

Hong Xue: Hello, good morning gentleman, and lady. I can't see – oh, ladies and gentleman. Welcome to our regional at-large meetings. I can see the colleagues from all five regions, and that is great. And by the way, I'm from Asia Pacific; I'm Hong Xue, the recently elected Acting Chair for Asia Pacific Regional At-Large Organization. The meeting was supposed to be chaired by the wise Chair, Mr. Fawad Bajwa, but he is not available right now, so I temporarily take his position. But I need leave for another committee at 9:45, so I can do this for the first half.

Let's look at the agenda items listed on the screen. I guess we don't have to go around the table to introduce to each other, we know each other very well. So for AFRALO, oh I see [Didier], and of course Tijani, the friends for APRALO, that's me, oh that's me. Well, LACRALO, (inaudible 00:06:18) and for EURALO, Sebastian is looking at me very seriously. For North American RALO, NARALO, oh yes, Gareth and Garth.

[Dev]: Hong, you can notice that AFRALO is the most represented here; we are three persons, Dave, [Didier] and myself.

Hong Xue: Well, that's great, that's wonderful! Well next time I shall organize ten people here from Asia Pacific! We outnumber you. Like a word cop. Well I now know the reason why Sebastian looks so serious – he is quite lonely, sitting there alone. Okay. So the first agenda item is review the recent RALO activities, with ten minutes. In that case, we probably need to go around the table to talk about the recent activity – that's not fair.

Male: If you want to start here, I pass my card to [Dev], he is the same region and his Great Britain is the best.

Hong Xue: Well, okay, it seems there is consensus for LACRALO, so [Dev], please.

[Dev]: Thank you, Chair, and congratulations to you being the new Chair of our APRALO, LACRALO activities? We recently held our elections in LACRALO and both myself and Andres Piazza were re-elected to the same positions for another year. We have also started working on our LACRALO bylaw modifications and will starting that in earnest soon after Brussels. I think that's about it for now.

Hong Xue: Well, that's great. Well, I assume you, well a quiz. How many ALS structures in LACRALO, do you remember? We just did our research.

[Dev]: Currently, LACRALO has 32 ALS structures.

Hong Xue: Oh great, terrific. Carlos?

Carlos Agira: Bueno in Espanol, I'm going to talk in Spanish. LACRALO, together with the ALSs has worked a lot between Nairobi and these Brussels meetings, beyond the report that we have done and it is brief and strong. I must say that the ALSs of the region have been doing a lot of outreach activities and the different events that have been held in different countries, even in countries where there is no ALS.

And the idea is to have an ALS per country, so this is what we are working on currently, and even this month we have implemented a new ALS. Unfortunately it is not in a country where we did not have an ALS before, it is in Argentina, but I think it is something provisional. We are gathering participation thanks to the excellent work carried out by Andres and [Dev] with the support of (inaudible 00:10:49) and the few things we can do.

Hong Xue: Carlos that is wonderful outreach work, especially in the region where there is no ALS structures available right now. Well I assume you are doing a lot of other wonderful work, such as the brochure for LACRALO has just been released to the public – yeah, and by the way, a quick plug for LACRALO, next ICANN meeting will be in your region in the beautiful city in Columbia. So I guess LACRALO will organize a showcase, yeah? Yes of course. So what is your comment Carlton?

Carlton Samuels: Thank you Chair. I will just endorse what my friend Carlos has said. We continue to see growth in the LACRALO organization, both in terms of outreach work on the ground and participation in policy development. We are also providing some support for ALAC for example.

My friend here was instrumental in developing the policy development path in the policy advice tool, and provided to ALAC to support ALAC and we provided to the staff. We continued to see changes in the structure of LACRALO to ensure as much participation as possible, and I think we're very well getting to the point where we think the organization can truly be productive with respect to providing policy advice to the center.

Hong Xue: Thank you very much Carlton. I am sure LACRALO is very productive. For North American RALO, I see Gareth sitting there alone. Sorry.

Gareth Shearman: Well, actually, I'm not the only person in the meeting from NARALO, here comes another one here beside me, and also Darlene is on the call, so there are actually three of us in some form or another here. I can comment briefly, you were asking about the number of ALSs, and I count 23 for North America. Puerto Rico has one, and we have 11 in Canada and 11 for the United States.

Apparently at this particular moment in time, an equal number but I would comment on the disparity in population between the two countries, so it is interesting they have an equal number of ALSs, issues that I know that we are concerned with at the moment. We will have an election coming up shortly because Beau is at the end of his term.

And we are also concerned with how we deal with our unusual situation where we have individual members, rather than just ALSs, which is unique in RALOs and we have to figure out how to account for these people when it comes to crucial things like votes, and the issue of the Board Representative. So, I don't know whether Darlene or Lisa or Evan, who has now joined us, want to say anything more, but that's what I have to report.

Hong Xue: Gareth, I see that more people are joining the North American panel. The Chair, Evan is here, and Darlene, they are here. So two of you, do we have other supplement to the recent activity of your RALO?

Evan Leibovitch: Only to mention that while there is sort of an equivalence between the number of Canadian and American ALSs there was one American ALS that joined whose membership probably eclipses the rest of At Large, and Consumers Union with about 9 million members. Now, it's been unfortunate that they have since lost interest; but then I see that is a challenge to try and get them back involved.

But, even if that doesn't happen, for a brief moment, At Large had a membership of nine million people through the work of its ALSs. The initiatives that we are taking in regards to getting consumer groups involved I think are going to come back to that. But, it is interesting. The parity in interest between Canadian and American groups I think is balanced by the fact that I don't think, it's hard to find somebody who believes that Americans have too little influence in ICANN.

Hong Xue: Very interesting point – especially the last one. And Darlene, do you have anything?

Darlene Thompson: Nothing to add, but thank you.

Hong Xue: Oh, thank you very much. For North America, we are very interested in learning your experience to engage individual members. It is very innovative and creative, especially think about the future regional selection for the At Large Board. Of course, each region is supposed to decide its own policy, but other regions can learn from the experiences. Right, okay, let's move to our African colleagues, So Tijani?

Tijani Ben Jemaa: Thank you. First of all, I'm going to mention the number of ALSs so you don't have to ask me. We have 22 ALSs. As for activities of AFRALO, in the interim since Nairobi we had normal activities like participation at all groups dealing with the At Large community. We have normal teleconferences.

We accepted a new ALS that was an applicant in Nairobi, so since then we have admitted that ALS. The main activity we dealt with was the preparation for yesterday's meeting, a joint meeting between AFRALO and the other African participants to ICANN activities in order to debate about the expectations of the African community regarding the Resolution 20 of the Board and the support to be provided to new GTLD applicants. This activity took us a lot of time to prepare and we had an excellent meeting yesterday.

Two members of the Board attended the meeting, Kati Mate and George Sadovsky, Cheryl also attended the meeting; Deni or Denis, he is well known, and the room was full. And we drafted a statement expressing the expectations of the African community regarding the support to provided to GTLD applicants. This statement is going to be sent to the Board and to the working group that was set up under Resolution 20 of the Board, dealing with support. Thank you.

Hong Xue: Thank you very much Tijani, it's a very interesting update. Especially the joint meeting with AfriNIC, as was out yesterday, I do agree that is a wonderful idea that a large community may wish to work more closely with the technical community. AfriNIC is handling IP addresses allocation. It seems a bit far from the individual users. But they are

actually impacting all the internet use, so this is a great idea, and I want to pass this message to the other regions.

They may think about to communicate more closely with your regional NIC, there's AfriNIC, APNIC, and even this regional TLD organizations, such as African TLD Association, Asia Pacific TLD Association, these are great days. We will finish the survey with saying since the TLDs are interested in working with others, this is great news. Thank you so much. And [Didier]? He looks, refused to respond.

[Didier]: I have not much to add. Tijani explained that we were trying to involve all African organizations, whether it is registrars, IP, but what we have a few technical problems for our monthly meetings. We have calls of, that present problems of quality – most phones that are used in ALSs are mobile phones and the quality of communication is, makes meetings difficult, so we are trying to see how we can improve things so that participation is facilitated.

Hong Xue: I guess, Tijani, you have something to add?

Tijani Ben Jemaa: To ask Dave if he has something to add.

Hong Xue: Oh, of course, you are very welcome. Please go ahead.

Dave Kissondoyal: I have nothing more to add just that in the African region, there is tremendous work being done, especially by Tijani. I want to commend the work, because he is the, like the man behind regrouping all the African ALSs. So whenever there is any work to be done, he just goes and take the lead, so I want to commend him over here in this secretariat meeting.

Evan Leibovitch: Actually, I would add to that. I found the AFRALO exhibition in the Nairobi meeting absolutely astounding and I don't think I expressed enough appreciation and thanks for what you've done. It's definitely created a standard that will be a challenge for the other regions to meet. That was a superb display that was done in Nairobi.

Dave Kissondoyal: I would like to endorse that statement. It was really, really good.

Hong Xue: Okay, so we have a resolution here. So indeed, we should highlight that is the first showcase of RALO at ICANN meeting, and the front page of ICANN At Large monthly was a photo on the front page, and this time, we

have you RALO to do the same things, thanks to your great experience last time in Nairobi and the gentleman over there?

Garth Gruens: I'm Garth Gruens from NARALO, and I'll refer to all of the officers from At Large NARALO who do a wonderful job; they are all very concerned, helpful, and passionate.

Hong Xue: Finally, well, [Paul], you're finally here, we really need you. We would like to give a brief update about APRALO's recent activity?

[Paul]: Just one minute, let me log in, my computer was acting funny. Yeah, so, latest things from APRALO have been, we've been working on a brochure and the brochure has come out and we've elected to share that brochure during this meeting. I hope everyone has a copy of the brochure. Along with that, we had some, what would be the word I would use, say, management genius? The Chair resigned unexpectedly and then the newly elected Vice Chair had to also resign; so we had one term left for the Chair and a whole two year term left for the Vice Chair, and then I was also elected and was there for one year.

And yesterday, during our APRALO meeting, we took these important decisions and shifted from our ordinary meeting to an extraordinary meeting, and with all the members present we took some important decisions whereby Hong Xue became our Chairman. She was elected unanimously for the next, remaining one year term. And then I was moved up the time ladder and came into the Vice Chair for two years in the Vice Chair position. And from the Vice Chair position that will be left behind by me, for a one year term, we will be holding an election.

Apart from that, Poen was sharing his comments in which he said that the secretariat is committed to all the At Large, sorry all the secretariat meetings; secondly, the secretariat is working on certain programs; I will only start the discussion on the prospectuses or the examples that have worked for other RALOs and start integrating them into our participation and outreach in APRALO. An important aspect from our region is that we have to somehow from Middle East all the way down to Asia Pacific islands and of course in Australia as well, there is a certain amount of people, internet users and consumers, who may be an individual basis, may be involuntary basis groups and so forth.

Like in Pakistan, we don't have any formal associations of consumer rights groups and so forth. So this is a problem that has to be conquered if you want to reach down and include more membership into the APRALO. So me and Poen have been discussing and very formally designing an idea in which we'd learn to organize some kind of an internet engagement program.

The idea is this initiative will help us bring individuals into this initiative and as we build up the membership of this initiative, their voices will be combined and forwarded as sort of an incubated ALS, and as the membership increases and we have more people joining in from the various countries of their initiative, we will start graduating the ALSs.

And what does graduation mean? That the ALS becomes an internet engagement initiative Pakistan; Internet Engagement Initiative India, Sri Lanka, Dubai, onwards all the way down to the islands in Fiji. So this is one of the updates from our end. Thank you.

Hong Xue: Thank you very much, I'm sorry for my poor time management, and especially I have to leave in ten minutes for a NomCom meeting that I cannot be absent, it is absolutely mandatory. Well, thank you very much. And for your information in Asia Pacific, we have totally 22 AL structures, minus one, well the one that is going to be decertified as we are going to talk about in agenda item 2, most unfortunate. Okay, so we've got Jim is here, also from our region, do we have a supplement for? You don't have to. So our, European colleagues, Sebastian and Wolf is here, so please.

[Paul]: Congratulations on your appointment!

Hong Xue: Oh, thank you very much. I am actually a caretaker, so is an interim position. I have soon stepped up, absolutely. So, thank you very much colleagues! Wolf, any update from your region, your activities?

Wolf Ludwig: Yes, if you want me to do so, I think it has been important change at EURALO regarding secretariat position and function, because Dessi, who was elected as EURALO secretariat in Mexico at our last general assembly informed us at the beginning of the year, early spring, that she needed to resign at the moment for family reasons and reasons that she is expecting a baby. She couldn't do, assume the function for the next months any longer.

At that time we discussed options to find somebody who will replace her for time of maternity leave, but then after Nairobi, she informed us that she prefers the option to resign and then we had to look for a replacement for the rest of the period of her term. And we were lucky it was Olivier, we all know, who offered his services to step in and to take over for Dessi and this was formalized yesterday at our monthly meeting.

Unfortunately, as some of you may have heard, Olivier was here for the Brussels meeting already until Sunday morning and then for family reasons and for the reasons of health problems of his father he had to leave on Monday and he could not be here personally to take over yesterday officially when he was confirmed at the meeting. So this in regards of personnel situation, at EURALO this is our most important change.

Hong Xue: Thank you very much Wolf. Sebastian, a brief one?

Sebastian Bachollet: No, but I think maybe if I remind Wolf that you can say few words but showcase what we do, but the other region talk about their activities and maybe you can say a few words about that, as the Chairman of the EURALO. Please?

Wolf Ludwig: Yes, if you still allow me to do this. I think in Nairobi, Apollo was set very good example for the showcase of the regional at large organization the ICANN meeting in that region, and I think that this was very successful. This was kind of as practice. Therefore soon after the Nairobi meeting we were considering two things; first, having a general assembly here at the Brussels meeting with our ALSs as we couldn't do this for funding reasons any longer; then we discussed with them how to create, how to prepare a showcase like in Nairobi and we created a working group which was (inaudible 34:03).

And we had a couple of meetings over the last week and now today at 10:30 here in the Art Foyer, we will add our showcase with some ICANN personalities for speeches and presentation with high level representative of the European commission and then with short sequence, then ALSs present here in Brussels have a chance to make a short presentation and those who are not here have also prepared a handout showing us the number and variety of our ALSs. You are all invited!

Hong Xue: We're looking forward to that – 10:30 at Foyer, we must be there. Let's immediately move to agenda item 2, and Wolf, you have the floor. Agenda item 2 is actually going to be led by Wolf to discuss the possible reaccreditation process for at large structures. So Wolf, you have the floor.

Wolf Ludwig: Yes, well this is a kind of consideration we developed in the context of the last, the recent ALS survey. And after the launch of the survey we realized that there were lots of difficulties to get and convince our ALSs to participate with the survey. As you may remember, one of the last surveys at large did a big one was just before the summit in Mexico, and it was directed to the policy issue finding the main concerns and we wanted before we started agenda setting and the programming of the summit, we wanted to know the ideas, get to know the ideas of our ALSs.

At that time, when we launched the survey, it was rather easy to say please fill in, please participate with the survey because it will be your entry ticket to come to Mexico. At that point, we had a very high score of participation at that time. At that time it was not necessary for me to run behind the majority of our ALSs, as there was a high degree of interest and a high score of responses. This time, we had considerable problems to convince our ALSs why it is useful to take part in this recent ALS survey.

Some of them had looked on it and called me afterward by saying we do not really understand the need or necessity of these kind of surveys, these are rather technical questions that only first 3, 4, 5 questions and again, there is always at the end, the number of ALSs at the EURALO which are not responding too whatsoever. It's a problem that these organizations applied to become a EURALO ALS. The moment they became certified, there was probably a first hello and exchange of information and after that, almost no flow or exchange of information. And at the European level we have about five of these ALSs.

It is very difficult, we sometimes do not even know whether the actual contact data we have are still valid or whether there is another person in charge and there is almost no possibility to get in direct contact with them or to ask them to get involved. It just seems not to be an isolated problem of EURALO, I've heard the other RALO's that this problem exists as well, and now we have the options to leave it just like it is and live with it. I think it is a problem also of representivity if you have actual situation; at EURALO we have 27 certified ALSs, and we have about 5 who are not

responding at all. And I think it is a situation I don't feel very comfortable about.

So we were discussing that after the survey we have to do something about it. Of course, one of the next steps would be to try by any means to get in contact with them, direct contact, not just via (inaudible 40:17) and ask them what is the problem, what is the situation like, how we can help them, are you still interested in being involved at ICANN, just tell us a contact person or give us contact data that are valid, etc., and try to remobilize or revitalize these ALSs.

And with those cases if we would try anything and we do not get in touch with them, we want, one step we have to consider is that we would exclude them from EURALO membership. I know it sounds quite harsh, but I think it makes no sense to have organizations in your members listing that doesn't really exist and don't care about. So that's the introduction, and I would like to know what are the ideas, what are the experience in the other RALOs?

[Paul]: Let's take three minutes to discuss these issues. Carlos, please?

Carlos Agira: I talk in Spanish, sorry. I speak in Spanish. It is the Spanish from my region because I come from (inaudible 42:00). In Latin America we have the same problem, the same situation so to speak. But I think adding to what Wolf just said, we have an additional alternative, because ALS which don't participate, which never participate, when it is time for voting about whatever, they appear with intention to vote. And I think it is a more complex problem.

The only participation they have is when there is a vote. It's like they are there, aligned in some sense with someone only with a political interest and this is worrying for us. So I think it is an excellent opportunity to talk about this topic in order to get a resolution or at least a common criteria among all of us, all the regions, in order to solve this issue, which is really worrying for us, especially personally. Thank you.

[Paul]: Thank you Carlos, anyone else? Mr. Tijani?

Tijani Ben Jemaa: Well, to tell you the truth, the participation rate in the survey of 50 to 60% is not worrying to me, it is not a sign of demobilization because it is what happens in most surveys. What I am most worried about is not that rate of

participation; it is more the fact that there are ALSs that don't answer at all. There were even ALSs that didn't go to Mexico. What do we expect from them? Somebody said that it was the prize for their participation in Mexico; Wolf said it was their ticket to Mexico, so everybody participated. But it means that there is a lack of interest. It means that the ALS' interest is not to participate.

It's not really to influence ICANN's decisions or to take part in ICANN's decision making. They may be interested in face to face meetings, but their interest is not taking an active part in ICANN's processes. I think we are in a very bad situation, and personally I am starting to understand the reasons for demobilization.

Last year, we organized an informal survey to find out why African ALSs were not taking part in public comments, in teleconferences. I'd say that ALSs participate very little in ICANN's activities. So we carried out an informal survey and our findings were that our ALSs didn't understand the documents; they found the documents too long and too technical. They didn't understand ICANN's processes, and were thus feeling despondent. So we proposed a training, capacity building outreach and awareness program targeting these ALSs.

Unfortunately we could not put it in practice. We could not launch it because we were told it was not part of the budget. It was not budgeted and there was no money to fund it. So we put it in the 2011 budget. But the great surprise is that in the proposed budget for 2011, there is nothing earmarked to fund that activity. So I understand their demobilization, because there is no effort to fix what needs to be fixed and to improve their level of participation.

[Paul]: Thank you Tijani. Andreas?

Andreas Piezza: I speak in Spanish as well. Probably we need the people from Asia Pacific explain about their experiences, about how they will do this decertification. Since the beginning of the creation of the RALOs three or four years ago, it was a subject which was touched, but it was always left for later on. Today, I think it is more important in the agenda. I agree with Carlos not only of the problems we have in our regions, but also in the specific Latin American region, which is different.

If there are ALSs which are not interested which don't understand because it is too technical, but when it is voting, they are there, it is difficult to explain. But while discussing in breakfast there was a proposal or a conclusion which looks quite interesting. It could be a key issue. I always thought it was dangerous if ALAC opened a new process; we wanted to have an ALS per country; ALAC approved that and afterward there was decertification. This ALS was ejected.

We thought it was quite difficult, we were not for this solution, and we found as a possible solution was establishing criteria about minimum participation and creating a new category, for instance, inactive ALS. This would allow us, I think it was Evan's idea, this inactive ALS, and this would allow us not to reject an ALS because there was a reason of no participation but the idea is to give this ALS, during a period of time, that they could not vote and so that they don't effect on the positions because for changing principles, we need 66%.

If we have this 66% of participation, we need consensus and anonymity. It is not that this ALS would be rejected, it is not that he could reactivate and participate more in the years to come.

[Paul]: Thank you. Evan?

Evan Leibovitch: I just wanted to build on what Andreas said, and also mention that there is a certain timeliness aspect. We're about to undergo a process through which At Large is going to select someone to the ICANN Board. This project is going to be under extremely heavy scrutiny. There are a number of people who don't believe that this process is legitimate and are going to be looking at our processes extremely slowly because of the importance of this particular selection.

This being the case, it is necessary to be sure that for the purpose of legitimizing what we are doing, that the bodies that are helping to select this, I mean we have the ALAC members, and that is defined as part of the selection process. But there is also the factoring in of the regions as expressed through the votes of the regional Chairs. In order to make sure that that passes scrutiny, having issues such as proper quorums, as Andreas said, the number of inactive, non-participating ALSs is seriously affecting in some cases the ability to achieve a legitimate quorum in votes.

Now this has meant in some cases that some rules of procedure have low quorums. I would rather have a high level quorum, but for those groups that have already identified themselves to be active. I'm also concerned about ALSs that do nothing but to show up for votes. That to me indicates a potential for capture organizations that are more interested in asserting a certain kind of power than actually contributing to our policy process, which I consider worrisome. So this is necessary, and it is necessary soon. It is an issue of maturity.

When the ALS and RALO processes were created three or four years ago, growth was all that was important. Growing the numbers, making sure that there was as much attempt to get people there as possible and now we have an opportunity for some reflection and start to make some moves towards stabilizing the RALOs and ensuring that what we're able to bring forth to ICANN and the rest of the community is indeed representative and is indeed indicative.

And if that means in some cases that the numbers show a decline, well, that happens in volunteer organizations. People come, people go. Our interest is growth, but at the same time we also have to recognize that there is some volatility when we are depending on people's voluntary efforts.

[Paul]:

Before I give over the mic, we'll have to keep our comments really short, because we've gone fifteen minutes overtime, so I don't want to cut down the time of the other agenda items. I just want to point out two things. It is the nature of voluntary work for there to be ebb and flow in how people engage and what they do, especially this kind of voluntary work, requires a lot of preparation time.

We must not underestimate the amount of time it takes to stay on top of things. I know how much time I put in to this effort. I'm not so bothered by the numbers who participate. But what I'm bothered by is the quality of the participation. There could be ten persons in the room that are engaged in discussing an issue. What I would prefer is ten engaged participants who are knowledgeable of the issues, because that is how we get consensus quickly. So that's one thing.

The issue of participation at the local level, there is a downside to it, I agree, because the management structures we have in place assume a certain level of participation; that is why we have it set so that you have to

have a majority to change non-procedural changes to our rules of procedure and so on. And so, we write in the structure an incentive for people to participate and maybe, knowing the nature of organization, we might have to a rethink of this.

I am putting this on the table now because, as Evan says, coming up with the At Large Director election and the process by which we have made out to do that, there is going to be some questions, and there is going to be some significant challenges to ensure that we follow the rules that we set ourselves. And maybe we should begin to think in context of what would happen if we were not able to make the bar we set ourselves in our own rules of procedure.

Hong Xue:

Thank you. Just following what Andreas said, I think inactive is, probably sounds a harsher word. But what could happen is that one you contacted the ALS that is not responding for whatever reason, you discuss with them, okay, "Why are you not participating?" And if for whatever reason, because of the importance of the At Large Director Board selection process, and RALO bylaw modifications and what not, if they are not able to commit to that process then maybe the axiom is they should voluntarily leave the RALO, but by that they become observers.

They are still on the main list, they can still take part in the teleconferences, but of course, they would not be able to vote on the procedural issues. And, by being observers, they have the opportunity to get re-educated and become full voting members again. (Inaudible 57:06) when a community is (inaudible 57:11), there is a certain level of responsibility gone into creating (inaudible 57:13) which keeps the interest and attention and keeps involvement there.

But again, yes, in very large communities, you'll always have this problem of people coming and going. Right? And this focus now, if the internet evolves at, say at the rate of Mosbo and Clemens (inaudible 57:35), we find new things coming. That's the same thing where the people in the communities are going as well. It's proportionate. And that's why this issue about participation, I think is an ongoing issue and should be continued and should also stay a regular part of the ALAC meetings.

I am going to close this agenda item right here. Wolf, I'm going to pass on for the third agenda item to discuss the regional (inaudible 58:01) reports and we'll have to cut this into half time, is it possible?

Wolf Ludwig: No, I think this was already mentioned by Evan before. It's very simple. In the context of the new At Large director selection process, there are different scenarios on the table, and one of the scenarios was who will be voting people on the new director. And one scenario was, it's ALAC members plus regional leaders. And in this context, I said, that if each regional leadership has a say in this, if I would have a vote, I would and could not do it without a prior consultation with our ALSs.

The other option would be, do we include the ALSs in the voting or do we at least a consultation. And what we decided at EURALO was that you do it with the consultation, and my vote afterwards would, of course, be bound on the side of the consultation. It's as simple as that. And I think, to me, it's quite natural that I'm not representing my reach in my individual capacity, being the Chair of EURALO at the moment it is a political mandate. And I have to reflect the opinions of our members.

[Paul]: Two minutes, Evan.

Evan Leibovitch: There is a subtle but very important distinction that Wolf is raising. As we go through this process of selecting a Board director, the role of the Board Chairs in casting the vote is critical and the way it is framed and defined is critical. If a region is going to insist in its procedures that the Chair must act in accordance with the vote of the region of the ALSs, then the process for doing that, and in fact the enumeration of the voters, that is the ALSs and in some cases the individuals, has to be very clearly mapped out.

However, if the procedures allow for the Chair to vote on their sense of what the region is doing, without requiring a formal and legally directed vote that offers an awful lot more leeway and is far less susceptible to a direct procedural challenge. It is one thing to say the head of the region will vote in accordance based on their own interpretation of the will of the region; it's quite another to have an actual legal voting direction, in which case the entire procedures and constitution of that voting election can be called into question.

Male: Just a question. Actually, before I give my comment, a small announcement. Carlos just won an iPod, congratulations to Carlos and his wife. So you can play with the iPod and that can work?

Male: Welcome to Apple's death grip.

Male: And the funny part is the grip is free. Evan, on the strait of the complication of this issue; is this an ongoing thread on the social text, this discussion, or has this been determined by all the leaders? What is the strait of this?

Evan Leibovitch: The actual subtleties of this have actually come up in formal conversations through this week as far as I'm concerned, in terms of recognizing the subtleties in the way that this difference has to be framed. Sorry, go ahead.

Male: It is a real problem, it is a real issue. And let me say this, I have always advocated that if you elect me to lead then you should let me, and with respect to the voting for the At Large director, I have always advocated free and open votes for every person who has the ability to vote. I understand and recognize that there is a political act with respect to members from ALAC who are representing their RALOs.

But there is a structural problem in dealing with the votes. If you go in the room to vote and there is more than one round of voting, and you are instructed to vote, and your candidate is eliminated, then you could not really participate any further in the vote, unless you get new instructions from your constituency. That would be awkward, to say the least. I do not believe that it is useful to have directed votes for directorship. It would constitute a problem of audit down the way.

[Paul]: Just before I move on to Tijani, is it possible that we bring this point into formal discussion as part of ALAC meeting and continue to discuss this issue? Because this is very difficult and there has to be a certain level of consensus amongst all of the members to what sort of process should be in place and despite the fact that the discussion is going around, I think it is more critical for ALAC to have a formal procedure or process on this.

I'd like to, once again, request please keep your comments very short. We are running late on time, and I may have to reduce some time on the agenda items, because these are important, I don't want to just push them into the next ALAC meeting, I want them to be brought on the floor and then continue to be discussed where we work, in the monthly meetings. Yes, Tijani?

Tijani Ben Jemaa: Maybe I misunderstood. I participate in the ABSDT, I also took part in the discussion about the white paper. I believe this question has been decided and it is up to the region; each RALO decides whether it wants to give voting instructions to its representatives. As for the question mentioned by Carlton regarding the elimination of the candidate from RALO, you know, it's easy enough to solve. You give three names in an order, if the first one is eliminated, then you vote for the second on the list, and so on. But it is up to the RALO. Evan and Carlton belong to the same group and they might correct me if I'm mistaken. Sebastian was also with us.

[Paul]: Evan?

Evan Leibovitch: First of all, we're not going to resolve this here. Secondly, this is something that every region has to deal with internally. This is not something that is going to be universally imposed; every region has to come up with its own ideas. What I suggest is we have to take into email what I would consider to be a discussion of best practices. That we can basically bring forward different approaches to doing this that each region is free to accept, or reject, amend, or modify as they see fit.

This is not a matter of imposing any particular model on anyone. The best we can do is bring forward what works for us, what works well, and the issues that were identified in coming up with these solutions and, just hopefully seeing if we can learn from and teach each other.

[Paul]: Carlton, very, very short.

Carlton Samuels: We are not trying to impose a litmus test on any region. All we are saying is we are putting the flag up and saying "If you want to fully participate in the voting as it happens, because the way the structure is now the vote is going to happen as it happens – you have to have all your ducks lined up in a row so that you can effectively participate and so you would not wish to impose rules that would eliminate your influence on the vote." That is all I'm suggesting here. So whatever you do, you need to think it through because it is going to be live on the record.

[Paul]: I'm going to move towards closure of this agenda item and take it into discussion through email and monthly ALAC meetings. Secondly, this process is obviously run from the members of ALAC bringing this down into the regional organizations, so I would recommend that this be taken to

a regular and important item on the ALAC monthly meeting agenda. So I now to move to Discussion Point 4, since there's been a lot of discussion over the survey, the recent ALS survey, I would like to open the floor for discussion on this, what are the implications? What implications do results have on the regional At Large organizations?

How can we engage more ALSs and follow up with them based on the results? And what possible next steps we have. I'm going to have to keep the time for discussion limited to ten minutes and I will have to also revoke discussion exactly when ten minutes are over. So the floor is open for discussion to Agenda Item4. Any comments, Tijani.

Tijani Ben Jemaa: I think it was covered by the two previous points concerning the responsibility of ALSs and concerning, number two and number three. So I don't think we have to be long on it.

[Paul]: Do I have any in support, in favor of this comment by Mr. Tijani? Okay, anyone else who would like to step in and give any comment? Otherwise I am moving towards closing this agenda item and we're moving to the fifth agenda item which is again a very important subject: discuss starter packs and documents for new RALO members.

What information, such as policy documents and (01:10:41) should be distributed to new members? So the time allocated for this session is exactly 12 minutes. So I open this topic for discussion on the floor. Agenda item number five, please, any comments, on this artifact, information for new members? David?

David Kissondoyal: I think, well now that every region has finished and produced its own brochure, I think we are well on the way to starting with that. Each one of the brochures is intended, I guess, to be a totally introductory document for someone who is considering. We point them to a URL where hopefully we have control within the regions of what goes under that URL. So again, this is a matter of information sharing but I think we are well on our way to doing what needs to be done.

[Paul]: And just in informal discussion, I shared with the staff, the staff to include, at least when you go to the At Large page, something on the right navigation whereby you see a screen shot of each region's brochure. So specifically, under that would be a link for EURALO, APRALO, AFALO, etc. So once you open up the webpage immediately you can access those

media files. And secondly, you can continue to evolve your brochures. Because once again in the tonic way of distributing brochures has always been a very successful manner, there is a large awareness about opening and using .pdf documents.

So I think that where you feel your brochures should be improved you should continue working on them and maybe in future meetings you may want to produce new brochures. So this process should not stop. Why? Because information is evolving as your experiences come out of the surveys, maybe you would want to improve the language and so forth with subsequent editions. Any further conversation?

Male: I would like to make one suggestion to help the cross-fertilization between regions. It's at least to have in each brochure the link to the other regions' websites. Because very often when you go to one region you can't find people from other region and you will not bring the five documents each time. That's my suggestion. Thank you.

[Paul]: Very good suggestion, because somebody asked me for the APRALO brochure and he was not from Asia Pacific region. But he wanted to pass it on to someone else. So if that link was there, even he could explore the one from where he is. Yes sir?

Male: Just to say that it is not just the brochures. I think we also have to work on our electronic outreach. Because sometimes when we target countries that don't have ALSs, you know, we just find out, "Hey this looks like somebody that might be interested." We need to send them that information and get them "Here's the .pdf of this document, here is a video, etc." All those things, so we have to really collaborate, all of us. Because I think the commonality is there for all regions.

[Paul]: Any other comments on this agenda item, anyone? Okay, I would like to move toward closure of Agenda Item Number 5. And now we move towards a very important subject. I can dedicate ten minutes to this agenda item, which is to discuss the secretariat improvements plan. If you are in the detailed agenda you will find that there is a link to the secretariat improvements plan and since I might have not led us through this session in previous meetings, can someone lead the discussion on this particular item.

The detailed ALAC meetings list, which is, if you go to the ALAC social text, you will see a link to the, all the meetings categorized together by ALAC. So if you go down to the 23rd meeting items, you will find on Agenda Item 6 there is a link to the secretariat improvements plan. Evan, would you like to lead the discussion? This is to discuss the secretariat improvements plan, which is basically a secretariat proposal for improvements. The focal points, contributors, so forth, so forth, Part A Information Accessibility and Dissemination.

So this is a detailed Excel sheet which summarizes improvements to existing publications, outreach and participation and enhancements such as external meetings, outreach, design and development of materials. We have been discussing a bit of this, but I would like to open up the floor, and if Evan could lead the discussion?

Have you been able to find the link? When you go to social text page, okay, you come down here to the list; there is a heading about - I think since you've already touched many of these issues, you can just have a basic discussion and begin to move items into the ALAC monthly meetings.

Evan Leibovitch: I don't know if we've got enough time to go through all of these. In previous secretariat meetings, the discussion of this spreadsheet has consumed the entire meeting time.

[Paul]: It's actually extensively redone now; it is a detailed communications program for ALAC. So I think that, if you like, this item stays open for monthly ALAC meetings.

Evan Leibovitch: Was there anything that staff wanted to bring to our attention, specifically to call our attention to anything on this list that needs our attention? Since we don't have enough time to go through the whole thing, is there anything that needs to have a red flag on it?

[Paul]: Okay, so this agenda item.

Evan Leibovitch: I think we need to defer that into the mail list, because there are other things on the agenda for right now I think we can deal with here and now.

[Paul]: Okay, this item moves into the monthly ALAC meetings. And now the final agenda item is - now since we have at least ten minutes and in ten

minutes we close the meeting, if you have any other items that you would like to discuss, any items are open for business now. I'm opening the floor; you may start discussion, any of the business items, Evan?

Evan Leibovitch: Yes. Yesterday during the ALAC meeting, Cheryl deferred a specific agenda item to this meeting that I wanted to bring up and that was the outreach issue that I proposed about having a presence at, making a proposal to ICANN senior staff about having an experimental outreach program to three specifically chosen consumer trade shows. That was important to me that was deferred to this meeting and so I would like to bring it up.

Essentially, I'll just restate it briefly that for the purposes of an experiment that is simply talking to a different audience than we have spoken to before, the idea of establishing an ICANN presence at a few very specifically targeted but very large consumer trade shows. I had suggested three, not because of the locations and the region in which they take place but simply because they draw so many people from international audiences.

So those were the Consumer Electronics Show which is in January in Las Vegas, the CVID show which is in March in Hanover, Germany, and the Computech show which is in June in Taipei. So, I simply, I had brought it up yesterday – Cheryl deferred it to this meeting and I am looking for a consensus here that this is a good idea. And if as a global initiative this does not meet with favor, then it's totally possible that the three regions that are involved in regional proximity to these shows could possibly do something off line.

But my preference would be to have a widespread endorsement to this as simply a new approach to looking at a new audience of people who are not typically internet governance, who are not typically a (inaudible 01:21:09) society and the kind of people that ICANN desperately needs their point of view.

Hong Xue: Any comments from the floor on this? Anyone? Yes, please.

Cheryl-Langdon-Orr: Just to say that the showcase is starting in five minutes, less than that. It's just in the foyer.

[Paul]: What is the secretariat leaders' stance on Evan's proposal?

Hong Xue: Alright, I think I support Evan's proposal and I think it goes again to that we have to prepare materials for these events. Once we do this, we then have a common thing to take to all events and so forth. So developing the materials to present at such events, even if we don't get the funding to actually do it, at least we have the materials for the ALSs themselves to take to any events that they could go do.

[Paul]: I think at the Asia Pacific level, I think we can also see if Gaudatia is participating in the Taiwanese exhibition because if they are going to be going as a contingent to that big event in South Asia Pacific, I think they would be more willing to bring the secretariat with them; but again this would require a bit of confirming on their end. So I would be supportive from APRALO on this. AFRALO, would you like to support Evan's proposal for participating, for creating outreach through --.

Male: Sure, my position, since the beginning my position --.

Male: Without comments. Just support or --.

Male: Fully support.

Male: Fully support.

Male: Fully support.

[Paul]: It is therefore resolved that all of the regional organizations have agreed to Evan's proposal for event-based outreach activities. Staff, please take note of this and everyone, let's move to the EURALO showcase. Thank you everyone, the meeting is then adjourned, just before we leave, 30 seconds.

Hong Xue: Following the rather scrambled discussion we had last night about the At Large Board election, I just draw your attention to the fact that the file of the document is now available; Heidi has circulated it by email today, and Cheryl has put this question on the agenda of the wrap-up session on Thursday between 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning.

[Paul]: Has everyone noted this, staff please? Check your email for confirmation.

Cheryl-Langdon-Orr: Okay, we're also going to be allocating a few minutes to see Evan's proposal and we will be having thirty minutes of discussion on the At Large director. But if we could again, sorry for the urging, but we have a TV camera, we have our CEO, and EURALO has spent hours preparing this. So if we could please support EURALO, that would be really welcome, thank you.

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