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**Attendance:**

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Ross Rader - Registrars c.

Tom Keller - Registrars c.

David Maher - gTLD Registries c.

Sarah Deutsch - CBUC

Maggie Mansourkia - ISPCP

**ICANN Staff**

Maria Farrell

Glen de Saint Géry

**Absent with apologies:**

Marilyn Cade - CBUC

Avri Doria - Nominating Committee appointee to GNSO Council

Coordinator: Excuse me, Mr. (David Maher), please join me now. Thank you.

(David Maher): Hello.

(Ross): Good morning David, it's just you and me. How are you?

(David Maher): Oh. Who's that?

(Ross): It's (Ross).

(David Meier): Hi.

(Ross): I have a cold, so I sound like somebody else undoubtedly. How are you?

David Maher: Oh, we're good, thanks. I'm sorry to hear about your cold.

(Ross): Oh, it could be worse.

David Maher: I, my wife and I, both use something called (Cold Ease). Did you know about that?

Coordinator: Steve Metalitz please join me now.

(Ross): No, I haven't, I haven't heard of that. No.

David Maher: Well, it's one of those (zinc).

(Ross): Oh! Okay, yeah, yeah, yeah.

David Maher: And it seems to work.

(Ross): I, typically I use something called Cold Effect, which is something very similar, I think. But, this time it just got the best of me too quickly. And once you got it, you can't get rid of it.

David Maher: Yeah.

(Ross): So, I'm stuck.

(Hey June?)

David Maher: Yeah.

Coordinator: Hi, it's (Sarah Deutsche) joining.

Jordyn: Hi.

Is there any one on the call, that isn't the people I've heard so far which are (Sarah), (Ross) and David Maher?

(Steve McAllis): (Steve McAllis).

Jordyn: Hi (Steve).

Coordinator: (Unintelligible) now joining.

Jordyn: Hi (Tom).

(Tom): Hi (Hugh).

Jordyn: You said you couldn't make it, (Tom)

(Tom): Yeah. Fortunately someone, something else, I have to miss now.

Jordyn: Uh. You're just faking us out, Tom.

(Tom): Sir?

Man: You're just faking us out.

(Tom): Ha ha ha ha ha. Yeah, it was not intentionally.

Jordyn: That's okay. Keep us on our toes, that's good.

Man: And, we'll (unintelligible) in a minute. Oh, it's going to be really boring otherwise.

Man: Are we going to work today?

Man: Uh, I don't know, there's actually a lot to do given that (unintelligible), I still haven't (unintelligible).

Man: (Unintelligible) that to the report.

Man: Okay. I did my homework. Well, this is why I'm hoping (Maria) will join the call.

Man: Will you be at the next ICANN meeting, Jordyn?

Jordyn: I have no idea.

Man: Okay.

Jordyn:: When we were in Sao Paolo, I would have said, Yes. But that would be, no, but...

Man: No.

Jordyn: Our ability to (unintelligible) finalize, seems lower than I could hope. So, it's possible there will be lingering stuff.

Man: Oh, okay.

Jordyn: maybe that I'm going to be coincidentally be in Europe that week anyway so I'll stop by.

Okay, well, uh... So, we started our discussion last week the intent was, the intent of this call was to review a new draft of the plan or report which we still don't. (unintelligible).

(Ross): Hello.

David Maher: Oh, hello.

(Ross): Did we lose Jordyn?

David Maher: Yeah. I think so.

Woman: I heard it, the intent of the call and then he seems to drop off.

Jordyn: Sorry about that.

Woman: huh.

Jordyn: Uh.

Woman: Will you start again?

Jordyn: Yeah, I got yanked out by the operator.

Man: You did.

Coordinator: This is the operator, please go ahead sir. Thanks for being patient.

Jordyn: Thanks. (unintelligible) the, the, this call is now being recorded.  
(unintelligible) now.

What we're going to say the, at the agenda we discussed last week was to discuss the various drafts or reports. But, we still haven't seen it, so I don't think we can do that.

And the other thing we were going to do is take a straw poll to figure out which of the policy formulation would become, we would frame as the majority report for the purpose of reviewing the draft report.

I'm also reluctant to do that without having seen the sort of framework that the request is going to work under. So, given the absence of the report, I actually know how much of it is in the.

Woman: Okay, (unintelligible) please let us know when (unintelligible) who doesn't hold us to the office. (unintelligible).

Jordyn: Uhm.

Glen Desaintgery: I've just joined the call, Jordyn. It's Glen, I'm sorry to interrupt.

Jordyn: Oh, I didn't know you were going to be in the call, Glen.

Glen Desaintgery: Yes, I'm back in business, thanks.

Jordyn: I'm glad to hear that. Welcome back, Glen.

Glen Desaintgery: Thank you.

Jordyn: Yeah, well, Glen do you know if, if (Maria) was planning on joining the call today?

Glen Desaintgery: I think she was planning on joining your call. I'm surprised she isn't on the call. I can (unintelligible) transfer her call, if you like.

Jordyn: Yes, that would be help, just because we're, I think we're spinning a little waiting for the next draft of the report, we're getting a status date on that. It would be helpful.

Glen Desaintgery: Okay, I'll get out of the call, and I'll call her.

Jordyn: Thanks, Glen.

In any case, so, we've also informally agreed that next week, because of the holiday (unintelligible) people are traveling, and we didn't want to have a lot of substance on that call, so, I'm reluctant to simply move this agenda to the next, to a week from today.

Also, doing that would probably mean that we would miss the intake rules for the next council meeting for getting this report to them.

So, I think we're left with two potential courses of action. One is that we could hopefully get the report in the next couple of day, then we could schedule a special call sometime later this week in order to do what we had planned on doing today. And continue with our previously published schedule other than that.

The other alternative is the move everything back by two weeks essentially and what we were planning on doing today. I'm much, much more in favor of the special call later this week option, if we can make it work.

But, this is dependent on being able to get a new draft of the report probably today or tomorrow. And it depends on people's availability for scheduling for call as well.

(Maria): Hi, Jordyn, it's (Maria) here. Sorry, I just filed in.

Jordyn: Hi, (Maria). So, I was just talking about our plan forward. And I think most of the agenda for today is or was dependent on seeing everybody's draft of the report prior to this call. So, I think, we probably can't do that, most of it, but our question was, when we're likely to see the next draft of the report?

(Maria): I sent the next - the most recent draft of it yesterday. Admittedly rather late, but it did go out in mid afternoon my time yesterday.

Jordyn: I haven't seen that. Has anyone - am I crazy? I've not seen it or has anyone else seen the draft?

(Maria): Sorry.

(Woman): It did not come in for me.

(Maria): I apologize. I just looked at the sent box. I sent it to (Gina's) secretary and not (Gina), so (unintelligible)

I am very, very sorry about this.

Jordyn: Okay, well on the plus side, that means that we will have the report very soon. On the down side, I think we'd still probably, people, don't have (unintelligible) for today's call.

So, I'm going to ask people have some availability later this week maybe to have a special call that the substance of that call would be, a, to just sort of talk over the new structure and make sure that it's working for everyone and b, to do the straw poll, to get an understanding of which position is likely to become a majority position for the purpose of framing the next draft of the report after that - one that would openly be voted, not by email.

David Maher: Jordyn, this is (David).

I absolutely can't - can not make a meeting later this week. I'm going to traveling and then meeting. It doesn't leave me time for this.

(Ross): Jordyn, I can't make a meeting this week either. Can I make a suggestion perhaps, if we actually move ahead with the straw poll and then conduct a review of the document on the list.

I'm not sure that - unless the documents have all been substantially. I'm not sure that it's big enough to - if we need to actually schedule another call around it.

And I doubt that that the anybody's position have evolved substantially over the last four to six weeks to the point where the straw poll would be much of a surprise to anybody.

Jordyn: So, I agree that the second point is probably true, I think - having not seen - I'm guessing that it will be helpful to have a call that we could coordinate some of the substance, but it's probably not - or coordinate some of the actual report.

But maybe it's not necessary to have sort of full, you know, sort of more of an editing call than a real substantive call from the report editing, so it might be possible to do a smaller call for that.

But, that's probably a good suggestion if we can at least do a straw pole today. I want to -- I think a couple of people has joined since we last sort of get a roll call, so I'm hoping maybe Glen -- or, yeah, maybe we could just easily done on the call, the people I have, so far are (Sarah Deutsch), (Ross) and (Tom) from the registrars, David Maher from the registry, Steve Metalitz from the IT security, (Maggie)?

(Maggie): Yes, (Maggie) here.

Jordyn: From the ISPs. Is there anyone else on the call that I (unintelligible) his name?

So, we are missing, I think, (Aubrey), missing --

Glen Desaintgery: (Aubrey) and somebody from the non-commercial (unintelligible) (Robin Ross).

Jordyn: Thank you. I think we can probably also follow up with some of that by email to make sure we get survey the constituency proposal of straw poll.

So, why don't I - why don't we follow up on (Ross') suggestion and go ahead and have the straw poll right now and then use that to frame the majority minority positions and (Maria) and I can work and make sure

the adjusted report also sort of (unintelligible) to incorporate the feedback that we've gotten from this.

So, let me just start at the top of my list. (Sarah Deutsch) for the BC - if you were - if the BC were to endorse one of the two positions as other than the majority position for the report, either the (Opac) or the special circumstance proposal, are you prepared to do that?

(Sarah Deutsch): No, we're not prepared to do that right now.

Jordyn: Is that sort of an abstain vote in the straw poll? (Ross) for the registrar.

(Ross): Yeah. I don't think our position's changed. We're still supporting the (Opac) proposal. Unless (Tom) corrects me and (unintelligible).

Jordyn: (Tom), is that your position as well?

(Tom): Yes, absolutely. I'm not going to change that yet.

Jordyn: Okay. (David), do you have a position at this point?

David Maher: Yeah, supporting (Opac), no change.

Jordyn: (Steve)?

(Steve McAllis): I think the intellectual property constituency position has not changed, but of course it's a mixed position. We're supporting the - we support the (Opac) proposal on point one. We do support it on point three in principle. And we don't take a position on points two and four.

Jordyn: Okay, great.

Actually, let me ask (Sarah). Does the BC have a position with regards to the accuracy part of the (Opac) proposal?

(Sarah Deutsch): Oh, I don't have the position in front of me. So, you know, (Marilyn and David) are not on the call right now. And I thought that we were going to be talking about this new paper that hasn't come out.

Jordyn: Okay, that's fine.

(Sarah Deutsch): So, I don't want to -- you know, don't put me down as abstain. I don't think our position has changed, but I don't want to tell you the wrong position either. So, I wasn't thinking that this is going to be on the call today.

Jordyn: Yeah, (unintelligible) survey then. I (unintelligible)

Okay, (Maggie)?

(Maggie): We prefer the special circumstances.

Jordyn: Okay. And then with regards to the accuracy part of the (Opac) proposal, would you - would it be similar to the IPC, where you support the special circumstances proposal generally but also the accuracy part of the (Opac) proposal?

(Maggie): You know, Jordyn, I'm not sure. I haven't looked at that since the comment period a few weeks ago. So, I'm not sure.

Jordyn: Okay.

And then I think we don't have (Aubrey) or the NTC on the call. So, I'm going to have to do some further follow up, I guess, by email to really get a sense of this.

But, it seems like, at the very least, that we're likely to have fairly strong support for the accuracy section based on our previous conference (unintelligible). And then there'll be probably - that would probably be part of the majority position and then whichever of the two, sort of best of access thing that we - either the special circumstances or (Opac) proposal.

(Steve McAllis): So, Jordyn, what should we do now with this draft report that we've just gotten? I just got it.

Jordyn: Yeah.

(Steve McAllis): If we're not going to have a meeting later this week, is there some time frame for getting...?

Jordyn: Yeah, so why don't we talk about that right now? The best way to (unintelligible), ideally speaking, we'd still conduct sort of the formal voting on the report by email next, sort of, next week time frame.

So, that means I would - here's what I'm going to propose as a way to - the way forward on this, I think everyone should probably take a look at this report and if they have feedback on the new structure or responses to the public comments that are included and so on in the new report.

I think getting comments to (Maria) and the list over the next - I would say by Wednesday. It would probably be a good way to work that offline.

I would also propose that we have - even though we may not be able to get really broad sophistication, some sort of editing call for later this week. Like maybe on Thursday or something like that, but I'm somewhat open to changing the time base on what's convenient to other - for other folks.

But, essentially, so to do a round of edits by email, have the cut off for that be sort of end of Wednesday. Have a call either on Thursday or Friday to just go through edits and get out another sort of what we're going to vote on by the end of the week. And then have another -- and then essentially conduct the voting by email next week, assuming that the report seems to be in a good enough state to do that by the end of this week.

Does that make sense? Any other suggestions as to how to proceed?

(Steve McAllis): Well, it's hard to know without seeing -

Jordyn: Yeah.

(Steve McAllis): the report, but I can't do a call on Thursday. I could do one on Friday.

Jordyn: Friday? Is anyone else interested in participating in sort of coordinating, editing call at the end of this week, either on Thursday or Friday?

(Sarah Deutsch): I just won't be able to this week, I'm sorry.

Jordyn: All right. The other - well, you wouldn't be able to participate, but I think there's a lot most people have indicated that next Monday is a problem as well. It's probably no better just to do it at our regular spot.

(Steve), I'll propose something for Friday and we'll see what level of participation we can get for that. If you want to email me, maybe back channel what time would work for you on Friday?

(Steve McAllis): Okay. I'm pretty much open.

Jordyn: Okay. This will - since we haven't seen this report, this will have to be - that will have to be our tentative going forward. It looks like there's a lot more to do than we're going to be able to accomplish this week. We'll probably have to revise the schedule to pick up the call (unintelligible).

But, I'm hoping that we can finalize this over the next (unintelligible), get this report finalized and (unintelligible) for the next call.

So, with that, I actually don't think we have anything else. I had plans for the agenda today. Is there anything else, anyone wants to talk about?

Okay, great. We'll wrap this up then. And we'll probably, like I said, I'll probably try to schedule an editing call for Friday if people are interested in participating, you're welcome to, but we'll try to avoid dealing with substance, and just deal with the getting up the reports and (unintelligible) as possible.

(Maria): And Jordyn, it's (Maria), sorry, I just want to apologize very, very profusely for not getting the taskforce report out yesterday and for all of the confusions (unintelligible) to the (unintelligible).

I'm very sorry about that everyone.

Jordyn: Thanks (Maria). Duly noted.

Okay, any final other comments otherwise, I'll go ahead and wrap up the call.

Man: Thanks, Jordyn.

Jordyn: Thanks everyone.

Man: Bye.

Jordyn: Bye.

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