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JULIE BISLAND: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone. Welcome to the GNSO Standing Selection Committee kickoff meeting on Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2025.

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JULIE HEDLUND: Thank you, Julie. Happy new year, everyone. Welcome to the SSC kickoff meeting of 2025. I'm Julie Hedlund, staff support, along with Saewon and Julie Bisland. I thought it might be helpful since we have some new members of the SSC to do some quick introductions. I think I'll just go ahead and start with the participants as they appear to me in the chat. Desiree, would you like to introduce yourself?

DESIREE MILOSHEVIC EVANS: Yes. Thank you, Julie. I'm Desiree Miloshevic. I'm a GNSO councilor. I'm a NomCom appointee for the Contracted Parties House. I'm happy to be here. Thank you.

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JULIE HEDLUND: Thank you, Desiree. Next on this at least is Frank Anati.

FRANK ANATI: Hi, everyone. I am Frank Anati from Ghana. I hope I'm loud and clear.

JULIE HEDLUND: You are.

FRANK ANATI: Okay. I am the NCSG appointee for the SSC.

JULIE HEDLUND: Thank you. Next on my list, Julf.

JULF HELSINGIUS: Okay. Hi, I'm Julf Helsingius, also appointed by the Non-Commercials, also councilor. I was part of the Standing Selection Committee quite some time ago, five, six years at least. Happy to be back again. Thanks.

JULIE HEDLUND: Welcome back again, Julf. Karen Day?

KAREN DAY: Hello, everybody. Happy new year. My name is Karen Day. I am the representative from the Registry Stakeholder Group to the SSC. This is

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my second year representing the registries on the SSC. Look forward to working with you all again.

JULIE HEDLUND: Welcome back, Karen. Mike Rodenbaugh?

MIKE RODENBAUGH: Hi, all. It's Mike Rodenbaugh. I am the representative from the Intellectual Property Constituency. Usually sitting in California or in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Looking forward to another year on the SSC.

JULIE HEDLUND: Welcome back, Mike. Natalie Howatson?

NATALIE HOWATSON: Hey, everyone. My name is Natalie Howatson. I'm the Registrar Stakeholder Group appointee. I'm based in Santiago, Chile. Looking forward to working with you all.

JULIE HEDLUND: Thank you, Natalie. Welcome. Let's see. Segunfumi, please.

SEGUNFUNMI OLAJIDE: Greetings, every one of you. My name is Segunfumi Olajide. I represent the Business Constituency. This is my second year of being at the SSC Committee. I look forward to a beautiful year with every one of you. Thank you, Julie.

JULIE HEDLUND: Thank you, Segunfumi. Welcome back.

SEGUNFUNMI OLAJIDE: Thank you. Good to have you, too.

JULIE HEDLUND: Susan Mohr?

SUSAN MOHR: Hi, Julie. Thank you. This is Susan Mohr. I am here on behalf of the ISP and Connectivity Constituency. This is my first time on the committee so I look forward to the opportunity to get the chance to work with everyone here. Thank you.

JULIE HEDLUND: Welcome. Thank you. I think that's everyone. Did I miss anybody? I'm going to go back to the agenda.

Next on the agenda is the chair and vice-chair nominations for 2025. As you've seen on the list, Karen Day and Segunfumi have each expressed their interest in serving for a second term as chair and vice-chair, respectively. Thank you very much for volunteering. Are there any other volunteers for these roles? I'm not seeing any hands raised.

Both Karen and Segunfumi are eligible to serve second terms. We value, of course, their experience from last year's SSC. If there are no

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objections, we'll post on the list that they have volunteered and ask if there are any objections. But I think we have all of the members on this call. So hearing no objections—thank you to Desiree—I think we can congratulate Karen and Segunfumi again as chair and vice-chair of the SSC for 2025. Thank you, Susan. No objections? I think that's an important point, Julf. We'll go ahead and make sure we're confirming this online as well for the record. Thank you, Karen and Segunfumi.

I'm seeing a post in the chat right here. The next item of business is the upcoming selection processes. We have three potential processes. Let me go to the first one. We have the GNSO Appointed Fellowship Program mentor and the second is the GNSO Fellowship Program Selection Committee member. These selection processes have the same deadlines so we'll run them concurrently.

Last year, we had the Program Mentor Selection Processes. I'll read them over. This year, every other year, we have the Selection Committee member. Can we put the links in the chat as it might be easier for you to follow the pages that way than following on screen here? But let me go ahead and go to the first of the processes. The third item I'll speak to when we get to it, the PDP chair for Latin Diacritics. That will be a separate selection process that will follow the Fellowship—

JULIE BISLAND:

Julie, you're muted again. Julie?

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JULIE HEDLUND:

Is the ICANN site down? I've seen Karen's in the chat. Let me see. I'll try to switch the screen to see what happens.

Okay. This is the GNSO appointed member, mentor for the Fellowship program. I'm having no trouble reaching the wiki, at least. You can see here the assignment overview. I won't go over that. You can read it on screen.

The EOIs have gone out and the deadline for Expressions of Interest is the 9<sup>th</sup>. The announcement was made for the EOI on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December. Their kickoff meeting is today, obviously. The deadline for the EOIs is the 9<sup>th</sup>. By the 10<sup>th</sup>, we'll open a poll. The poll is just a tool to help us to rank the candidates. We'll close the poll on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and then we'll send a summary of the results of the poll. But the real decision-making happens on the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We'll send a doodle after this call to schedule the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. That will be the meeting where we will discuss both the Fellowship mentor candidates. We'll also discuss the candidates for the Selection Committee.

Following that meeting, we'll start a consensus call to confirm the decision of the candidate that we'll put forward to the Council. That's a 48-hour consensus call. It will end on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to submit the name to the Fellowship Committee is the 31<sup>st</sup> of January. But this does need to be confirmed by the Council. We'll send the name preliminarily to the Fellowship Committee, and then note that it is subject to confirmation by the Membership Committee. We'll send the name in by the 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is a document in motion deadline for the meeting of the Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February. You can see in the chat the timeline as well. Thanks, Saewon. There's just a little background on

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what this position is on the wiki, the EOI. The candidates we have thus far, three candidates so far. But we've got a couple of days before we start the polling process.

I'm going to pause there. Thank you, Saewon. Let's see if there are any questions with the process. Any questions?

Well, I can go to the page for the Fellowship Program, Fellowship Selection Committee candidate. One moment. There's a link in the chat as well. There's also some information about the Selection Committee position. You'll see the timeline is exactly the same. There's a meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, then we'll have two selection processes. We have no candidates so far. In the past, we've had a few candidates, one or two, for this position. Sometimes just one. If it looks like we have a large number of candidates for the Selection Committee and/or the mentor position—what I suggest is we schedule the meeting for the 22<sup>nd</sup> for 90-minutes in case we have a large number of candidates. But we can end early if it turns out we don't have that many candidates. We can send the doodle for a 90-minute meeting just in case. Again, you can see a little background on what the Fellowship Selection Committee does on the EOI as noted in the chat. Thanks, Saewon. No candidates so far. Any questions? Not seeing any hands.

Let me go back to the agenda. There's a third possible process and that's the chair for the PDP Working Group on Latin Diacritics. This is a new [inaudible] that's being launched. And 20<sup>th</sup> of January is the deadline for volunteers for chair—yes, thank you—as Saewon has noted in the chat. In the unlikely event that there are multiple candidates for a chair, the Selection Committee would be called in to conduct the

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evaluation of the candidates. This process would start after the process for the mentor and the Selection Committee. We will go ahead and send a doodle to schedule meeting for the 27<sup>th</sup> of January. We would conduct a poll before that. We try to do the selection on the 27<sup>th</sup> if we need one. Then the plan would be to submit the name, followed by the usual consensus call. Submit the name by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February for the Council meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February. We'll update you depending on the status of volunteers for the candidate of the working group chair. We'll create a wiki page for that process, depending on if we need one, if there are multiple candidates. Either way, the Council will have to confirm the chair at the 13<sup>th</sup> of February meeting. We'll keep you posted on the status of that process, but we'll go ahead and send the doodle on meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January. Are there any questions? Desiree, please, go ahead.

DESIREE MILOSHEVIC EVANS: Just to clarify, the next meeting of the Standing Selection Committee is then on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December, while all these things take place in the background, you're receiving applications and reviewing them?

JULIE HEDLUND: Right, exactly. Great question. The next communication you'll see after the action item on notes from this call is the opening of the poll. There will be two polls. One poll for the Fellowship Program mentor and one poll for the Fellowship Program Selection Committee member. Those polls will start on the 10<sup>th</sup> and end on the 17<sup>th</sup>, as Saewon has put in the chat. Following that, the next meeting, we have the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January. I



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should say you'll see a doodle poll for the timing of the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. That should follow the next day or so, including a doodle poll for the 27<sup>th</sup> January placeholder meeting. So, we'd meet on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to choose the mentor and the Selection Committee member. Then following that meeting, we'll have a consensus call for 48 hours to finalize the decision on the mentor and the Selection Committee. The 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the next meeting. Hope that was helpful.

DESIREE MILOSHEVIC EVANS: Yes, it was. Thank you.

JULIE HEDLUND: Thank you very much for the question. Any other questions? Just to recap, in the notes, we'll confirm that Karen Day will be the 2025 chair, and Segunfumi will be the vice-chair. Do you have any objections? Which we totally accept. We'll send doodles for the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>. Then following the deadline... Thank you, Julf. There's a Strategic Planning session for the Council next week. Hopefully, the poll will be very short and brief to do. There're only just a few questions so hopefully not too much of a burden, although Council members are in the SPS. Sorry for the timing, but unfortunately, we have a deadline to submit the names for the 31<sup>st</sup>.

We'll get the doodles out for the two meetings, and then we'll open the polls and closing on the 17<sup>th</sup>. We'll see you all back here on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January. Congratulations again to Karen and Segunfumi. Happy new year again to all of you. Thanks so much for joining the SSC. Looking forward to working with all of you.

JULIE BISLAND: Thank you, Julie H. This meeting has concluded. Thanks, everyone, for joining. I will end the recording now.

JULIE HEDLUND: Thank you, Julie.

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