Operations Steering Committee
TRANSCRIPTION
Monday 5 January 2009 14:00 UTC

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Present for the teleconference:
Chuck Gomes - GNSO Council vice-chair, OSC group chair
Olga Cavalli - NCA alternate chair
Philip Sheppard - CBUC
Wolf-Ulrich Knoben - ISP
Bertrand de la Chapelle - GAC Liaison

Staff:
Rob Hoggarth
Ken Bour
Glen de Saint Gery

Absent apologies:
Steve Metalitz - IPC
Stéphane van Gelder - Registrar c.
Ken Stubbs - Registry c.

Coordinator: Hi, (unintelligible) recording for (unintelligible). Thank you.

(Chuck):   Thank you. All right, welcome to everyone. We have Glen and Ken, (Philip), (Olga), (Rob) and (Wolf) on the call. I'm going to go ahead and start and possibly a few others will join us shortly.

                 The - this should be a relatively brief meeting. Any concerns with the agenda? Okay then I'll move right through the agenda quickly. Stop me if I move too quickly.

The OSC charter approval, I sent a motion that I distributed to the list, to the counsel, for approval of the charter. I did that on the 30th of December.

And you can see the motion either on the Word attachment that (Rob) sent or the one that's posted on the OSC Wiki.

The, our main purpose today is just to do a final confirmation of the documents that are - that we have out there right now.

And that includes of course the OSC charter that was proposed for approval and my motion, and (Olga) thank you for seconding that motion.

The - that included the work team rules that we added, the statement of interest language from the PPSC. And then we added the interim chairs in there as well as discussed in the meeting that a few people attended on the 22nd.

So we named Ken Stubbs as interim chair of the GNSO ops work team, (Olga) as interim chair for the constituency stakeholder group operations work team and then (Mason Cole) as the interim chair of the upper communications work team.

Any concerns about any of those issues? Okay. The message to solicit the work team members was finalized at least from our perspective. (Rob) also included the draft of that in his 22 December email, thanks (Rob) for all of those things.

And then on the 30th of December I sent (Jeff Newman) the, a copy of that and asked him to, you know, see if there's any comments from the PPSC.

He in turn forwarded it to the PPSC list. I'm on that list and haven't seen any discussion on the list. They have a meeting on Wednesday so I'm presuming that by Wednesday we should know for sure whether they're okay with that particular draft.

And then as far as our next meeting, the - hopefully it's not later then after the counsel meeting on Thursday we'll have that invitation being sent out to - as widely as possible to start forming the work groups.

Any discussions on the invitation?

(Olga): (Chuck) I have a question.

(Chuck): Sure.

(Olga): Who is, how is this invitation being distributed? I mean among which group is, or its only ICANN community? It's wider? It's - how do you plan or who is planning to do this communication (brunch)?

(Chuck): Sure, good question. If you look at the beginning of the invitation you'll see the - that it says to be circulated to the GNSO lias - GNSO counsel. I think that means the counsel list.

(Beartron): Hello?

(Chuck): Yes?

(Beartron):   Hi, this is (Beartron).

(Chuck):   Oh, (Beartron) welcome.

(Beartron):   Sorry, it was hard to get through.

(Chuck):   Okay, all right. Well we're just almost to the end of the agenda. We've moved very quickly. Basically (Beartron) what we've done is just kind of summarized what has happened.

And see if anybody has any concerns about any of the documents that (Rob) had distributed. And we're talking right now about the invitation to join work groups.

And (Olga) just asked how that will be circulated. And I pointed out that at the top of the draft invitation there's a little parenthetical that's there that says it will be circulated to the GNSO, that means the GNSO counsel list I think.

The GNSO liaison list, and I'll let Glen talk about who's on that, to the GAC, to the ALAC, GAC and ALAC mailing lists. To the GAC and ALAC secretariats and post it as announcement on the ICANN and GNSO Web pages.

First of all let me ask Glen to talk about the liaison list if she would.

Glen DeSaintgery: Yes, thank you (Chuck). The liaison list is a list that is set up and each constituency has - chooses to have whoever they want on that list.

So that those are the people who are responsible for distributing any notice that goes out on that list. And that way we know that we captured all the constituencies.

(Chuck): Now the invitation should, is not intended to be restricted to just GNSO (Olga), which I think was one of your questions.

(Olga): That's my question.

(Chuck): So if anybody has any suggestions for other lists or places to post the invitation, please speak up so that we can add those.

(Olga): Okay thank you.

(Chuck): And of course anybody on this committee can forward it on whoever you like. It's a fully open - the work team should be fully open.

The only thing that we've been trying to encourage is that people only join one work team so that we don't have scheduling conflicts. Because they're pretty much going to have to overlap at some times, the meetings.

Anything else on the invitation?

(Wolf): Hi (Chuck), it's (Wolf).

(Chuck): Go ahead (Wolf).

(Wolf): I have a question with regards to the - to the people, we are looking for, well as being participants to the working teams. So we are - the invitation is very broad.

And is inviting all of people of your community to work with. And on the other hand, in the group teamwork we are looking forward to receive a statement of interest, which makes more transparent, (unintelligible), the people.

So my question is regarding that, what are we looking for with regards to some statement of interest? And do we have any let me say criteria with regards to the (bequam), the people which we are going to (mirror) again to (unintelligible) input?

What is one (unintelligible) target with regards to the statement of interest?

(Chuck): Good question (Wolf). First of all the statement, the need for statement of interest is mainly in my opinion for just being upfront and communicating what interests individual members may have.

The fact that somebody has interest should not be a disqualifying item at all. The, in fact it's very - if we did that we probably wouldn't get any volunteers, or very few.

So don't look at the statement of interest as disqualifying, but rather just being up front that people do have interest. And so that everyone's aware of that.

In most cases, especially for, you know, participants that have been around for a while, most of us know what the interests are.

But it's just a matter of putting those on the table so that it's in writing. Does that answer the question?

And as far as qualifications, we haven't specified the qualifications in any of the work team charters of members.

The, but the - they probably will vary by the work team. And hopefully that will be resolved through self-selection.

Obviously when we've talked about this in the OSC area is the constituency and stakeholder work team because that one is going to be, it's going to be really helpful to have some people from existing constituencies that have gone through some of the lessons learned that we've come across.

And I think that will be especially helpful there. Obviously on the GNSO Ops team it's going to be helpful for some people with some counsel experience. And even if they've just mainly observed the counsel activity.

Again, so that lessons learned can be taken advantage of and so forth. And at the same time we're not going to restrict it to just people who have had counsel experience because it will be good to have new thoughts.

And of course the communication one has a different level of expertise. Does that help?

(Wolf): The only question is how is - how are you going to or how do you intend to handle those SOIs? Does that means is it going to be made public? Or is it going to be (unintelligible) in our group? Or what's the reason behind?

(Chuck): Yes they would be made public, at least on the OSC list.

(Wolf): Okay.

(Chuck): And our OSC list is public. So that would happen. Glen do you want to add anything to that?

Glen DeSaintgery: Thank you (Chuck). Usually if there is some sort of report or resume of all the proceedings of the group, then that each SOI is put into a URL and they are published under the heading, under the report heading or on the Web site.

They are all gathered together.

(Wolf): Okay.

Glen DeSaintgery: If you go to fast tracks for example, you will find that there is a URL pointing to the segments of interest of all the people on the fast tracks group.

(Wolf): Okay, thank you.

(Chuck): Good questions for clarification (Wolf). Thanks for asking those. Anything else on the invitation?

Okay the next, Item 8 then on the agenda, and by the way I will follow up to make sure that this gets sent out working with (Rob) and Ken and Glen as well as (Jeff) and (Jay Scott) on the BPSC side and (Aubrey) on the counsel.

So we'll, I suspect that what will happen is that that will all happen after the counsel meeting on Thursday.

The last item then other than any other business is the next meeting. And I'm not really seeing any need at this time to schedule a next meeting at this point.

I think the next point of action will be once we are pretty close to having the work teams established. And there may be a need for us to talk about that.

What I'd like to suggest is that we, we'll still use this work ti- this time for scheduling, on Mondays for a meeting. But that we just hold off and schedule our next meeting once we have a specific need for our involvement.

Are there any objections to that?

Man: No, I agree.

(Chuck):   Okay. Is there any other, anybody else want to comment - is that okay - anybody opposed to that?

Woman: No.

(Chuck):   Okay, any other business?

(Beartron):   Hello?

(Chuck):   Okay, hey let me thank all of you...

(Beartron):   Excuse me (Chuck). I'm a bit mistaken here. I mean it's 3 o'clock in Paris here and I thought that the meeting time was 2:00 UCT? So you're finishing now?

(Chuck):   Yes we are. I had indicated on the mess - when I sent out the agenda that I thought it would be a very brief meeting.

We mainly wanted to have a live chance for anybody else to comment or ask questions on the documents that were sent out on the 22nd.

And, you know, there have been a couple good questions asked and some clarification provided. Are you aware of anything else we need to be working on (Beartron)?

(Beartron):   Yes no there was only one question. But I was not mistaken. I mean the meeting started at 3:00 and 2:00? That's right. I made no mistake.

(Chuck):   No, you did not..

((Crosstalk))

(Beartron):   No, I just had one question.

(Chuck):   Go ahead.

(Beartron):   And sorry if I've - I was on holiday during that period. So I didn't come
                back to you earlier.

                I had just one question. One of the charters for the teams has one
                specific provision that is different from the others. It's the GNSO
                operations teams (begot).

                And in the calendar and timetables it is the only one that basically
                mentions an ICANN board endorsement for the timetables, whereas
                the others are doing an OSC endorsement.

                And I was wondering whether there was any specific reason for that.
                We didn't have the opportunity to mention that. In the last version that I
                have that was circulated it says a timeline will be - will need to be
                developed for counsel approval and ICANN board endorsement.

(Chuck):   And the reason for that, and I'll let (Rob) jump in if he wants to add
                anything there. The primary reason for that as I recall is is that the
                GNSO operations team has to cover some things like the GNSO rules
                of procedure that we use.

                And those really need to be in place...

(Beartron):   Okay, I have no problem. That's the only clarification I wanted to know.
                I was wondering whether there was a specific reason. And there is
                one, okay.

(Chuck): Yes that's the one that we kind of have to push along a little bit because of the June target that the board has asked for.

(Beartron): Okay.

(Chuck): Anything else? Good question.

(Beartron): No.

(Chuck): And that's - that is really the purpose of this meeting to see if there were any clarifying questions. Any other business?

(Olga): Yes I have a question (Chuck).

(Chuck): Okay.

(Olga): Get that - the motion passed next in our next call in GNSO counsel, which is the timing for the sending the invitation and all the process when it starts.

(Chuck): Well I personally am going to push for the invitation going out not later than Thursday after the counsel meeting.

(Olga): Okay, okay. Okay and the group could be starting their meetings by like when?

Man: Friday.

(Chuck): Wouldn't that be nice. Yes, the - as soon as possible.

(Olga): I'm suggesting to organize the time and the year.

(Chuck): And I will be trying. And I know that (Rob) and Ken and Glen will, in sort of that - I think it will be incumbent upon us to try and push that along and encourage the - that to happen as quickly as possible.

We've been - I think most of us have communicated with our constituencies. (Philip) in the case of the BC has already, is ahead of the game in terms of selecting people for the teams.

And it's going to be very important for each of us within the groups we're in to get the message out and encourage volunteers as soon as possible.

It would be really helpful if within a couple weeks we could, you know, have enough of a nucleus in each of the teams to go ahead and have the interim chairs getting started.

Now one of the things that we have as an advantage here by establishing some interim chairs from the OSC we can also use them to keep things moving.

(Olga): Okay.

(Chuck): Okay.

(Olga): Okay great.

(Chuck): Anything else? So again thanks for the quick work that we've been able to do on this. That was attributable to the - to all of you as team

members. And please do what you can in the groups where you have influence to get volunteers and to get this thing moving as quickly as possible.

That is the end of our meeting. And if I account for the delay waiting for people get on at the beginning, we did it in about 20 minutes.

It's okay with me. If no one objects, we will adjourn.

Man: Very good. Thanks everybody.

(Chuck):   Okay.

Man: Thank you (Chuck).

Woman: Thank you (Chuck).

(Chuck):   Thank you. Bye.

Man: Bye everybody.

Man: Bye bye.

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