community you can lean on, which is myself and Judith and Eduardo and anyone else in the NARALO community, to help you, to mentor you, and actually encourage you to get involved with our system. I'll stop for a second. I see Geoffrey, you're on the phone bridge?

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Yes. I apologize for being a little tardy. I had trouble finding a signal, but yes, I'm on the bridge.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Geoffrey, I welcome you. The other person who probably had a real challenge in the signal was Alfredo. Alfredo, you'll be meeting firsthand. He is one of the fellows. He's actually on the executive of ISOC Puerto Rico, and he and Eduardo and others in our community from Puerto Rico have had a challenge for the last nine days. I welcome you to the call.

Okay, we also have – welcome, Heidi, to the call as well. I want to make sure – Heidi, do you have audio? I want to just check everybody's ability to speak.

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HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, can you hear me?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Yes, we can. Great. I'm giving a bit of the history, Geoffrey, on the fact that this is a special group of fellows that are coming into the ecosystem, because NARALO, or North America as a whole, actually didn't participate. I've shared with you earlier a database that we've created, which is a stakeholder analysis tool, which actually shows where each of the individuals came from, and also which community they're from as well. Judith, did you want to add anything to that, before I move on?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: No, that's fine. I'm sorry, you gave a great overview of it, and sorry I was late.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Okay, no problem. So, we're going to share with you, because Judith and I both are veterans in the ICANN experience, some of our stories. Please, this is going to be, for the next ten minutes or so, just to give you some background, what we expected when we went in and what did we actually get out of it? We want to keep an open-ended discussion and actually find out exactly what your needs are and how we can individually help you. We're not here to manage your expectations, but if we can assist – and I know you'll have mentors and you'll have individuals who will be with you.

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But we want you to realize that Eduardo, myself, and Judith are going to be resources for you before the ICANN meeting and all the way through. Let me just start with when I started with my experience with ICANN. We applied to be an ALS, and we run a small, not for profit organization in Canada. Much of the stuff we do is on community networking, mesh networking. We work with off the grid power systems, with I Tripoli smart villages. We also work with the local ham radio, people on disaster mitigation, so a lot of the stuff that's happening in Puerto Rico are extremely important.

But a lot of our efforts have been with I Tripoli, mostly in Africa, and where we have a situation where three billion people are not properly connected. We're talking small energy systems and obviously small systems for power. But we started getting involved with ICANN, and the first ICANN meeting I attended was at the Atlas One. I'll have to explain. We've had two large meetings where all the ALSs come together. The first one was in Mexico, the second one was in London.

We actually will have a third one. Heidi, did you want to say anything about the Atlas Three, in Japan? I think she's muted.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

The third at large summit – did you want me to talk about Atlas Three, Glenn?

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

You know, you're welcome to talk about Atlas One and Two and Three. I don't know if I met you in Atlas One. Were you with ICANN?

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HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yes, I sure was. That was my first meeting as well. Atlases are at-large summits. This is where all of the representatives from – well, one representative from each of the at-large structures – are there. Atlas One was March 2009, in Mexico City. There were about 95 people. They developed a declaration. This was just the first time people were doing things. There was really no script at this time, and this declaration then provided the framework for at-large’s work for the next couple of years.

This is when the working groups started, actually. There were hardly any working groups. I think one or two, before that. Some of these action items are still seen today. Then Atlas Two took place in June 2014, in London. Again, there was another declaration that came out of that one. Again, 150 people were there at that one, and the implementation of the action items there took about two years or so, two and a half years.

Now, in Abu Dhabi, you will be seeing the preparation for Atlas Three, to begin. That Atlas Three will take place in Kobe, Japan, in March 2019. We expect around 225 people this time. This is going to be, I think, one of the two big events in the next couple of years for At-Large, the other one being the implementation of the At-Large review. As you speak, Glenn, I’m going to start putting in links to some important pages that anybody who’s new to a public ICANN meeting will definitely want to bookmark. Back over to you, Glenn.

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GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Great, thank you. This is significant, because historically, people just show up. A few people are really at the helm. But this is an opportunity, because there will be the start of the steering committee meetings in Kobe. The topics, the core issues that drive our community in particular, we're the smallest RALO in reference to the rest of the RALOs and peers in our community. But on the other hand, I think we've done some vibrant things.

I think just looking at the pool of people on the call today, we have a really excellent group of people, a really wide spectrum. I think we have to drive home what the issues are, which are pertinent to us in terms of North America, which are also pertinent to anyone else. One of the things that I alluded to was something that NARALO had back in April. Many of you were there. Destiny, you were not at that meeting, but Louis was there as a representative from ISOC Uzbekistan. We had our general assembly.

We did that in accord with ARON – and I constantly post this site, the ARON fellowships. I know that Alfredo and others have attended, and I think Susannah, you were, I believe, a fellow last year at ARON. You're going to be at ARON this week, as well as myself. But the relationship with ARON, which is the RAR of North America, is a very important relationship we developed and engendered.

That is part of the ecosystem we want exposure to, and the fellowship actually is called out again for May. But I digress. I wanted to mention, I started getting involved as an individual in our ALS back in 2009. It starts just like getting to know – it's like drinking water from a firehose, when you go to an ICANN meeting. The Atlas Two was not so bad, because we



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were focused. But when you get outside of our own community, it's like, "Wow, there's thousands of meetings, there's lots of people," and you walk into a meeting and you're not necessarily aware what is happening, because you're going in mid-stream.

The biggest jump for a lot of people, I think, is the language that's spoken, even though it's largely English, is that they use a lot of acronyms. If Silvia, I think there is an acronym finder or a link, that you can use in order to understand. It's possibly a wise idea to have it on your phone, when you go to the ICANN meeting. One of the things the technical staff has done a great job in is actually a really good schedule finder and app. I believe Judith, am I correct there is an acronym alert or finder on the phone? It's a mobile app you'll be able to download as well.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN:

I think so, but maybe someone else knows more.

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Yes. Basically, Wi-Fi is provided. If you don't have roaming on your phone, you can bring your phone and put Wi-Fi on it. You can download the ICANN60 mobile app, and on the mobile app – you should actually download that app and actually put your picture and put your interests in. The great thing is you can do hookups with other people with similar interests and befriend people. That's a whole issue in terms of tasks that I'm going to ask you to do now.

When I went in 2009, there was no such thing, so you're very much reliant on finding people who have similar interests. What's on the board right now? The Excel spreadsheet Yeşim has provided, and you can see there's a list of everybody that attended. If you drill down based on their interests, you can actually identify who's actually new fellows that are coming – but you'll be in the room, a lot of your time with the other fellows.

Going through 2009, I attended a number of other meetings, and fortunately we had one in Toronto, which is not too far from where I live. That was an excellent ICANN meeting as well. But slowly, as you become more acquainted with the ICANN ecosystem, you become more aware of things of interest in particular to yourself. Over time, you decide your particular working groups you want to be involved, or what topics that are of interest for you, and policy issues.

Over the number of years I've been involved with the accessibility committee, the technical taskforce, the social media working group, on and off on the auction funds – because it's a very, very slow process – obviously the At-Large review, and also with that huge transition, the DIANA transition that happened over the last couple of years, all of us, in one shape or form, have been involved.

When you go to this particular meeting that's coming up, it's the large meeting. There's three meetings a year. The smallest is the policy meeting, which is the last meeting we had. But the last one's a bit longer, and as a result, you can expect to see more people, number one, and number two, a lot of those particular interests and policy issues will be having formal or sometimes informal meetings.

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October 28<sup>th</sup> through November 3<sup>rd</sup> – I take it everyone is arriving either that day, the 28<sup>th</sup>, or the day after, I'm assuming.

HEIDI ULLRICH: I think all the fellows should be arriving on the 27<sup>th</sup>. In fact, I believe all At-Large members should be arriving on the 27<sup>th</sup> as well.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yes, but also, fellows may leave earlier, because I know the indigenous fellows are checking out on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Just on that point, Judith, there is going to be a fellowship meeting, the final one, I believe, about midday. But if there are flights that are leaving in the early afternoon, you might need to miss some of that. The third is primarily a day for SOAC development days, so At-Large will be busy with that.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Right. It's different from At-Large. The fellows have a different schedule.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Now, on this issue of arrival and departure dates, a lot of times At-Large will have a separate page, where they ask you what your flight is, what your contact information is. Maybe I'll ask Heidi and Silvia, did you guys create that page yet? Normally it's a page we create and we share our logistics with everyone.

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HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, that should already be set up. I thought I saw Yeşim and Isla discussing that last week. It should be on that link that I put into the chat for the At-Large page, and it's normally toward the bottom of it. But again, it's self – everyone has to put their own flights in there and their arrival times, et cetera. Also, while on that point, if you're on that list, you're also going to be put on a mailing list called The Travelers Mailing List. That is sort of a list for everybody who's going to be at ICANN60 or any ICANN meeting for social events. That's where there will be information about if there's going to be a dinner, where the details are going, et cetera. You will be on that list. Again, it's called The ICANN Travelers List.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Just to go back to the chat mode, Susannah was asking – she went to the page and it requires a login. That's a whole other issue. Does everyone have a wiki ID and password?

SUSANNAH GRAY: Glenn, it's called a consulate account.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Yes, but she's saying she doesn't have –

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HEIDI ULLRICH: That's a good point. Yes, that one is restricted to travelers, At-Large travelers. I'll ask Yeşim to open that up for the people who are in the fellowship as well.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: I think Susannah had a clarification point? Susannah, please, go ahead.

SUSANNAH GRAY: I'm just wondering about this login. How do we get one? Did you say you were just going to open it to –

HEIDI ULLRICH: We'll have staff give you access to that page. It might take a day. Our people are just getting back. They were in DC this past week.

SUSANNAH GRAY: Mathew mentioned the spreadsheet, but that spreadsheet is from [INAUDIBLE 0:23:05], who's organizing the fellowship. I think that's something different, but then we have two sheets to fill in, if I'm not mistaken. There's a NARALO one that you just gave us a link to, and then there's another one.

HEIDI ULLRICH: That's because you are very special, and NARALO is going to be taking a much closer interest in the fellows that are from North America, which I love seeing. In the past, that hasn't always been the case. This will really help you be integrated in both the fellowship program as well as At-

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Large, which is really where you want to be, is the people who either already are part of the NARALO or part of At-Large, or people who we believe will likely be good and have interest in At-Large. We want to have them integrated pretty quickly. That's why you're going to be on a couple of lists this time.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: As an action item, Silvia, did you catch that? In order to provide everybody, not just Susannah, in terms of making sure they have a login? I'm just asking it to be documented as an action item.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes. You're referring to the consulate wiki?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Yes.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, thank you.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Okay. So, I think you can hear from me and you can hear from Heidi, that we value your participation a lot. What's unique is obviously you have to be at the fellow sessions, but we really want you to look closely at that schedule and all the At-Large meetings. In some cases, you're going to have two things at the same time, and we understand that. We

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don't want to put pressure on you. Obviously, you're fellows and that takes priority.

But clearly, when you do get the time to come in, if you see myself, Eduardo, or Judith, just single us out. Since we're going to get to know you a little bit better in terms of what makes you tick, what is a burning issue, we'll drag you over to whoever is at the At-Large community that has similar views that can help you. The idea is that we want you to feel welcome, we want you to get the most out of the meetings that you possibly can. Judith, did you want to add to that?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN:

No, I think that's great. But we also, if you have any questions, please feel free to email either of us. We can go through them with you, or if you want someone to help you walk through a schedule, let us know. We'd be happy to walk it through with you and tell you what each group is about. Just let us know, or you can talk to – some of you have coaches assigned. I think I am working with Susannah and I think Alfredo and Destiny is working with someone else. If you have any specific NARALO ones, just ask me. I think I'm helping out as your coach, for fellowship.

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Great. Thank you, Judith. I just saw a hand. It just went down again. Susannah, did you have a question?

SUSANNAH GRAY:

No. I wasn't sure whether Judith was saying that she was my coach or not, but she is my coach.

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JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: I think they told me that I was assigned as your coach because she thought you worked so well and had been in many ICANN meetings, that it would be easier to have someone from NARALO be your coach than someone from outside NARALO. I had offered to help out, so she told me that I would be a coach, but I don't know if she ever communicated that with you.

SUSANNAH GRAY: She just said to me, "Do you need a coach?" And I said not really.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: That's fine.

SUSANNAH GRAY: If I have questions, I'll ask you all.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: That's why she called me, because I had offered to be a coach, extra community coaching for any NARALO people who needed it. She said, "Oh, then help Susannah."

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Okay, you guys work it out. Thank you. I also wanted to say that the reason why – whether you call it a coach, mentor, friend, it doesn't really matter. But there is the formal schedule that's there. But there's



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also a lot of stuff that happens at ICANN meetings that are not on the agenda, or you're not really sure you should go to, if they're informal. The Caribbean has a special Caribbean lunch, which I think they let Puerto Rico show up there. That's one sort of off the record, informal thing that people in the Caribbean and small island states get together, and it's a great opportunity to meet other people within the West Indies.

But there's also something I think is very important, and people within the ICANN space have been trying to identify the gender inequality issues particularly within [INAUDIBLE 0:29:30], as we've seen with the recent book on Google and their lawsuit and all. But Judith, did you want to talk about the DNS and women? Sometimes it's a breakfast, sometimes it's an evening event.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN:

Sure. There's another group that mostly is pushed and shepherded and cajoled by [INAUDIBLE 0:29:57]. DNS Women is a small mentor group for women in technology. They often have events, and I have to check with Vanda to see if they have something there. Vanda usually tries to secure a room, and other different networking opportunities for women to connect. There are different other groups that work on the agenda. If a meeting doesn't say it's closed, then you're welcome to go in there and sit.

Many of the GAC meetings, even the Caribbean lunch is open for people to come in and listen and talk to other people. Unless the event says closed to outsiders, feel free to go in there. Sometimes things are open

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in the ICANN meetings, but then when you try to join the same groups later, after ICANN, it's all closed and that's a little bit confusing for people, is that things that might be open on ICANN require people to join or get special permission to listen in on the regular meetings. That's sometimes very confusing to fellows, and I'm happy to walk through with you, with these issues.

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Great. Thank you, Judith. One of the things I'm happy to do, if you guys want a debriefing or go over the schedule on a daily basis, we could have an informal breakfast time, say 7:00 or 8:00 in the morning, before the meeting starts and sort of go through your schedules and have a strategy. For example, April Tenhorn and Valerie were one of the two person indigenous fellowship program recipients a couple years ago.

They told me that they were looking at talking to the GAC to get tribal representation as sovereign nations on the GAC, for First Nations in the US and Canada. They reached out to the chair and they had meetings with him. But I don't really know if they pursued that idea, but he was very, very receptive. Geoff and Mathew, if you guys want to pick up the ball on that, I'm happy to make those connections with you.

The other informal thing is parties. Now, you're not going to see it, but there's galas and there's special receptions and the chance to meet the board reception, which is at the end. But ISOC usually has a reception or a party, usually held by the chapters. There is no ISOC chapter where we're going, but sometimes the ISOC has a board, and that's, again, a reception.

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This is a great way to find out about organizations such as ISOC or others. There's sometimes informal meetings of IETF. There's a lot of very differing groups that is well worth sourcing out. Now, some of these parties that are put on especially by some of the larger US firms, like Verizon and stuff, tend to be invitation-only. But if you're a prudent person and you go to their booths in the ICANN village, you can score a pass. Judith is an expert at getting passes. Right, Judith?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN:

Yes, we talk to the people or you find the person who is hosting the event. They're often willing to let people in, and sometimes when they say they have invites only, if you go there in person, they often let you in because they don't [INAUDIBLE 0:34:18] invitations. A lot of these parties are kind of open, if you go with someone who has an invite. Then you can usually get in. They're invite-only, mostly because they want to control how many people come in. But one or two few extras, they don't care. It's just a hundred extras that they can't manage.

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Right. Thank you, Judith. Again, it's another way to network. This is the informal methodologies, and it's very, very important to sit down and chat with our chair of At-Large, which is Alan Greenberg. He's an incredible resource, a former professor from the University of Montreal. But he is very insightful in many things. In fact, Destiny, he did a lot of work for probably over 20 years in community networks and ISP development in Africa.

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He's got a wealth of information to chat to. But there is some really, really good talent pools within our community. At-Large is very unique. It's not the business community, and it's not the academics. We have a very interesting little niche within the ecosystem. But our strength is our people, and finding where you're mano-a-mano with individuals is extremely important.

Okay, I think I've said enough from a veteran's point of view, in terms of the meetings. Each time you go, you get more familiar, and again, if you sit and don't talk to anyone, I think you'll get very little out of it. I think we're really trying to encourage you to not be a wallflower and actually reach out and meet people. If you're a little bit shy, what I do is I'm an unofficial photographer for At-Large. I tend to have more than one camera. If you want to help me as a photographer at these events, I'll be happy to share a camera with you, to actually photograph. This is one way to get to know people as well. I want to open it up, at this stage, to all of you.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Just on the networking receptions and showcases – I don't like to use the term party, just so you know. They're receptions and networking events. Please, again, you are, in a way, very special because you're members of two groups. You're going to be a fellow and you're going to be members of At-Large, so you just have a fantastic opportunity to really promote those groups. Now, for At-Large, you will have access to business cards for At-Large, brochures. We have At-Large brochures, we're going to have brochures from all of the RALOs as well, just a few for some of the regions.

But take a few of those, and we'll have some of those out on the first day, on that Saturday. Just take them with you and put them in your wallet or your purse. When you do have a chance to speak with people who seem interested, again, it might be other fellows who have affiliated themselves with civil society, or with members of At-Large, individual users. Just talk to them about At-Large. All of you have been engaged now within NARALO, so you're able to talk a bit about what we do within that group.

Just invite them to some of the At-Large meetings, or just follow up with them. We have some promotional items there. Now, we also have a fellowship. We have two groups. We'll have a fellowship booth, which you're very free to attend. That will be a very prominent large booth, and there will be events held there from the fellowships. Then we're also going to be having an At-Large booth.

Now, that's going to be primarily for AP RALO, because they're having their general assembly, and I'll talk to you just a little bit later, when given the chance, on what that is. You'll know that, because you went to the NARALO general assembly in New Orleans. But that booth will be, again, just for At-Large members to do outreach to people who might be passing by, who might see the booth and show some interest. If you're willing to do that, you can sign up to both booths, I believe, and we'd be very happy to have you at the At-Large booth. Mario Aleman, from At-Large, he's going to be coordinating that with Silvia. Thank you very much.

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GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Great. Thank you, Heidi. Yes, Mario is setting up a schedule. Even if you put in an hour a day or a couple of hours one of the days throughout – and you’re not going to be the only person at the table. It’s another way to meet other ALS members from across the ecosystem. You could be sitting next to somebody who’s the chair of AP RALO or whatever, and it’s a chance for them to feel free to lean on them if you have any questions and the like. The table is going to be a very simple table with brochures and mail cards from each of our RALOs, but also there will be banners, so you can’t miss it. This is going to be next to the larger ICANN fellow’s booth.

In many ways, it’s better, because you’re not going to have as many people at it, because. That tends to be a bit of an issue, is when all the fellows show up at the same time and you end up – it’s a little harder to get in to talk to somebody. We have something here. We’re supposed to be getting a fellow schedule on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October. Thank you, Mathew. That’s for everybody. Please make sure you look at the schedule, so that you don’t feel that there is an issue there, in terms of your time slots.

It’s just a matter of managing your time. The other thing I want to stress for newcomers, do not leave your bag anywhere. We had one guy from Bangladesh, he lost his laptop bag in Johannesburg, and he just thought, “Well, who’s going to be taking it?” I really would feel if any of you lost it. Again, be extra conscious of any of your equipment, not to say it will happen. It’s very rare that it does happen, but I do recall the last experience that we had, that unfortunate experience.

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Okay, before I move on, I wanted to have you talk a little bit about yourself and ask any direct question in terms of what to expect out of this, and lean on any of us staff, Judith, and myself. Let me start off. I don't think Alfredo has audio, but I'll just do a quick check. Alfredo, can you speak at all, or can you type?

ALFREDO CALDERON: Yes, I have audio, Glenn. Can you hear me?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Welcome, Alfredo. Go ahead.

ALFREDO CALDERON: There's probably a delay, because I'm in my car and the signal is a little bit weak. I'll be a retired professor from the University of Puerto Rico, and some private universities, coming up in December. I went to an ICANN meeting back in two years ago, three years ago, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Glenn mentioned at the beginning, once you go to a meeting, it's like you're hooked on following up on other issues regarding ICANN.

I've been participating in ICANN since ICANN53. I'm also, as Glenn mentioned, from the ISOC executive board chapter from Puerto Rico, and I work closely with Eduardo. I'm interested in various issues in ICANN, starting with accessibility, using technology effectively, enhancing the way materials are promoted in ICANN, and I have some ideas that I've been fiddling around with, Glenn, on enhancing the [INAUDIBLE 0:43:18] issues, resources, using virtual reality, augmented reality, and that sort of thing.

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I'm also into a lot of outreach and engagement activities. I participate in one of the working groups related with that, and also with the technology taskforce. I'm starting to use all the acronyms myself. That was something that I criticized at the beginning of the first meeting, but I'm getting used to using all the acronyms as well. Basically, that's what I have to say right now. If you have more questions, we'll look at it on the way. Thank you.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Thank you, Alfredo. By the way, he usually brings a very good bottle of Puerto Rican rum. If anybody wants to sample that, not to put pressure on him, but he tends to do that. Thank you, Alfredo. I'll turn to Destiny. Can you do a quick introduction about yourself?

ALFREDO CALDERON: Just for the record, I'll try to do my best.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Thank you. Destiny, go ahead.

DESTINY TCHEHOUALI: I'm current chairman of [INAUDIBLE 0:44:42] chapter. Right now, we're also focusing on [INAUDIBLE 0:44:55] technologies and on diversity or cultural specials. I am also co-chair for an international organization, which has UNESCO and the European Commission, about these issues of [INAUDIBLE 0:45:23]. It will be my first participation in the meeting, in the ICANN meeting. I would like to enroll myself in the GNSCO group, in



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order to follow these issues [INAUDIBLE 0:45:50] and their impact on cultural diversity, [INAUDIBLE 0:45:56] on the internet.

We just organized our first internet governance in Quebec. It was last week, and we are privileged to have a VP of Stakeholder Engagement, Technical Engagement, at the program, who has presented. Also, [INAUDIBLE 0:46:33]. So, we are talking about the issues of participation, of French community in the ICANN ecosystem. Those are some different points that we are involved in, either [INAUDIBLE 0:47:0] Abu Dhabi.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Excellent. Thank you, Destiny. That's really helpful. I wasn't aware that you did the IGF. That's great news. Go ahead, Geoffrey. Do a quick introduction on yourself.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: That's quite alright. I'll defer to my old friend, Mathew. Mat?

MATHEW RANTANEN: Good. Yes, I put on the thread there, that Geoff always interrupts me. But we're good at that with each other. We've known each other for a decade plus now, and have been working on policy issues in the United States from day one. Let's see. I've been to ICANN50 in London, and I've been to ICANN51 in Los Angeles. I know what drinking from the firehose is like. It's pretty interesting, for sure, and you really have to figure out what you want to latch onto, to make it your issue or something that

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relates to something that you're working on at home, so that you can get a better understanding of it in-depth.

I don't know how anybody would understand everything going on in ICANN. Either that or they're retired, and that's all they do. I currently run a wireless network in Southern California that supports Native American tribes. I'm working on a national initiative to bring middle-mile fiber to 167 tribal nations. I'm coming to you from Native Public Media. I'm on the board. I was a six-year chairman and stepped down to treasurer, and Geoffrey Blackwell, who was speaking, is now the chair.

We have worked with Native Public Media for I don't even know how long Geoff's been involved, but I've been involved for nearly ten years, and have been really working on Native American issues and things centering around policy. My primary goal is access to broadband. Our biggest problem is communities don't have access, and until we all have access, that's my primary concern. I've worked with the National Congress of American Indians also with Geoffrey, co-chairing the tech and telecom subcommittee, creating tribal resolutions that we use to defend our issues and fight our issues on the Hill in DC, with Congress, and sometimes with the executive branch, as well as issues with the Federal Communications Commission.

I also chair the technology taskforce at the National Congress of American Indians, which brings new technologies in to expose tribal members to what's happening for the future growth in technology, and to not be left behind. Also, I advise the Broadband Council in the California Office of Emergency Services on broadband issues in the state

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of California, directly to the governor. That's kind of a quick overview. I'm looking forward to being at this ICANN meeting.

As you said, it's one of the biggest of the meetings, so I'm interested in finding out where the indigenous populations can have the best place to have their voice heard on some of the issues, and then just evaluate moving forward, where the best spot is for us. Thank you.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Thank you, Mathew. I believe Valerie [NAME 0:50:53] is on one of those committees, if I recall.

MATHEW RANTANEN: No, she was on the Native Nations Broadband Taskforce, which is actually timed out this month. She is also now on the – I think it's called Broadband Advisory Group or something like that. It's Chairman Pie, of the FCC.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Right. Thank you so much. Okay, moving on. Susannah?

SUSANNAH GRAY: Hi, everybody. Yes, I'm Susannah Gray. I'm the President and chair of the [INAUDIBLE 0:51:33]. My other job is I'm a strategic communications consultant, mainly working with connect governance, multi-stakeholder organizations. The chapter is mainly focused on issues surrounding rural broadband and access to remote communities. We

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work a lot on tech issues and also on data privacy and security. Those are the kind of areas that I'm interested in.

I have been to an ICANN meeting before. I was at ICANN51, in Los Angeles, because that was a local meeting for me. Through my work, I'm involved with the Regional Internet Registries. Through that, I'm also involved with the technical community as well, the ICANN technical community. I have my foot in two areas. I'm interested in numbers policy as well as the issues that we face in At-Large. In terms of working groups, I'm on the social media working group, and hopefully that will ramp up a little bit.

I actually have a question. Is this the time to pose a question?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Yes, it's open to anything. Since you have the microphone, go right ahead, Susannah.

SUSANNAH GRAY: Okay, so my question to you and anybody else who wants to answer this is what are the top three sessions that you would consider hot topic sessions, that fellows should attend, no matter what they're interested in? What would give the fellows really good sense of what ICANN is all about? Or just one, if three is too many?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Okay. Well, I'm going to say right away, I find really interesting the public forum, where anyone in the community can bring up issues. It's a

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great way to find out the heartbeat of the community, and it's open questions right to the board. I find that quite intriguing. But again, all the At-Large meetings are very important to attend, as an open discussion. We will not have a NARALO meeting, because we're out of region. That's a recent update.

Normally, we have a small meeting at the ICANN meetings, but only when it's in region. Like, for example, in Puerto Rico coming up, we'll have one. That would have been a very important one, but it's not going to happen. Judith, do you have any recommendations?

SUSANNAH GRAY:

I just had a quick clarification there. You said that NARALO isn't going to be meeting, or have a formal meeting. But is it not possible to have an informal meeting, a drinks gathering or something?

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Yes, of course. Absolutely.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN:

Yes, we're happy to have small meetings, any time you want. We'll try to get it within our schedules. Just let us know what's a good time. What Glenn was referring to is we used to have NARALO meetings during the sessions, but we got low turnout. The timing was not working well for others in the group, and there was such a demand for meeting space and timing issues. So, we decided that when we're out of region, we would not have a formal NARALO meeting. But that doesn't mean that, unofficially, we can't meet outside or meet any time or meet in the

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fellows group or whatever you want. It's just that logistically, it made it very difficult. It was decided that the only RALO that would meet then would be the RALOs that were in region.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Thank you, Judith. Heidi, go ahead.

HEIDI ULLRICH: The schedule, the meetings are now schedule. You'll see, if you go onto the daily pages, the agendas are blank. That's what's going to be filled in this week. We'll be filling in the schedule for At-Large meetings. Again, that would be the ALAC members, the [INAUDIBLE 0:56:41] members, plus the regional chairs and secretaries and liaisons, plus the working group meetings and then the RALO meetings. Those are primarily only going to be NARALO, because we're in region this time, as well as the regional leadership meetings.

Now, that meeting is open to everyone, so please, if you're interested in regional issues, please come to that one as well. Now, Alan has said that the three main topics for this meeting will be Atlas Three, the At-Large review, and new GTLDs. Now, under new GTLDs will be community applicant support, string confusion, and community applications, I think. Those are the three main issues under new GTLDs. Bear with us. Things will become more clear, towards the end of the week. You'll see which meetings you'll be going to.

Now, as fellows, you're going to be very busy. You'll be going to fellow sessions, fellowship meetings every morning, and then you'll be asked, I

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believe, to go to some other sessions just to get your feet wet. But feel free to take a look at the At-Large sessions, what's their schedule for the day, and then attend those as much as you can. Thank you.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Heidi, I have a question for you on the new GTLD. Do we have a chair for that working group?

HEIDI ULLRICH: No, not yet. That's another main session, not one of the main topics but a main session, will be looking at working groups. We currently have about 20 working groups in some states of activity, and we've been spending the last two months, basically, on that. Staff and Alan have been looking at all of the working groups. We've been updating them, cleaning the pages up. In Abu Dhabi, we're going to be having a session on which ones should be active, which ones are obviously not going to be active, and those that need chairs. Yes, since new GTLDs will be an up and coming issue, there will need to be a chair for that group. We don't have one, really, at the moment.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Thank you. I know we're wrapping up, but Geoffrey, go ahead.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Glenn, I just wanted to take a few minutes to introduce myself. I appreciate the opportunity to listen in on the call and take part. It's been a lot of good information. I had three quick questions. But first, my

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name is Geoffrey Blackwell. I first got involved in internet base issues in college. I went to a college that had one of the early forms of intra-network, and ever since then, I've always wondered why places at home where I'm from suffered from a lack of connectivity.

I got involved in the regulation of communications technologies in the United States in 2000. I'm an enrolled member of Muskogee Creek Nation, and I was the first enrolled member of a tribal nation here in the United States, to work at the Federal Communications Commission. I did two stints at the FCC, and the second time, it was to make good on a promise to create an office of native affairs and policy.

I got to know Mat. I'd heard about this wonderful network that was being built in California. In some ways, Mat has been a mentor to me on hardware and connectivity issues. In other ways, I've been a mentor to him in internet regulation issues. But good friends. And I'm familiar with what it is to drink from the firehose, not just from early days at the FCC, when our United States was trying to figure out how to address issues with the 567 tribes here, but from other international experience on indigenous issues.

I have not been to an ICANN. I'm looking forward to this, my first ICANN. I'm very thankful for the opportunity to be in the indigenous global ambassador program. I did attend WITHIS, too, in Tunisia, in 2005, on behalf of the tribal nations. That was a United Nations and international telecommunications union meeting. As a result of that, here in the Western Hemisphere, we tried to get an organization off the ground, called the International Commission for Communications Technologies in the Americas.



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It was made up of indigenous representatives from North, South, and Central America, and unfortunately it was a victim of the 2008 economic collapse and could never really get its NGO status off the ground. But as Mat said, he and I are involved in a number of organizations here, Native Public Media, the National Congress of American Indians. We actually have a meeting coming up in a couple of weeks.

We also serve on the board of Arizona State University, which is a real forward-thinking state university that has a research component to it, and an American Indian Policy Institute, a research thinktank that we helped guide. We spent a lot of time talking with policy makers in Washington, D.C. I was just there earlier this week for a roundtable in our United States Senate, around infrastructure development.

I would agree with Mat, and I'm sure with so many others from indigenous populations. The top issue is really deployment. It's really access and the different issues that drive access. Right behind that is really use and the great power of the internet that comes in internet opportunities that come to our communities. I had just three quick questions, if I may. One of them is very much a nuts and bolts question, and it's something I heard Heidi mention. I know that she was copied on an email chain earlier. I wanted to ask about actual travel time for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup>.

I know that certain fellows – it sounds like there is actually a luncheon and an opportunity to still meet and really derive some meaningful opportunity from this meeting on the middle of the day on the third, or a luncheon on the third, or a lunch meeting. Is that the case? I just wanted to confirm, because I was locking down travel time and wanted

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to make sure that that was the case. I did have a second question. I'll just get all three of these out.

The second one is very much appreciated during the call, that you and others, Judith, have offered to have really one-off questions. I do have a wonderful coach, Renata. She's been very helpful. But I did want – some of the questions that have come up, I've been taking notes on this call. I was wondering if I might be able to contact you for just a one-off question or two about how to try to get a bit of a head start on jumping in on this meeting. I feel very much what you all said, is that this is sort of we're coming more directly into the ICANN experience. I feel that as well.

On the other side of that, there's certainly a lot of startup, drinking from the firehose that's already started. I wondered if I might be able to arrange follow-ups with each of you, just on some of the notes I've taken. We don't really have time to go into some of these one-offs now.

But then thirdly, my third question was really with our big inter-tribal government meeting coming up in a couple weeks, I wanted to ask how, if there was any insight or any thoughts about how we should seek issues. I know Valerie quite well. But there's a larger community of [INAUDIBLE 1:05:03] here in Indian Country and in the United States.

I wanted to seek guidance on how we should coordinate issues, in order to bring to ICANN60 from our tribal communities. Just a small sketch on me, I've done a bunch of board work and other things like that. I'd be happy to tell you about it in person or separately. But those three questions, actual travel on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>, one-off follow-ups with Heidi

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and Judith, and then also just gathering issues and perspectives to bring with us in our bag, if you will, to Abu Dhabi.

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Great. Thank you. We're just running out of time, and I can't believe the time went so quickly. I'm so impressed to have all you folks there. I really think it's not a mentor or mentee thing. Let's just see ourselves as colleagues, and if we can learn from each other, this is just going to be a great opportunity.

Speaking for Judith and myself, we are very proud of the fact that we have such excellent fellows coming in. It's so unique, because these are people, after analyzing the fellowship program, so many of them just have disappeared. It was nice for them to do a fellowship, but they may have not been their passion. I can really see, listening to all of you, that you guys live and breathe this. This is just going to be a great opportunity. I'll just turn to Judith. Any final comments, Judith?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN:

I don't have any final comments, but I'm really happy to spend any time to talk with different people and go over the schedules. Next week is going to be a little crazy, because I'm off Thursday and Friday for the Jewish holidays. But I'm happy to talk to you guys any time. Let me know.

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Great. Thank you, Judith. Me as well. Heidi, final words?

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HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you. This is just responding to Geoffrey. On the first question about the lunch on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, I would follow up with [INAUDIBLE 1:07:22], if I were you. I know that you have some work in Washington immediately afterward, so I don't know if you need to prioritize that. If you can, you can stay for that lunch and then be part later that day. But let's take that offline.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: No, that's good. That's really all I need. That's really all I needed, was just the straight info. I've made ICANN the priority over that Washington meeting, so no worries there.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. I know this is a volunteer, and that might be paid. That has to come first, so I get that. On the point about the follow-up, Glenn has put his number in and maybe you guys can connect via email, and then follow-up over the phone. I'm happy to talk with you as well. What we can also do is, since you're basically a newcomer to At-Large, we just had a NARALO newcomer orientation call.

We set up a Skype chat for any kind of questions to do with At-Large or to do with ICANN meetings, et cetera. We'll add you to that, if you can just let us know what your Skype account is. We'll go ahead and do that. First, on the issues, I wasn't quite clear what your question was. But there will be a lot of chances for you to speak with the leadership of ALAC, with ALAC itself, on what some of the priorities are. Once we do

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have that agenda finished where you see those main topics scheduled, please come to those. Let's see.

There's also going to be a pre-ICANN policy webinar later this month. I think it's the 17<sup>th</sup>. I need to doublecheck that, but you will be getting that in your email. There are two of them. There's an afternoon session for people on the west coast. It's good timing. You'll hear all the topics on that, from across the community, the supporting organizations and the advisory committee. I would definitely suggest that you attend that call.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Thank you very much.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Wow, thank you all for attending the call today. I can't believe we jammed a lot in. I appreciate you all staying an extra couple of minutes for the call as well. Again, we're going to conclude the call today, and feel free. Geoffrey, my phone number, since you're not on Adobe, is (905) 434-6655. I'll be in San Jose Sunday, but I'll be back. Thanks, everybody. We're going to finish this call and we'll see you all. Thank you.

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