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DEVAN REED:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the GNSO Standing Selection Committee call on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 14:00 UTC. In the interest of time, there will be no roll call. Attendance will be taken from the Zoom room. All documentation and information can be found on the wiki space. Recordings will be posted on the public wiki space shortly after the end of the call. Please remember to say your name before speaking for the recording. As a reminder, those who take part in the ICANN multi-stakeholder process are to comply with the expected standards of behavior. Thank you, and I will turn it over to Arinola. Please begin.

ARINOLA AKINYEMI:

All right. Thank you, Devan. Welcome, everybody. It's been quite a while. Trust we've all been doing good. Like the mail we received said, we will be going through the new assignment allotted to us by the GNSO Council, and I believe staff will be running us through most of this process so that we can then kick start the process. Without further ado,

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do we have anyone with updates to their SOIs? Do we have anyone with any updates? Okay, I see no hands. I might just have a small update, which we all know already anyway, which is being appointed the GNSO mentor to the fellowship program. Okay, I see Anne raise her hand. Anne, please go ahead.

ANNE AIKMAN-SCALESE: Yes, thank you, Arinola. Very briefly, I am a co-liaison to the SubPro IRT, along with Susan Payne. That would be the only minor update. Thank you.

ARINOLA AKINYEMI: Thank you, Anne, and thanks for all the good work. I see no other hands. I think I might have to turn it over to Julie for item number two. Julie?

JULIE HEDLUND: Yes. Great, thanks. This is Julie Hedlund from staff and for the transcript. And thank you Arinola for kicking us off, and welcome everybody and thanks for coming and joining us. And this should be a pretty brief meeting. It should be pretty straightforward. We've got a new assignment, as I'd sent around the details, along with the agenda. The assignment is that essentially the Customer Standing Committee, the CSC, has determined that there can be alternate liaisons to the CSC. And given that, while we have a non-registry liaison to the CSC, who is Milton Mueller, who had gone through the selection process for the CSC, and his term is continuing, we also can have an alternate non-

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registry liaison to the CSC. That means that the GNSO Council has decided to request that the SSC conduct the evaluation process of the candidates for the alternate non-registry liaison to the CSC.

And so, as you'll see on the screen, there's the assignment overview. This is also on a wiki page. But essentially there's some information about the CSC. The SSC has previously, as I noted with Milton Mueller, been involved in the evaluation process for the non-registry liaison. So this is not a new process. And there's a bit of time, but we're going ahead and kicking this off and moving fairly quickly just because it's nice to get these things done. The term starts October 1, but we're hoping maybe that we can get the SSC process done, and we'll put a draft motion in for the motion deadline. But then we can add the name after the SSC process is done, so that the Council could look at this at their meeting in July. Otherwise they can look at their meeting, consider that their meeting in August. Anne, please, I see your hand.

ANNE AIKMAN-SCALESE: I really appreciate the summary. Considering that there isn't an urgency to this, and considering apparently there was only one applicant—I haven't looked at anything regarding the expression of interest, and I apologize because I know I'm probably behind here. But if there's only one applicant, should we have considered extending the deadline if the term doesn't happen immediately? Or is this something where if we go ahead as Council and we take action on this, the person starts to serve immediately?

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JULIE HEDLUND: That's a good question. This is Julie again for the transcript. There is only one candidate, but I'm not expecting there to be more candidates just because we extend the deadline. It's a fairly esoteric position that requires a certain type of background and interests. And so we may not, we've typically not gotten very many candidates for this position. I don't recall, but I think we had maybe only Milton last time. I could go back and check on that. But if people want to extend, we can do that as well. The candidate looks pretty good, but that's just my personal opinion and has no bearing on anything the SSC will be doing. But at any rate, we might find that we have a suitable candidate. If not, perhaps we can reopen the process. But I see Greg's hand is up, so Greg, please.

GREG DIBIASE: Yeah, given how specific this is, I would err on the side of not extending, given this is like a pretty narrow role. And then I could be wrong here, but I also remember Milton had some unrelated work that had caused some absences. And there was, I wouldn't say urgency, but a reason to have an alternate sooner or later. Because Milton did miss some meetings due to some unavoidable conflicts, if memory serves. So yeah, I'd go ahead and start the process, would be my opinion.

JULIE HEDLUND: Thanks, Greg. That's helpful. And I see Alan's comments in the chat too, and I agree. I think if there's an extension, that's something the council is going to have to determine. And it is a very specific position. And it turned out, Greg, I think, as far as Milton was concerned, that there was some kind of problem and he didn't receive the invitations to the

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meetings that he should have. And that's been corrected. But nonetheless, I think that pointed out a gap, that there needed to be alternates in case of any issues or problems with the tenants. And so, yes, the sooner we get an alternate. No, not at all. That's what we all originally thought had happened for Milton. And then after a little bit of investigation, we heard from staff that it was slightly different. But that doesn't take away the fact that there is a gap and there's a need for alternates. And, you know, in general with these kinds of assignments. The sooner we get these things done, the better. So, our suggestion was that—okay, wait, let me see something that Sam has in the chat. A question. Let me see. Sorry. [inaudible] process. Okay, and then move [on the alternate as a second step.] I'm not sure I understand your question Sam. Could you explain? Moving on the alternate as a second step. Not seeing Sam speaking or hand up. So I can come back to that. Yes, sorry Sam, this is maybe confusing but this is actually for the alternate liaison, non registry alternate liaison to the CSC. So this would be the person who would step in if Milton couldn't attend the meeting, for example. Sorry if that wasn't clear. Milton's term is continuing so he's not in need of being replaced, and it's been confirmed with him that he wants to continue. The alternate's term starts October 1. So we're a little early in the process, but generally like to get these kinds of appointment process, selection process done earlier rather than later just in case anything comes up. You know, it gets into summer now with people who might not be available so if people are able to go ahead and make the selection process now, we can put the motion in for the July, or if we have to for the August Council meeting, and then that person would be confirmed well in time for the start of the term.

ANNE AIKMAN-SCALESE: Thank you, Julie. I guess I was sort of wondering if the person is officially appointed an alternate now, and they're an alternate to Milton, who is current, why would the timing be October?

JULIE HEDLUND: Thanks for that. That's a good question. So the timing is from the CSC so they're initiating the use of alternates as of October 1. I can clarify that but that's my understanding. So, we can go ahead and the council can go ahead and confirm our choice of alternate and submit that to the CSC. And then that person will start up, according to the CSC terms, which would be October 1. So, we're not driving the process, we're feeding into the process, so to speak. But that's a good question.

ANNE AIKMAN-SCALESE: That that explains it. Thanks.

JULIE HEDLUND: Thanks everyone. This is very helpful. So what staff would like to suggest is that we go ahead and open up the poll now, I'll switch over and show you what the poll looks like. It's pretty straightforward. But open up the poll today, run it for a pretty short time until next Tuesday, have an SSC meeting—Devan, can you remind me which date and time were chosen as the top date and time of the second options, the options for next week for the SSC?

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DEVAN REED: We don't have that up right now but I will find it for you and put it in the chat.

JULIE HEDLUND: Okay, great. That'd be really helpful. Because the intent was to close the poll the day before the SSC meeting and then staff will collect the results, and then we'll talk about them. And the motion deadline is next Monday but staff can, as we've done in the past, submit a motion with a name blank. And then when the SSC completes this process, then we'll just fill in the blank. So, so we can still make the July agenda but if we push to the August agenda that's fine too. And of course the Council, with any motion, has the option to defer the motion to the following meeting. So it could still get deferred to August, although I think right now the agenda for July looks fairly light. So poll open for just about a week, a little under a week, perhaps, and SSC meeting next Wednesday or Thursday to go over the results, assuming—and usually we do another 24 hours for everyone to send an objection if any on the list to the decision that's made at that meeting. If we did go with a candidate, then there'd be still another 24 hours to put any objections, and then we would finalize the motion for the Council meeting, and then they would go ahead and consider in July or August. And then we'd be set to go when the CSC starts deploying their alternates. So that's the timeline and then we have one candidate, and that's John Gbadamosi. And there's a special members only page where the candidate materials are located and that's at this link here. And that's got his expression of interest, and his resume. So, those are for your reference. What I'd like to do now, I'll pause for a second and see if there are any questions with

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the dates and the timeline. And then I can preview the poll for you as well. Alan, please.

ALAN WOODS:

Thank you so much. I tried to click on that link earlier and it would appear that I it just went to a blank page for me. So it might be I have some sort of an access issue. So I just wanted to make sure who should I reach out to for that one.

JULIE HEDLUND:

That'd be me. I'm glad you gave it a try. I was wondering myself that because that page is an SSC members only page and I wondered whether the permissions had been updated for the current SSC. Devan, I'll collect an action item, but for the GNSO secretariat to check the permissions for that page and make sure that the current SSC members have access to that page. It must be a view only or edit only based on the people who are members of the SSC. Anne, please.

ANNE AIKMAN-SCALESE:

Thanks, Julie. I had a little trouble with that as well. When I tried it just now. It seems to be asking for a username and password, and I'm wondering are the credentials there just your regular ICANN login credentials? Because mine didn't seem to work.

JULIE HEDLUND:

I think it would be your credentials for the Wiki, for Confluence. But those are probably saved so that every time you go into the wiki page or

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whatever, you probably don't have to log in each time. But I think, probably, yes, Devan is saying the same credentials you would use to update your SOI.

ANNE AIKMAN-SCALESE: Okay, so it's the SOI update. Those are different, I think.

JULIE HEDLUND: Yeah, it's the same because it's Confluence, the application that powers the wiki pages and SOI in fact. So it would be that same login, but I also think we may have to check and make sure that all of you have access, because we haven't accessed that page I don't think since the evaluation process for Milton, in which case, the composition of the SSC has changed since then. So I don't think you all have the same access or have the access, necessarily. So we'll check that.

ANNE AIKMAN-SCALESE: Thank you.

JULIE HEDLUND: No, thank you. I'm glad you tried. Very helpful. Any other questions? Okay, I'm going to go ahead and share the poll and show you what that looks like. What I'll do is I'm going to launch the poll, send a link. Okay, you should be seeing this, to this poll, and it's live. None of these results by name are shared, but we do ask your name because we do want to make sure if possible that everybody has taken the poll. Let me just make sure I'm keeping track of the chat. Okay.

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And then there's a question just asking if you've reviewed the materials, and that's the page that we were just talking about, and I'll make sure you all have access to that. And then we have just the one candidate. Essentially these questions follow the expression of interest and also the skills and experience that the candidates are expected to have for the position. And this is the same evaluation we made for Milton, because obviously it would be the same credentials, the same experience and skills that we'd be looking for in the alternate. So nothing new here. And then reading the various skills and ability to work and communicate in English. And let me ask, just out of curiosity, does anybody know this candidate? I'm not seeing any hands up.

ARINOLA AKINYEMI:

Sounds like a Nigerian name but I don't know the candidate.

JULIE HEDLUND:

Thanks, Arinola. Yeah, I don't recognize the name. So, these are all pretty straightforward questions. And then there's an open text box for any general responses. And that's it. So it shouldn't take very long to complete the poll. And that's why we're only giving about a week to do it. I hope that will be sufficient. But if anybody has any difficulties as we're running the poll, please do send me a note, an email. And let me know if there's anything we need to troubleshoot. Anne, please.

ANNE AIKMAN-SCALESE:

Thanks, Julie. I don't know the candidate. There might be some questions we can't answer in the poll. So, do we just skip those if we

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don't know, for example, whether the person is able to work in English?  
What do we do?

JULIE HEDLUND: I think you have the option to skip the answer. I don't think these are set to mandatory. I'll tell you what, I'll take a test. I'll run a test and see if. Let's just see right now. Yeah, it does seem to expect an answer. Okay, yes, I've reviewed. And Devan, yes, go ahead.

DEVAN REED: Because you have editing rights, you're actually editing the—

JULIE HEDLUND: Oh dear.

DEVAN REED: If you open it in an incognito browser then you'll be able to take it like anybody would be able to.

JULIE HEDLUND: Oh, I see. Yeah, okay. Well thank you for alerting me to that. Okay. I'll just check that and see, and I'll let you all know before we launch the poll whether or not you can skip a response, or what would be the suitable way to address a question. I think we've determined we pretty much all don't know who this candidate is. So there might be some aspects of those questions that you might not be able to answer.

ANNE AIKMAN-SCALESE: Thank you, Julie, maybe the poll should be edited, as you were demonstrating, to add a don't know category or something like that. Thanks so much.

JULIE HEDLUND: Thank you. I'll take a look. I'll see what the options are as I take a look at it. Anyway, that's the poll. So, does anybody have any concerns about— assuming we can figure out the best way to answer questions where we may not know the candidate. So we will launch the poll today. And depending on whether the SSC is meeting next Wednesday or next Thursday, we'll close it either next Tuesday or next Wednesday so just the day before. It doesn't take very long to collect the responses. Any concerns about that timing? Okay, thank you, Alan. And then we'll have the SSC meeting to go over the results, and then we'll talk about whether or not we agree to put forward the candidate to the council. If the SSC does not agree to put forward the candidate then we can inform the council accordingly and we can start the process with the new request for Eols. Otherwise, there'll be a 24 hour time period in which on the list, people can object if they have any objections to putting forward the candidate. So, then the GNSO will do their thing either in July or August, and we'll be set. Any questions? So I'll have the action to check and see what's the best way to answer some of the questions if we don't know the candidate, and we'll check with the secretariat to make sure that you all have access to the page with the candidate credentials. And then staff will launch the poll today and close it out either next Tuesday or Wednesday, and we'll send around

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the invite. After this call for the next meeting, depending on what was the most popular response in the poll. And I think that's all we have to cover for today. Is there anything else anybody wants to raise or any questions or anything at all? Thank you.

ARINOLA AKINYEMI:

Thanks, Julie, for the wonderful presentation. It's actually insightful. The name is a Nigerian name. We have a platform for ICANN members by virtue of whatever stakeholder group you belong to, we have a platform where we interact locally here in Nigeria. So I'm trying to see if I can get a hold of the person and actually know what the capabilities will be. Probably I'll be able to feedback via the mailing list.

JULIE HEDLUND:

Very good. Thank you. And I see Arsene's note in the chat, saying, I hope we get candidates. We do have one candidate, Arsene. He's John Gbadamosi. And so that's the person we will be evaluating for the poll. Yes, I'm sorry. Yeah, sorry not to be clear, Arsene. So the deadline to submit expressions of interest was June 21. We had one candidate, John Gbadamosi. And so that's the person that will be evaluating. It's not surprising to get just one candidate though. This is a fairly specific and somewhat esoteric type of assignment. So, yeah, we didn't really expect a crowd of candidates for this position. Thank you, Sam. And Sam, the meeting times should not conflict with the SubPro IRT. I for one have to be on that meeting so I think that secretariat has made sure that we don't have a conflict there, but we'll make sure that's the case. Thanks,

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Sam. Well, thank you. thank you Arinola, thank you all for joining. I think that's all we have for today. I can give you back the balance of the time.

ARINOLA AKINYEMI: Thanks, Julie. Thanks all for coming on.

JULIE HEDLUND: Thanks everyone. This meeting is adjourned. Hope you have a good morning, afternoon or evening.

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