

**Policy Process Steering Committee (PPSC) Policy Development Process (PDP)
Work Team (WT)
TRANSCRIPTION
Thursday 8 April 2010 at 13:30 UTC**

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Participants on the Call:

James Bladel – Registrar Stakeholder Group – Interim Chair

Paul Diaz - Registrar Stakeholder Group

Avri Doria - Non Commercial Stakeholder Group

Alex Gakuru - Non Commercial Stakeholder Group

Tatiana Khramtsova - Registrar Stakeholder Group

David Maher – Registry Stakeholder Group

ICANN Staff:

Liz Gasster

Margie Milam

Glen de Saint G ry

Absent apologies:

Jeff Neuman - Registry Stakeholder Group - Work Team Chair

Wolf Knoblen – ISPC

Marika Konings – ICANN Staff

Coordinator: The call is now recorded. Please go ahead.

Glen de Saint Gery: Good morning. Good afternoon. Good evening everyone. On the call we have Alex Gakurur, James Bladel who will be chairing the call, Tatiana Khramstsova, Paul Diaz, and Avri Doria. And for staff we Liz Gasster, Margie Milam, and Glen de Saint Gery. We have tried to phone out to Gabriel Pineiro, but there is no response. And, I have not received any other apologies. Thank you, James.

James Bladel: Okay. Thank you Glen and good morning or afternoon everyone. Today is April 8, and this is the PPSC/PP Working Team call. I am helping out for Jeff while he is - I believe he's traveling this week. And, I think he said something about him going to Europe, so he might be closer to you than me Glen.

But you know, I think before we get rolling here, I just wanted to take a poll of the group and see if you feel that this is an appropriate number of folks, or if we are concerned that this would be the second consecutive week where we didn't have enough folks to really say that we had a representative group to go forward with the call. And then that's - you know, once is an outlier, twice is a trend starts to raise concerns about establishing a quorum. So, any thoughts on whether or not we have a sufficiently large and representative group to proceed today?

Paul's got a red X. I think - does that mean you don't feel that Paul, or...

Paul Diaz: Yes. Thanks, James. No, I'm sorry. I don't think we have either a quorum or a representative group. I mean just looking at us we have nobody from PC, or Alex I'm not sure. Do you represent Non-

Commercial or PC interests? But you know regardless, we have little of our normal representation, and clearly not enough members to consider ourselves a quorum. As much staff as actual participants today.

James Bladel: Yes. I think - unfortunately, I think you're right, and I agree that when we have as many folks as staff membering, and they're even down one with Marika on vacation this week so...

Well, I would hate to...

Glen de Saint Gery: James. Sorry, this is Glen. Wolf-Ulrich Knoben has sent his apologies, and he is the ISP representative. I'm sorry. I forgot about that.

James Bladel: Okay. And, some of the other folks that typically participate such as Alan or Mikey O'Conner, we didn't receive apologies from them?

Glen de Saint Gery: Not to the best of my knowledge.

James Bladel: Okay.

Woman: And, don't you use Registry representation?

Glen de Saint Gery: David Maher is usually on for that role.

James Bladel: Yes, David Maher. So, perhaps we could - the best use of today's time, and it would be a shortened time, would be to strategize about how we can kind of reenergize the group membership to attend the future calls so that we are making the best use of our time.

Avri Doria: This is Avri. I guess I don't see what strategizing to get people here will do. One of the things that can happen, and I've seen it happen in some of the others -- whether it's valid or not for this group I wouldn't care to judge -- but, it's basically some of the issues are things requiring possible solutions. So, the people that do come can certainly decide to work on understanding and putting forth possible solutions to it, and then just take position on the list where everyone is supposedly always present.

James Bladel: That's a good thought. So, we would just continue with our calls, and then just follow-up with a synopsis of any decision points on the list?

Avri Doria: Yes, something like that. I mean...

James Bladel: Okay. Alex has his hand raised. Go ahead, Alex.

Alex Gakuru: Yes. I would also recommend that perhaps staff writes to the various people who are supposed to be on the call, and maybe impress upon them that this is - we have had two meetings we have to cancel. That perhaps maybe they could participate on future calls. This is in line with our earlier discussion where we had said that we should keep talking to the respective leaders of the various stakeholder groups and (unintelligible) groups (unintelligible). So maybe it will be in that direction that we could ask staff to write to them and keep their full participation. Thank you.

James Bladel: That's an excellent point Alex, and it's something similar that we did when we ran into this issue with fast-flux, and I think that we ran into

this issue with this particular group early on where we had a few consecutive meetings where we just couldn't get the attendance up.

Liz Gasster: It's Liz. I have a suggestion. I don't know if it's a good one.

James Bladel: Go for it, Liz.

Liz Gasster: Well two things. One, I would suggest actually that the chair write. I mean I'm happy - we can pen the note, but I think the call for greater participation ideally should come from the Chair. And you know, I don't mind writing it, but that would be one small suggestion. And then the other thought is maybe for the (lays) on - this group's (lays) onto the Council - to report back to the Council and ask the Council members to be reinvigorate their stakeholder groups and constituency's participation. It might be maybe not an or but an and.

James Bladel: I like that idea, Liz, especially because we can (incline) (unintelligible) doing some additional work...

Liz Gasster: Something he's not here for.

James Bladel: ...when he gets back. With regard to the second point, I'm wondering; does this group have a liaison to Council since it was essentially part of the - you know, the overall PPSC Steering Committee, and maybe we should direct - you know, direct to the different stakeholder group representatives on the committee? Or, how does that work? How does this differ from a traditional PDP?

Avri Doria: This is Avri. On that, I don't believe we had a liaison. The chair of the PPSC is the chair of this group.

James Bladel: Oh.

Avri Doria: And what the PPSC did on this one and the working team group, is the chair and the Alternate chair split the two teams and did it that way, and didn't use the whole liaison mechanism that's basically just coming to practice - or was just coming into practice then. So, the - you know, that's the way it was set up. So, we have a liaison to the PPSC; essentially, our Chair.

James Bladel: Okay.

((Crosstalk))

Glen de Saint Gery: Excuse me. David Maher has just entered the call.

Avri Doria: Which incidentally, I have winced about in the past, but that's beside the point.

James Bladel: Hello, David.

David? Okay.

David Maher: I've been on mute. Sorry. I'm here.

James Bladel: That's okay. Good morning.

David Maher: Morning.

James Bladel: Well, we were just discussing that we have another lightly attended call this morning, and we were just discussing some of our options as far as reconstituting the attendance of these groups so we can continue on. And so far, it seems like we're looking a letter penned from the chair -- and that would be Jeff -- who will also -- as Avri pointed out -- is also the chair of the PPSC Steering Committee. If we can get that out to the various stakeholder groups to ensure that their representatives to this team - make sure that they reestablish this time slot on their calendar to participate for the call.

Jeff left us a very ambitious agenda, which I sent out to the mailing list, and I'm just concerned that you know, we can't continue to kick those items on down into next week indefinitely.

David Maher: Okay.

James Bladel: So, any thoughts on - that catches you up for where we are in our conversation today. Any thoughts on what we can do to reboot this group?

David Maher: Well, I wish I had a good answer, but the problem is there's so many proceedings going on simultaneously that at least so far as the Registries are concerned, it's a very difficult thing to have people involved. They were stretched thin as it is, and I get the impression that the same is true of the other stakeholder constituencies.

James Bladel: I agree. I think earlier on in our discussions, we talked about the concept of volunteer exhaustion, or volunteer fatigue and I think we're getting - we're starting to see some of the symptoms of what that might

look like, especially now that the weather is nicer. People are going on vacation.

David Maher: How many people are on the call today?

Glen de Saint Gery: (Unintelligible).

David Maher: How many?

Glen de Saint Gery: Six.

David Maher: Six, oh.

James Bladel: Well, you know I don't want to take up too much of your time if we're all of the mode that we don't have enough to proceed. Maybe we can go ahead and ping Jeff with the idea that we send out a notice of the letter that we described asking the stakeholder groups to you know, reset their commitment, and then we can break for today. And, I apologize for you know the waste of time.

David Maher: You know, well I don't have a better suggestion. That seems fine to me.

James Bladel: Okay, well if there are no objections, then we'll proceed that way and we'll break for today.

David Maher: Okay.

Paul Diaz: Okay, thanks James.

Woman: Thanks, James.

James Bladel: Okay. Thanks everyone.

David Maher: We'll talk to you later.

James Bladel: And hopefully, talk to you all soon.

Alex Gakuru: Okay, bye everyone.

David Maher: Bye.

Woman: Bye.

Woman: Bye.

Glen de Saint Gery: (Louise)?

Coordinator: Hi there, Glen.

Glen de Saint Gery: Hi, (Louise). The call is over.

Coordinator: Okay. Thank you. I'll now stop the recording. Thank you.

Glen de Saint Gery: Thank you very much.

Coordinator: Thanks. Bye-bye.

Glen de Saint Gery: Bye-bye.

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