YEŞIM NAZLAR:	Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the APRALO monthly call taking place on Thursday 17th of May, 2018 at 6:00 UTC.
	On our call today, we have Satish Babu, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Holly Raiche, Maureen Hilyard, Ali AlMeshal, Amrita Choudhury, Bikram Shrestha, Hanan Khatib, Lianna Galstyan, Priyatosh Jana, Maheeswara Kirindigoda – apologies for my pronunciation – Nadira Al-Araj, Shreedeep Rayamajhi, and currently we don't have anyone on the Chinese channel.
	Moving on to the apologies. We have received apologies from Kaili Kan, Yannis Li, William Tibben, Justine Chew, and Narine Khachatryan.
	From staff side, we have Silvia Vivanco, Evin Erdoğdu, Siranush Vardanyan and myself, Yeşim Nazlar.
	Our Chinese interpreters are Yi Yi and Ray for this call. And before we start, as always, I would like to remind everyone to state their names before speaking, not only for the transcription but also for the interpretation purposes, please. And just a kind reminder for those who are on the phone bridge, please don't forget to use *6 to mute your lines and *7 to unmute.
	Back to you, Satish. Thank you very much.
SATISH BABU:	Thank you very much, Yeşim.

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Thank you to everyone who has joined this call. As you're aware, this is a [inaudible] call because we have most of the time during this call dedicated to the meet the candidates [of RALO] this year's selection/election. So we have about 20 minutes to cover our regular events and programs.

So I will now straight away move on to Item #2: Membership. We are happy to see that there are four individual members who are joining us during this month. These are Hanan Khatib, Gnanajeyaraman Rajaram, Razoana Moslam, and Maheeshwara.

Now, on the [dedication], on behalf of all of us, I'd be happy to welcome these new individual members. I'm not sure who are on this call. I know that Maheeshwara is on this call. But welcome to all of you, all four of you, and for any support or help in your participation or if you come across any difficulties, please contact staff or any of the leadership members will be happy to help you.

And unfortunately, we don't have time to hear from you during this call, but we will have a round of introductions on all of our individual members a bit later, maybe in the coming two or three calls.

ALI ALMESHAL: Hello?

SATISH BABU: So someone wants to speak?

ALI ALMESHAL:	Oh sorry, Satish, because I was disconnected so I'm just making sure I am back with the call.
SATISH BABU:	Okay, Ali, you are back. We can hear you perfectly well. I do not have the "hand up" signal on my Android device, so if you want to speak and you don't see a response from me, please speak out your name on the phone bridge or on direct so that I can hear it or staff can notify if there are any hands up.
	So with this, we are moving on to our regular policy update and it's over to Maureen, Holly and Kaili for the update.
HOLLY RAICHE:	Maureen, it's got to be you. I can do one item but that's it.
SATISH BABU:	Maureen, we're waiting for you. In the meantime, can you please mute if you're not speaking? Everybody, kindly mute. Over to you, Maureen.
MAUREEN HILYARD:	Sorry about that. Okay, excuse my voice. I'm [so croaky] tonight.
	For some reason, my phone keeps coming in and out so please let me know on the chat if you can't hear me.
SATISH BABU:	Yeah, we can hear you.

HOLLY RAICHE: We can't now.

YEŞIM NAZLAR: We just lost her and we are redialing Maureen now.

SATISH BABU: Holly, please go ahead.

HOLLY RAICHE: The only update I've got, and it's basically to do with the long-running GDPR and the result of where we're now up to and there are two parts to it. One is the interim model and what? After the Vancouver meeting of the board, then they have come up with a statement about what the temporary system for compliance will be. It's really a follow-on from the temporary model that we have discussed, so what's left over is the issue of accreditation. And that's accreditation as to who gets access to non-public WHOIS information.

There is a latest version that is out. Jonathan and I are down as holding the pen on that one. I've had an opportunity to read it. I must admit there are a couple of things that I've got a question with. I haven't had a chance to get back to Jonathan on that but I would suggest that people go to the policy page on ICANN and I will probably have to update, or that particular page will have to be updated because of the Vancouver decision which was, I think, just a day or so ago. And I think the latest accreditation model also needs updating.

There will be comments, I hope, in the next probably two or three days as we work towards implementation but it's all happening so fast that it's a little bit difficult to keep up where we're up to. The deadline for compliance with the GDPR, as everyone knows – not everyone – as most people realize is the 25th of May, so all of the policies that have to be in place by then are very, very quickly being developed. We're seeking comment very, very quickly.

By all means, read the page but also read the ICANN, what's on the home page and the connections to the various documents that are the most current ones. I don't have any further update because, basically, everything changes within days, really. So I'm happy to take questions on that one, but I probably wouldn't be able to get back for a couple of days, just to get a hold of Jonathan and just to check that we have the latest version to the documents that are being developed. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Holly. Cheryl, do you have anything to add to this?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Nothing to the GDPR, no.

SATISH BABU: Okay. Thanks, Cheryl. So we will come back to you if there is any other topic. Now we will go to Maureen and then Kaili and then back to you, Cheryl. Maureen, over to you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh, well I was actually just going to highlight to our members that I really would like them to take note of the statements that have actually been approved already and sorts of there's the summaries that are there and if you need to or you would like to know more about how you can become involved, it's really important that, if you have all of the summarized statements and how they're actually being constructed, you will see that they're quite technical, but at the same time, it's really good. You will learn a lot from just reading the comments that are made as the statements are being formulated.

But I actually don't have too much to sort of tell about some of the – regarding the statements. There's a couple that have got some preliminary statements up and that's somewhat the starter for if you have any comments to make on any of the current statements that have been requested for comment from our members. Really, you do have to read the documentation before if you make a comment.

But maybe, for example, later on, probably not at the moment because [these] are going through some pretty important stuff at the moment, but if you have a look, if you can see the screen, May and June, really are [inaudible]. There are several issues coming up in May and June and [inaudible], you may be able get your confidence about making a comment on, so it'll be interesting for you to have a look, we may come up and read through the documentation and see if you can participate. [Inaudible]. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Maureen. Kaili, over to you.

HOLLY RAICHE: I think he's an apology.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes, he was an apology.

SATISH BABU: Oh yes, that is right.

YEŞIM NAZLAR: He is an apology.

SATISH BABU: Kaili is an apology. Sorry for that. Cheryl, do you have anything to add to this?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I must say, just a follow-on from Maureen, in the set of capacity building webinars that ALAC and At-Large do, both the most recent one and the next upcoming one, they're to do with topics that are relating to the subsequent procedures for new gTLDs. Now, the one that's coming up is geographic names and that's topics that I'd encourage people to join the work group on because that's early enough to dig in and get themselves involved in the development of the work by joining Work Track 5. But if they're not feeling quite so confident in jumping into that

straight away, then coming to the capacity building webinar would be a good way of doing it.

But in the late-May/June period, we will be putting out from the subsequent procedures for new gTLD's working group – that's the PDP Working Group within the GNSO – we'll be putting out an interim report which is a current state of thinking of four work tracks, one of which – oh sorry, I should say some of which has particular interests, I believe, to people in our region not only as it encompasses matters to do with internationalized domain names, but also to do with systems that can be given in the New gTLD Program for applicant support and also for community gTLDs. So those topics were covered in the last webinar and it might be a good thing for us to do one of two things, encourage our members to go to that and to have a look at it through the ICANN Learn environment, or if need be, we may perhaps see if we can get it re-run. But I would suggest that we probably benefit from having people bring themselves up to speed before they're asked to make comments in the May/June period of time. Thanks.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Cheryl. Are there any quick questions on the policy updates?

Not hearing any voices, let's then move on to Agenda Item #4 quickly. These are the other matters and APRALO updates. So we have three items here. I'll go through them quickly. For any more details, please contact staff.

The first is a call for volunteers for the Social Media Working Group from John Dupree. So John is heading the Social Media Working Group

and he asked us to give some publicity to the need for volunteers for that working group, so if those of you who are social media experts and have some time to spare, please contact John Dupree to become members in this very important working group.

And second to that under the new public comments, the list of the policy lists in the agenda, there are two items that say "short-term options to address the timeline for specific reviews" and "long-term options to address the timeline of reviews". Both of these are directed at changes to the existing review policy, which is quite taxing for the community, the volunteer community, and presumably, for the staff as well. So ICANN is taking initiative to consult the community to rationalize these things and David Olive had written to all of the RALO Chairs saying that we should give some publicity to the webinars on the details of what is being attempted here.

There are two webinars and one of them is a good time for [inaudible]. Both are one 7th of June, 5:00 to 6:00 UTC and 17:00 to 18:00 UTC, so those of you who are interested are requested to attend these webinars and respond to the public comment for the structural adjustments to the review process.

The third is, again, just a mention. There was a regional secretariat call connecting the ALAC Chair with all the RALO Chairs, and one of the suggestions that has come up from there is that where required, we can have policy hot topics ambassadors from the community in addition to [inaudible] the RALO [inaudible].

So if there is a particular community member who is an expert on any particular policy that ICANN is interested in, he or she can come forward and be a kind of anchor in the region in APRALO to kind of coordinate the response. Now we are not sure how to exactly work it out, but this is an early announcement for the community to be aware that this possibility exists.

Are there any questions on the topics covered so far?

YEŞIM NAZLAR: Cheryl's hand is up.

SATISH BABU: Cheryl, please go ahead.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thanks, Satish. Just on that very good idea of having regional policy hot topic ambassadors, I am absolutely and utterly supportive of that, but I would like to suggest that they actually know something about the topics that is in the context of what ICANN is doing. In other words, being [inaudible] of some sort of expert on the topic, even from an academic perspective may not give you exactly the same concept of what is going on in the topic within, perhaps, a PDP process within ICANN.

So I would encourage anyone who is aspiring to be such an ambassador to also be actually actively engaged in the ICANN activities relating to that topic. I find it wryly amusing – no, I find it absolutely annoying and

very ridiculous – when expertise is brought forward and it hasn't actually been engaged or involved in what ICANN is doing on the topic. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Cheryl. That's a very important and valid point. I can imagine what would happen if a so-called GDPR expert came up and then took over the whole ambassador role without knowing what is the specific context of GDPR within ICANN, so I completely agree with that and it is not sufficient to be an expert in general, but you have to be an expert within the ICANN context as well to qualify for the ambassador position.

All right, so are there any other questions? If not, we will go to the second part of this meeting.

I'm not seeing hands or voices. We will now move on to the second part of this meeting, which is Meet the Candidate.

So the formal part of the APRALO meeting is over and I am handing over the floor to Silvia. This is Satish signing off.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, Satish. So this is the section, APRALO Meet the Candidate section, which is available to all the candidates to APRALO leadership positions, so you can introduce yourself and take questions from APRALO members. As you know, all the RALOs are, at the moment, undergoing selections, elections, and appointments, all synchronized so we have only screened there, the wiki page, where the members are there, the positions are posted as well as the timetables.

I believe there is a hand up. Cheryl, is that an old hand?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yes, down where I am, I have a very slow Internet connection, my apologies. Hopefully, it'll eventually get put down in the actual WebEx, not just locally.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, thank you. Okay, so the following positions as you can see on the screen are open for selection, ALAC member for 2018 until 2020, APRALO Chair 2018 until 2020, APRALO Vice-chair 2018 to 2020, the APRALO Secretariat, which is a discretionary appointment, as well until 2020, and the ALAC Delegate to the NomCom for one year, 2018 to 2019.

Some remarks, please note that newly elected ALAC members and APRALO leaders shall be seated at the ALAC wrap-up session within the ICANN meeting63 to be held in Barcelona, Spain.

Please note that the only position which has two candidates is the APRALO Vice-Chair position. So elections online really help select the new Vice-Chair and the election calendar is published on the wiki.

The other positions only have one candidate. Therefore, we are following APRALO rules of procedures to declare those candidates as the official winners. We will do that later on.

The next section will be to give the floor to all candidates in alphabetical order, so to give you an opportunity to introduce yourself and to have a chance to answer questions from the membership.

HOLLY RAICHE: Silvia, I think I'm coming first. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Correct. Yes, I'm going to just give – I know that Holly, she needs to leave so we will make that exception. So first, we will give the floor to Holly Raiche for two minutes each and my colleague, Evin Erdoğdu, is going to take the time and give us a heads up when we have 20 seconds left. So please, go ahead, Holly, and Evin, please time her. Thank you. Over to you, Holly.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you very much and I won't take very much time, and my apologies, but I am supposed to be participating in another meeting which came up rather suddenly. So my apologies.

But just to introduce myself, I have been involved in the policy issues of ICANN for many years, starting really way back in the negotiations for the 2013 RAA. Some of the other issues I've been involved in, in terms of working groups and so forth, involved the inter-registrar transfer policy, the privacy proxy services, a number of working groups involving the WHOIS issue. And for the new gTLDs, I started with looking at the Applicant Guidebook, started with looking at the Public Interest Commitment Statements and have written both the initial and second

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copies – held a pen, actually – for the report on Competition Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review which was the review of the New gTLD Program. And I've also helped organize multi-stakeholder meetings in ICANN which involve all of the people from various Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees on issues. And for two of the ICANN meetings, I actually developed and presented the four lunchtime capacity building sessions and have also presented a couple of two APAC webinars.

Certainly, if I have a long-term or even short-term aim, it is to support the presence of APRALO in policy development. I'm very happy with the announcement that Satish gave in terms of having an ambassador on policy issues, but certainly we need to really have a system whereby we can all help each other learn about policies and be a part of the development process which is something I would like to foster in my term as ALAC representative. I'm happy to take questions now, okay?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you. Yes, thank you very much, Holly. So with your permission and since Holly needs to leave the call, I will now read the question for her from [Anrita].

[Anrita] asks, "Engagement of ALSes in the policy discussions has been quite low. Having represented APRALO on policy in the ALAC Advisory Committee for a few years now, is there any different approach you plan to adopt this time for encouraging the participation and building next level leadership? If yes, what would be the approach?" Over to you.

HOLLY RAICHE: Yes, and I would certainly like to follow on with a suggestion that Alan has made. It's starting with the concept of there should be a policy advisor and I would like to be using either APAC itself where they're holding webinars which you may or may not have attended on policy issues. I've also been involved in the Capacity Building Working Group to participate in giving the sessions on policy issues.

This has been an initiative that Tijani had started but it's a way of actually bringing people up to speed on policy issues and what I would like to do is continue to use the APAC, which is the Asia Pacific part of ICANN, to do more webinars which is a way of bringing people up to date and perhaps working on the concept that was just developed by Alan in the announcement of having some kind of policy expert and bringing them up to speed. So it's the idea of using what's in place, but more of it to make sure that people have the opportunity to learn about issues and to participate.

And I also think it may make sense to have a specific webinar just on how to research issues because the policy page of ICANN, if you haven't looked at it, has been revised in the past probably two or three years so it's much more user friendly. It's now much easier to find out about policy issues and what we've said in the past, and I think a webinar just on how to use the policy page and how to do a first draft would be something that would be a webinar that I'd be very happy to develop. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO:	Great. Thank you very much, Holly. With that, then I will continue with the opening statement with alphabetical order. Thank you very much, Holly.
HOLLY RAICHE:	Thank you. Thank you very much. Bye.
SILVIA VIVANCO:	Bye right now.
	Now we have Ali AlMeshal, please, and you have the floor. And [inaudible] please.
ALI ALMESHAL:	Hello.
SILVIA VIVANCO:	Hello, Ali. Yes, we hear you. Please go ahead.
ALI ALMESHAL:	Yes, just give me one second please because I am in the office. One second.
	Hello?
SILVIA VIVANCO:	Yes, Ali. We are ready.

ALI ALMESHAL: Yes. Sorry, sorry. Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity. I joined the APRALO, I think, in 2013, something like that or '12, I'm not so sure. But since then, I was so much active and I was so happy to give you this background that the first time I was elected as a Vice-Chair, I was selected or nominated directly which shows how much of the trust and having my skills and, let's say, efforts to do with APRALO.

I have 25 years of experience into the technicalities heading an IT department and business department in digital business transformations, so working with APRALO, I was so happy and so [inaudible] this time also to thank all who have supported my nomination. It was really amazing that I get all of this support which shows how much is their trust and confidence in the members in the current and existing APRALO leadership team.

On the other side, I would also highlight how strong in strength the existing APRALO leadership team was working as a team together, which shows all of such great achievement in making APRALO very unique.

I have been participating a lot in capacity building and outreach, and you know that we have run the mentorship program which was a very much successful program that we are planning to run it again. And such a program helped us to identify people. It's not only for leadership positions, but most important is people who are active who can get into our working groups. That's what we are looking for. We are looking for new bloods and new youth that want to work with us to let some

leadership, to let some working groups, committees, to get in and share their voice in these working groups.

On the other side, I have been very much active in the last general assembly doing the [inaudible] outreach and preparing the general assembly itself, and the number of activities, I cannot keep listing them. I have represented with some other membership team of leadership representing APRALO and different regional and international events. The last one was the [inaudible] the working group, and by the way, I was one of the first people who created and founded the Middle East Working Strategy Group, the first round of that. And attending such –

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you. Apologies for interrupting.

ALI ALMESHAL: Sure, sure. No problem.

SILVIA VIVANCO: The time is up and we need to keep… We'll do another round with the questions that we are taking notes now. So thank you very much, Ali.

So now we have Nadira, please. Nadira Al-Araj, you have the floor.

NADIRA AL-ARAJ: Hi. Thank you, Silvia. I thank the community also for their support and the one thing I want to talk about, my experience to pass this knowledge to our colleagues here.

Before getting into the Nominating Committee, ICANN does have a vision about what I wanted to be, wanted to learn, so I didn't just seek for the position without knowledge. I been even was a member of the NomCom Review Committee to have a general idea about what's the work of the Nominating Committee. Based on my information, I developed my understanding of ICANN and then I nominated myself to this position and that was a good match.

So we need anybody to have a position, has to work [inaudible], and that's what I did. And when I was in the committee, I can say easily I could sit and be up to those experts at the NomCom and I'm happy to be even challenging them sometimes.

As my tasks were, I've been briefing the community. I've been also having been into different subcommittees in the NomCom, even sharing one of the committees and currently, I'm into one of the recommendation committees and I also, for the coming year, I hope that what is my experience, not only to focus on the Nominating Committee work, also to get all of my engagement with APRALO and the policy comments that I make.

Thank you. My time is up now. Back to you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, Nadira. Now we have Satish Babu. Please, Satish, you have the floor.

SATISH BABU: Can you hear me?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, Satish. Go ahead.

SATISH BABU: Thank you. [inaudible] muted [inaudible]. I've been the Regional Chair of APRALO from 2010. Before that, I was on the NomCom. I think being a Regional Chair was a fairly significant activity that requires some kind of background and also some skill. We need to have some knowledge about different parts of ICANN. We need to know about the topics, especially the policy topics and we also have to know that [inaudible] of the various programs [inaudible] as well. Plus, we have the [whole] regional partnership with organizations like APNIC or APTLD and so on.

So the RALO, as I said, is a kind of anchoring role that needs to interface with all these different organizations and people. So I think I've been doing it reasonably well so far. The challenges, I think, that came up that technically, the AGM that we had in Abu Dhabi.

For the future, I think that somebody [inaudible] actually be coming up. One is the ICANN Review and [inaudible] give back At-Large as a whole for the APRALO. Second is the individual member integration with the ICANN APRALO bylaws and so on. Third is the [inaudible] coming up and I think all these require strong leadership as the Chair of APRALO and I think with my background, I should be able to do a fairly good job. So I would like to thank everybody else who has supported me throughout this term of two years in setting out activities. We have been working as a team, and thank you very much.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, Satish. So now we have Shreedeep Rayamajhi. Please go ahead. You have the floor.

SHREEDEEP RAYAMAJHI: Hi. I have been an ICANN APRALO member since 2010. I am very active in the Asia Pacific region with the [inaudible] and the Internet governance process. I think [inaudible] APRALO member of the ICANN Board member selection process in 2017. [Inaudible] participate in ICANN61 as a coach, a Fellow in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Similarly, I attended the ICANN60 as the ALAC representative and I felt the role and capacity of my involvement grow so I submitted my nomination. My other engagement, I am quite active in the APrIGF. I am one of the MSGs and have been [inaudible] there. Apart from that, I have been contributing to the Asia Pacific School of Internet Governance. I am one of the [inaudible] of the Nepal IGF and Nepal [inaudible]. I was also the member of the Internet Rights and Principles Coalition from 2016 to 2018.

I have been involved with developing various toolkits. In ICANN61, I was there and I felt that there was a big gap so I developed this new ICANN Newcomers Toolkit and I've sent it to [Siranush] and other people for further enhancement. Other than that, I have also worked on child safety online toolkits and I was very actively involved with developing the NRI IGF toolkit as well.

The main reason for me to stand up for the election [inaudible] APRALO is because I think we need to bridge the gap and bring in more diversity and young energy and I seriously believe in this because during the ICANN61, I encountered something where I felt that young people need to step up because during the fellowship sessions, I asked a few of the Fellows to attend an At-Large session and they came back to me saying that other constitution sessions, there were more people reaching out, there were more youth leaders. And for me, I was talking about At-Large and standing up. I had to give them answers and that is the reason why I think young people, young leaders, need to step up to the leadership position. And yeah, okay.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Sorry for interrupting. Time is up. So now we have, yes, thank you, Shreedeep. Now we have one more round with opportunity for you to [spread] your views. I have some questions here for the candidates from [Anrita] that other [inaudible] them or raise your hand and we will take notes or give you the floor so you can ask them directly.

I'm going to ask the question first for Nadira. What would be your top priority as a NomCom representative of APRALO this year? Please keep your answers brief to two minutes, please. Thank you.

NADIRA AL-ARAJ: Is it clear? Can you hear me?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, go ahead.

NADIRA AL-ARAJ:	Yes, thank you. Yeah, thank you, Silvia.
	I notice what is my priority this year, also on the NomCom, I noticed the applicant's problem. Applicants, they don't know how to match their quality skills with required position, so I would like whenever I reach anybody, encourage them to apply and they need some time to prepare themselves into that position, and not just to apply directly. We had to have understanding of what's the coming role for them. That is important. And also, if I have the possibility to reach out to different events to find the places where ICANN recruits more people, outreach have to give, like I have a talk at the Middle East DNS Forum and I found some perfect candidates but we need to speak with them on a personal level on how to pick them and to prepare them to be up to the leadership positions. Thank you.
SILVIA VIVANCO:	Great. Thank you very much, Nadira. Now I have a question for Satish. Satish, name at least one area you would want to reform in the existing APRALO approach for your reelection this time. Thank you. Go ahead.
SATISH BABU:	I think the big challenge we are facing is policy participation from the community and that appears to be one of the biggest weaknesses that we have and one that we need to address. So we have already started discussions on what to do to encourage policy contributions. We understand that different [inaudible] have different [inaudible]. Some of

them do not consider Internet governance as their central role, but increasingly we are coming under scrutiny. The At-Large [inaudible] has agreed that under the – I'm sure that global part that we are mandated to do, [inaudible] comment on policy.

Anything else does not matter so much, so my first priority now will be to ensure that everybody in the community can be simulated, appropriated, and motivated to make policy contributions and remove all the hindrances or blocks that might be [inaudible] to become contributing and reintegrate community members, especially the individual members to come out and to make policy contributions and also the funding support, etc. in the future might also depend on policy contributions and [inaudible] ALS members.

There will be changes in the way we will be treating policy as it has become a central aspect of our lives from now. So these will be some of the [inaudible] change that I'd like to affect the APRALO. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, Satish. I know there is another question for you but I will take that after the first round. So next question is for Shreedeep. For Shreedeep, you have mentioned importance of increasing diversity, getting new voices and youth engagement. If elected, how do you plan to do so? Please go ahead. Thank you.

SHREEDEEP RAYAMAJHI: Thank you, Silvia. I think there is a greater need to expand the APRALO community not just in terms of number, but in contribution and

engagement. Having said that, I also realize the importance of current structure in the [inaudible] that we have. I think there is huge confusion in-between the communication process that we are currently running. We have around 54 registered ALSes from 29 countries and I want to make sure to communicate with each and every ALS, asking them about issues and the engagement. I think that is seriously lacking.

We have to sort [ambitions], listen to the needs. Regarding youth interventions, we need to create groups where we can prepare and guide them, the youth group, adopting social media and various other groups even [inaudible] we are reaching out and bit of experience in youth outreach. Specific webinars for new and young for capacity building programs, [coach] the new ALSes about understanding of the purpose of [bringing] the ALSes and working and reviving inactive ALSes.

And, you know, we need a proper screening about policy commenting because I was involved in one of the sessions in ICANN61 and I think that benefited me and most of the time, people are also quite confused about what to do, how to write so things like that are on my priority list.

I strongly believe that just self-motivation and guidance alone is not enough. For instance, you've got to use intervention. There are organizations like NetMission where we could use them. We could collaborate. We have not been even collaborating. We have such a diversity, such a beautiful group of people, intellectuals, we can take it step by step and we can stand. We can reach out to the unreachable in such a way, so I think those are my priorities. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, Shreedeep. And now for Ali. If re-elected, what is the one thing you will reform in the APRALO initiative. Ali?

ALI ALMESHAL: I think I have answered that on the chat, but I will just repeat it again. As you can see from all the responses, we are all going on the same point. It's an engagement and getting people more involved into the policy development and getting into the discussion and statement writing. So that's one of the critical points that all of us in the APRALO leadership team and the other advisory team that we are looking into how to do it.

One of the initiatives that we have done in Abu Dhabi was to try to form a special interest group, for example, like for policy development and some others and we are looking into how to activate those groups, now are working groups again.

So the most priority for me is to get those number of ALSes that we are having, that they are active and participate to get into this policy and see how we can reactivate the non-active. We have a good number of ALSes but not all of them are participating so we need to drill down to see the reasons why they are not getting [inaudible] and get them in. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Great. Thank you very much, Ali. I have now one more question for Satish. If re-elected, what would be your thinking to engage [inaudible]? This is from [Jana] [inaudible]. Go ahead, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Silvia and thanks for the question. I think ICANN has a fairly clear-cut and rather [inaudible] and the gimmick it's like how effective we can be in the context of ICANN.

Now it's very good to have [inaudible] in the APRALO community. [inaudible] bring more [inaudible] and more [inaudible] to APRALO and we expect that at the minimum level, the [inaudible] in the policy process then they contribute their past experience to the [inaudible].

Now the next level of engagement would be to have [inaudible] as an expert. As was discussed in the earlier part of the call, it took a while that [accommodations] are not [inaudible] just [inaudible] on the [inaudible] media, but also how the media, what will bring the ICANN remit. So if you have [inaudible] who achieved this and [inaudible] leadership, then that would be [discovered that certainly] becomes very important policy [inaudible] champion and the person will then [inaudible] issue to lead some of the policy [inaudible] within At-Large.

So what I am recommended for [inaudible] to require, a working knowledge about some of the technical domains as applied to ICANN so that then we can engage with all these [inaudible] much quicker than provide them with [inaudible] in which we can be effective. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Great. Thank you very much, Satish. I note, I am conscious of the time so we need to move on, but I encourage all of you to continue your discussions through the mailing list, asking questions for the candidate.

So the next section is according to the rules, to proceed with the [declarations] of those who are the only candidates as the winners of these selections and this is according – I want to cite the Article 13.2.1 of the APRALO Rules of Procedure which states, "If there is only one candidate on the [inaudible] candidate list, that candidate will be [acclaimed] the winner." So with your permission, I would like to declare the following members of APRALO as winner by acclimation to the following positions.

For APRALO ALAC member, Holly Raiche, for the period 2018 to 2020. For the APRALO Chair, Satish Babu, the same period 2018, 2010, and for the position of ALAC voting to the NomCom, and this is a recommendation from APRALO to the ALAC, as you know, according to the ICANN bylaws and the ALAC Rules of Procedure, It's the ALAC who makes the recommendation so this is our recommendation from APRALO to the ALAC. It's Nadira Al-Araj for one year, for 2018 to 2019. And the APRALO Secretariat is an appointment and there is only one candidate as well, and this is [Sabban Haran] for 2018, 2019. So on behalf of the staff, congratulations to you all and we look forward to continue working with you.

Again, all the positions will be beginning at the AGM in Barcelona.

Next, I would like to address the election of the APRALO Vice-Chair which is, as I mentioned before, a position with two candidates. The candidates are Ali AlMeshal and Shreedeep Rayamajhi. The election calendar applicable to all the RALOs is posted on the wiki page.

In the case of this position and all positions, the elections will be conducted online and the electronic credentials will be sent on Friday, May 18th. We'll be open for all members to cast the vote until May 24th, Thursday. There were some questions about the electorate. Again, according to the APRALO Rules of Procedures, Article 5.5.43, the electorate is the entire APRALO membership. Each ALS, we have one vote. The primary contact of each ALS is the voter. All the voters will receive an electronic credentials in the next few hours, ready to vote on Friday. And only those ALSes who are accredited prior to the election will be able to vote.

With regard to the individual members, according to the APRALO rules, an affiliated individual, as a group, will be responsible for selecting a representative and selection or ratification of these representatives will occur whenever an ALAC member is selected by the regional membership or leadership elections are held.

In the case of APRALO, Justin Chew is already the representative elected since last year and our voter database shows Justin is the individual representative elected to be able to vote, to pass the vote. So I hope that clarifies the procedure. We forgot to these positions.

Again, the credentials will be sent by staff. Be ready to check your inboxes and be ready to cast your vote. We wish the best of luck to the candidates for the Vice-Chair positions.

So with this, I close this section on the election, selections and appointments and I turn it over back to you, Satish. Thank you very much.

YEŞIM NAZLAR: Silvia, Cheryl's hand is up.

SATISH BABU: Silvia, I hope you can hear me. Thank you for managing the Meet the Candidate very well.

So I would like to thank everybody who [inaudible] the call to ask questions and I request all the ALSes to actively participate in the election process that is coming up. I would like to offer the best of luck to Ali and Shreedeep and thanks, once again, to everybody who is on this call and back to Yeşim for concluding the call.

YEŞIM NAZLAR: Excuse me. Sorry for interrupting. I think Cheryl has her hand up. Yes, that's a new hand. Satish?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Only if you can indulge me for 60 to 90 seconds. Otherwise, I'll take it to the list. Not a problem.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello, this is Silvia. Is Satish on? Is he on or perhaps he already hung up?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Silvia, Satish has already said "Thanks, everyone." I think he disconnected.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, he already disconnected.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Satish is disconnected, but if I may, Silvia, I see him on the WebEx still connected. If it's him, Satish, are you able to speak to WebEx?

I see. Okay, I think it's okay. I see that Cheryl has written here. She will take it to the mailing list. So we'll see her comments through the mailing list.

Thank you all. Thank you, Cheryl. Sorry you were not able to tell us your message but we'll be checking our inboxes. Thank you very much, all. Bye-bye.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thanks, all. Bye.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you.

YEŞIM NAZLAR: This meeting is now adjourned. Have a lovely rest of the day. Bye-bye.

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