

DEVAN REED:

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KAREN DAY:

Thank you, Devan. Hello. Good afternoon. Good evening. Good morning, everyone. This is Karen Day for the record. Welcome to our call of the GNSO Standing Selection Committee this afternoon. As per usual, we will start out by asking if there's anyone that has any updates to their SOIs that need to be made known here. I'm not seeing any hands in the in the room or in the chat. I will note that it's not a recent update, but since our last standing selection committee, I have an update to my SOI and that I have changed employers. I retired from SAS Institute in April and I am now working with the law firm of Elster & McGrady. So my SOI was updated accordingly back in May. And I'm not seeing anybody else has had any SOI changes. So we'll move into our business of the day, which is. Selecting the candidate to represent the GNSO in the universal acceptance expert working group. I hope you have all had time to review the submissions, the expressions of interest. We had six. Review those EOIs, the attached statements of, excuse me,

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SOIs for each of the candidates. We had six people, excuse me, complete the survey. So we will start out with turning it over to our wonderful colleague Saewon and let Saewon walk us through the poll results. And then we will go into our discussions and selection process. Saewon?

SAEWON LEE:

Thank you, Karen. This is Saewon Lee from staff for the Record. As you can see from the screen, and I'm sure this is familiar to all of you, I'll also share the universal acceptance expert working group process and timeline page in the chat for you. I know you're all familiar with this, but just in case. And though the survey results were also shared with the members prior to this call. Just in case, you can also download the files from today's meeting wiki page that Devan has also shared in the chat for you. So I hope you can also refer to that. And before we do start, just to provide you with a bit of background, the survey poll or the poll opened last Wednesday, 18th of June and closed yesterday, Monday, 23rd of June. And as we have mentioned through the previous selection processes, the survey results are not to determine the selection of candidates, but just to serve as a guide for this discussion. But hopefully they will help facilitate discussions today. And once again, I would like to thank all of those members that responded to the survey. So let me just switch up my screen. I hope everyone can see this now. So as Karen also mentioned, we had six respondents in total out of nine this time. And this was also requested in the last selection process. So I'll just go through the list of respondents. Though the names were redacted from the responses file that was shared with all of you, the respondents were Julf Helsingius from NCSG, Pedro Lana also from NCSG, Karen Day from

Registry Stakeholder Group, Mike Rodenbaugh from IPC, Frank Anati from NCSG, and Natalie Howatson from Registrar Stakeholder Group. And again, thank you to all those who responded. Again, as Karen mentioned, for this GNSO nominated member for the UAEWG process, again, I'll just abbreviate it this time, we had in total six candidates and you can see the candidates' names in this screen that I've just shared with you. And the number in black, as you can see in the screen, is the weighted average score of the candidates. And besides that, you can see that I've inserted in red the top three in the order of their ranking based on the results. And here, as you can all see, Nitin Walia has ranked number one with the average score of five. Precisely, if you can actually see in the bottom, this was all shared with you, the precise score is 5.17 and I mentioned this because the number two and number three ranks were scored as four in the graph. But if you actually see precisely, number two, James Galvin has a slight higher score than number three, Amina Ramalan, with James scoring 4.33 and Amina with 4.17. So the individual responses and comments per candidate can be viewed through the responses all file that was shared with you, but three things that stood out here were that first, both Nitin Walia and James Galvin all received positive responses only, so all yeses for their experience, skills and attributes necessary. But Nitin Walia seems to have received higher rankings than James Galvin overall, so four number ones, while James Galvin received four number twos. And then secondly, many respondents answered or provided input that any of the top five candidates were all capable and qualified for this role. And lastly, that James Galvin and Mark Datysgeld were marked, there was a comment that James Galvin and Mark Datysgeld were marked lower only due to having been for other positions, while others may have had

not. So with that, I hope this result and background information facilitates the discussions today. So now I'll hand the floor back over to our Chair, Karen, to start with the discussions. Karen, over to you.

KAREN DAY: Thank you, Saewon. I will now open the floor for thoughts, feelings about the candidates and who would best serve in this role. Anyone have anything to offer? Julf, please.

JULF HELSINGIUS: Sure. Although I don't have much to contribute, except I totally agree with the ranking, so I think this is a fairly simple one.

KAREN DAY: Yes, I agree. Thank you, Julf. Mike?

MIKE RODENBAUGH: Yeah, I completely agree. I've just served on the Nominating Committee with Nitin, and I can say, I believe he's not on the NomCom again this next year, but, he is a really hard worker and a very good consensus builder and, showed up for everything, even though it was a very big lift. I think he'd be great. I mean, obviously, James, Jim Galvin is, a legend and has done so much for the community on the SSAC and otherwise, but I feel like this role in particular probably should not have an American. We should pick somebody else. Nitin's great. Thanks.

KAREN DAY: Thank you, Mike. That's very good input. Susan?

SUSAN: Thank you. This is Susan. Thanks. I just want to, I guess, underscore the comments have already been made. I've read through the materials that have been shared, and I agree with the ranking. I think that, as always, we've got a lot of really good candidates. Nitin has experience in this area, and I think, as you all have said, this seems like a pretty straightforward decision.

KAREN DAY: Thank you. Well, it seems that we are fast approaching consensus here on Nitin. I happen to agree with that. Is there anyone else who would like to express any opposing views that we should not send out our consensus call asking for support for Nitin as the candidate? Not seeing any hands, not seeing any notations in the chat. Saewon, I think we have found ourselves a winner here.

SAEWON LEE: Great. It's always good to have a straightforward, let's say, direction in consensus. With this, I am just going to stop sharing this and I need to kind of change the screen, so please hang on. Okay. I'm back to the agenda page so that it helps us guide to the next agenda item. As you can see, Karen, as we have a unanimous vote or, let's say, a decision at the moment, we are quickly I think we can quickly go on to the next steps. Just to share with you all, with the committee's decision today, a consensus call message will be sent out for the next 48 hours following

this meeting. That would mean the consensus call will be issued until Thursday, 26th of June. If no objections, the results will be presented to the committee on the confirmation on 10th of July during the July council meeting. Is that okay?

KAREN DAY: That timeline seems very good to me. Is that agreeable with everyone? Natalie said it sounds great. Not seeing any other objections. Yes, plus one from Susan and all good from Mike. So I think we are good to go.

SAEWON LEE: Great. Would you like me to go straight on to the next order of business?

KAREN DAY: Yes, please.

SAEWON LEE: Okay. So let me also share this screen with all of you. So the next order of business for this standing selection committee is the selection of the GNSO's non-registry liaison and its alternate to the customer standing committee, abbreviated as CSC. And as it was all shared with you, the current positions will both be stepping down as of 30th of September 2025 this year. And so they'll be stepping down due to the completion of their terms. So once again, SSC has been asked by the GNSO council to evaluate the candidates and provide consensus. And as I mentioned, I believe Julie Hedlund from staff sent an email via the mailing list on

30th of May introducing this upcoming process and the timeline. And the expression of interest announcement has been out since 4th of June. This will be ending 16th of July. So for this selection process, let me actually share this screen with you. So this is the timeline that I've just mentioned. So for this selection process, we'll follow the same format as all our other selection processes, just like the one that we had, numbers to complete in the timeline that you can see in the screen. So in this case, it will be between 21st of July and 28th of July. And then the next meeting will be set for Wednesday, 30th of July. But we don't have a time set yet. So after this call, staff will send out another doodle poll to set the time for this meeting. And that's pretty much it. Any questions or concerns? I don't see any. So I'll hand the floor back over to you, Karen.

KAREN DAY:

All right. Thank you, Saewon. This all looks very good to me. We will get to work on those. And we have the invitations already on our calendars for our next calls, I believe. So I think we are good to go for the day. And everybody can, this is going to be a great, I think, best SSC call ever. Does anyone have anything else before we wrap up? Saewon? Devan? All good from staff perspective?

SAEWON LEE:

Just one more. We are definitely getting full support in the chat right now, Karen. I do believe that we don't have an answer yet for the next meeting for the CSC nominations. But after this call, we'll send a doodle poll for the time for our next meeting.

KAREN DAY:

Okay. Thank you. I must have just put an entry in my calendar based on our projected timeline. Thank you for correcting me on that. Very good. We will look forward to reconvening next month.

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