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TORONTO – NARALO Outreach Event – An Evening with At-Large: Honoring the RALOs  
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GARTH BRUEN:

Okay. We're running a little bit late, which is the way we do things around here. I kept track of how many times over the course of the last several months I was reminded that this event was starting exactly at 7:00 and I had to keep to that time schedule, and I was here at 6:30. And I've got two little boys with me too, who I had to get dressed and bring down.

Anyway, welcome to the NARALO Showcase Anniversary Outreach Event, celebrating five years of the RALOs. My name is Garth Bruen. I am the new chair of NARALO. Thank you. And I have the honor of honoring you, the community, for a fantastic event with a great agenda, some live music, some lovely dancers and refreshments. But most importantly, we have some fantastic speakers. And first and foremost, I have the privilege of introducing ICANN's new President and CEO, Fadi Chehadé.

FADI CHEHADÉ:

Good evening everyone. Thank you Garth, and congratulations. I will start off my notes, for a minute, to just tell you I had a chance to speak with Garth in the last few weeks. We had a bit of a discussion, and I must, in front of all of you, tell you that I personally deeply appreciate what he does. And I think that people may complain about the number

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of complaints he sends our way, but I tell them he's doing our work. He's doing our work.

So thank you for that and you have my commitment to make sure that your work gets where it needs to get. To be heard and to be incorporated in what we do. So we need more Garths, we need more people doing this good work so that we can clean up and make sure that this enterprise works for everybody. So thank you for that, Garth.

I have a lot of things prepared, but I know that I stand between you and some pretty good drinks and fun things. So I can do the formal thing and tell you how delighted I am to be here for the fifth anniversary of NARALOs and I'll tell you, this is incredible. What you guys have done in a few years, to create this structure and to take it global, is amazing. It's just amazing.

And it really, as I said the other day when I met with some of you here, it's the legitimacy of ICANN that you are here, doing what you're doing. And the moment you stop doing what you're doing and you stop growing these ALSes around the globe and feeding this structure that actually gets heard at ICANN, and I'll make sure it gets heard although you have some pretty good people representing you on our board and they make sure you get heard. So thank you to Sébastien, who is here. We hear you.

So I want to say this again, the importance of your structures gives us, in my opinion, the best possible way to achieve the balance I told you is on my mind today. Because you bring a perspective that one could argue is the most disinterested perspective in the ICANN stakeholder community. You're not a business, you're not trying to make money out



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of this, you're not trying to influence others so that you can strengthen your positions. You're just trying to do the basic right thing for the users of the Internet.

When I met with various SO and AC chairs, yours is the only one who said, "The real customer of ICANN is the user." And by the way, the others didn't necessarily say that. Some thought it's the registrants, some thought it's the registries and the registrars, but Olivier is the one who stood up and said, "No! Your real customer you're serving is the user. So you have 2,000,000,000 customers, and you have 4,000,000,000 you haven't reached yet because you're not good enough." And he's right. And he's right.

So I want to congratulate you on the incredible progress...I just got some statistics here that amazed me, that the ALAC, in 2002, produced how many policy advice statements? Zero, big fat zero. And then in 2011, 40. And in 2012, 37, so most likely you'll break that record as well. So this...and these things are not taken lightly, and they won't be taken lightly by the board or by me. We believe your advice is very helpful and is very balancing. So keep it coming.

I know Olivier keeps you guys working pretty hard, from what I hear. And I hope, as he said, and I heard him say that, that the work of creating these statements also moves to the RALOs. So they take ownership of this. So it's not, even in the most bottom-up of all bottom-up organizations, that that work truly comes from the bottom-up and truly comes from all of you and what moves you to tell us to do the right thing.



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Your voice is important. You have my commitment to hear it. I believe my partner now, absolutely my partner, Steve Crocker on the board, is equally committed to you and to this voice. And together, we will take it to the next stage.

You heard me, today, introduce my new leadership team. And it may look like I just got a new set of cooks in the kitchen, but it's actually a lot more than that. I did not replace many positions on that stage today. Sally Costerton's position didn't exist before. Is Sally here, by the way? Hi, Sally. Come on up so they can all see you. I know it's been a long day, but this is the best part of it. So Sally's position didn't exist before. Here she is.

For the first time, we have a Chief Stakeholder Engagement Officer, we have a person in my office whose sole job is to engage with you, is to listen to you. And one of the big things you saw under her box in my slides, capacity building. Capacity building, not just outreach. More than outreach, because outreach is a one-way activity.

Capacity building has to produce results. We have to see the number of participants grow. We have to see the quality of participants grow. We have to give them the tools and the capabilities, so it is not a struggle to participate at ICANN. That's what Sally will be doing. So use her and abuse her, that's her job. That's her job.

The second person you saw on stage today is Jean-Francois Baril. And Jean-Francois Baril is coming to help me as a senior business executive because, even though in this forum we want to succeed as users in getting our voice heard, but I promise today Multi-Equal-Stakeholder. So we also need to give the people involved in the promulgation of the



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DNS in the world their due support. And Jean-Francois will help us do that better, so that Sally and Tarek can focus on what they're doing.

So we built a leadership team, frankly, that has been involved in very, very successful things. We have the experience. We know what we need to do. We're not going to waste your time with a lot of talk. We're getting to work. As Olivier reminded me, today is my 40th day on the job and he's hoping that after Toronto I don't start counting backwards. That I don't start saying I have 642 days to go, and I won't.

If it's anything like the first 40 days, I'm exhilarated, I'm energized, I feel great. I feel very lucky. Very lucky, very fortunate. Really, deeply so. Deeply so. Your welcome and your kindness and all the facets of this community, as I mentioned, from the work Garth does to the work Olivier does to the work I'm sure each of you contributes. It's what makes us so unique. There is nothing like this on the planet. I'm glad to be here. Have a wonderful party tonight. Have a wonderful party.

GARTH BRUEN:

Thank you very much Fadi. Fadi and I realized that we were both Boy Scouts as children and that commitment to the community is something that never goes away. And my next speaker was somebody who I was trying to track down for the last three days. He was always running from place to place and he's a very busy guy so we should all feel very lucky to have him. It's the chairman of the Board of Directors of ICANN, Steve Crocker. Thank you.



STEVE CROCKER:

Thank you, Garth. Running back and forth, my appointments were scheduled at opposite ends of the corridor. Back and forth, back and forth, back and forth. So it's been kind of a long day, and I came here prepared to say a number of positive things and then when I arrived I discovered that I was scheduled after Fadi. And he calls me a partner, but we're going to drop the pretense. This is getting old. He stole all my good lines.

I've spent the time, I've put in a lot of energy, I've watched the ALAC grow over a long period of time from a desire, basically, to a really powerful organization. I must admit, with a degree of skepticism. I asked them, "So what are you going to do after you become real?" and sat on the board with the representatives, Wendy Seltzer, Vonda Scartezini, and others campaigning for a seat, a voting position on the board. And I would keep asking, "So what are you going to do when you achieve all that? Are you going to have an agenda of some sort?"

I've been absolutely blown away with the vitality, with the substance. But Fadi covered all of that, so I've got nothing left to say. So I'm going to go in an entirely different direction and have to confess that in line with this notion of visual confusion that we have in the gTLD and IDN thing, that when I saw NARALO I was, "So I know what that is. That's an abortion rights thing. That's NARAL. Or maybe it's a misspelling of "normal", in which case I'm very interested. But it's just more of the same, it's just you guys trying to do good work and represent everybody out the Internet. Well we've been trying to do that for a long time, so why is that interesting?"



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But it's truly spectacular, what you guys have accomplished over a period of time. Everybody comes in to this environment with a mixture of genuine attachment for the enterprise, for the venture, wanting to do what's right for the community, and at the same time other kinds of interests. In my case, coming from the technical community, wanting to see a very solid operation for the Internet, to see technical excellence. Many other people wanting to grow businesses, which is pretty useful since it pays the bills.

But as Fadi said, this is the purest form of representing the people of the entire planet and the users of the Internet, and keep it up. And I have to apologize, we have yet more work to do this evening so at least I am about to disappear. I think Fadi is too. And I wish I could say this is my next to last appointment, but they just keep going. So have a great time.

GARTH BRUEN:

Steve doesn't really disappear, he just moves quickly down the hallway, that's all. Our next speaker is from one of our community. He is our board representative from ALAC, Sébastien Bachollet.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you. I was hoping that Steve and Fadi would have been here for my speech because I will try to have some requests to them because I think it's a good time. We love the number "five" in this organization. We are five regions, we had five years to create ALAC and now we are five years within the ALAC and we are five years from the creation of RALOs, then we have a lot of "five" in our world around us. You will see



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why I am insisting on that at the end of my speech. But I must say that when Cheryl became chair of the ALAC I guess the ALAC organization was almost like that. And now with the work done by Cheryl and by Olivier we have a real house, we have a place for every one of you, and that's very good.

But at the same time we have a lot of realization. There is one we have to struggle for, and I will switch to French now, or to Spanish maybe. You need to have your headsets and I have to prepare you. Take your time, okay.

We need to have here, not just my figure here...it's not interesting. But we need to have at least a second one. We really need to struggle because if we are speaking on behalf of 2,000,000,000 end-users just one is not enough. Even if it was two it would be one would speak for 1,000,000,000 and even though it's not enough but at least we need to struggle all together to have a second seat as soon as possible on this board for the end-user.

And now I will shift in to Spanish. I think it is very important for us to work so that in each one of the countries of the world there is an ALS. More, if possible, but at least one is very important because tomorrow we will have 1,000 registrars and 1,000 registries and how many users will be there? Not very many. We need many more.

Therefore, the aim is one in each country, at least. We will need some time to attain that but we have the goal of 200 in three years and this will be a good target. This will be a very good goal for the organization.



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I don't know where I'm at. So that's what? 200 by 2015 could be a good target for everybody. And my last point that I will do in French, and this is where five years ago, in 2009 in Mexico, there was the first summit for the ALS. The first At-Large summit, and I think it's very important that we go towards the second because it is now time to demonstrate to the community, as well, that we are strong, powerful, united and to be that we need to all meet. We met by regions, now we have to meet all together.

And if we could do it in 2014, 2009 we did it. Five years later, 2014, would be a great objective. And I hope that the ears of our bosses, the chair of the board, the CEO can hear this so they can put that in place. I appreciate that you invited me. Thank you. I went too fast on my presentation so I don't know where I'm at with the PowerPoint, but there's a little history on the PowerPoint to show you what happened in the last ten years or more. Maybe, Matt? Could you go to the next one? Thank you. Here is the summit in 2009. Next one please. [break in audio] ...general assembly and that's the summit. Next one? And that's my hope. Thank you very much.

GARTH BRUEN:

Everybody reminds me all the time that in North America we actually speak at least three languages, and while the business language of ICANN is English it's important to keep that in mind. For our next three speakers, this is a real treat. When we first started organizing for this great event, we approached one keynote speaker who requested an honorarium that was actually a fairly sizeable part of our budget. And I don't think he understood the volunteer nature of this organization, so



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we moved on and we now have three wonderful speakers from the industry who are going to speak to us.

And actually we owe them a thanks for this particular event, for all the food and everything. And the first one, and I'm going to say it even though he said he didn't care, is Dr. Patrick Ryan from a little company you may have heard of called Google.

PATRICK RYAN:

Thank you. Alright. Thank you all, it's a pleasure to be here. My name is Patrick Ryan. I work on Internet governance issues in a fairly new team at Google that's focused on Internet governance and freedom of expression issues. Let's go ahead to the next slide.

I'm going to speak fairly quickly today, because I only have ten minutes and I have a short video that I'd like to show at the end. So we'll move quickly on to the next slide, just to start out by showing that there is quite a lot of work for us to do in the coming months and years ahead. Next slide please?

We talked about this a little bit today, Fadi presented it. Some of the issues that we are working on over the course of the next couple of months, and that includes attending the Internet Governance Forum coming up next month. There's, of course, the Treaty Conference that's taking place in Dubai in December. And then from there it's not over, there's going to be a major event at the World Telecommunication Policy Forum in Geneva, and then the WSIS+ which will happen either in 2014 or 2015, and on and on. Next slide.



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One of the major issues that will be discussed at all of these events is the role of multi-stakeholder governance. It is what we are trying to protect and what all of us here are trying to protect. Now what does multi-stakeholder governance mean? Well it means a lot of different things and it's a longer presentation and a longer discussion that we could have.

We put together this slide to sort of show one aspect of it, and that is the crucial factor that everybody has a seat at the table in the multi-stakeholder forum. In a lot of the proposals that we're seeing today, these seats would be eliminated, or many of the seats would be eliminated and be replaced either exclusively or primarily by governments, which is something that really concerns us. Let's go to the next slide.

So the Internet is, of course, this amazing thing, and the Multi-Stakeholder Model, with seats at the table for everybody, has brought us so far. So why change it? Well there are a lot of theories as to why several governments, in fact, want to change that. A colleague and I, Jacob Glick, who's here tonight, thought about this a lot in the spring and we came up with four ideas. There's certainly many more, but here's a few of them that I'll go over today. Let's go to the next slide.

One is that a lot of governments are very concerned about controlling access to information, and to be able to shut information off. The Internet kill switch is something that we're seeing come up again and again. Not just on a global basis, but on a very specific basis where there would be a desire to turn off content of a certain kind. And to be able to legitimize that, for example through a treaty or other



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mechanisms, is very attractive to governments. Let's go to the next slide.

Another one, and this is one that certainly has a lot of resonance for those of us that want to get more Internet out to everybody, is this idea of toll charges. We need to get more broadband out to rural markets and to users in the developing countries, that's for sure. The question is: how do we go about doing it? Many of the proposals today would completely change the model of the Internet and insert these so-called "toll charges" for providers of content.

And that would affect, we believe, the smallest user. The guy in the garage who just sets up his website, much more so than it would affect a very large company like Google, who can afford to pay those toll charges in many different ways. It's something that we want to keep an eye on and be sure to change in the future so that the structure of the current Internet charging system does not change. Let's go to the next slide.

And third, this is a very delicate issue, but one that's very important. There is a perception around the world, let's face it, that the United States controls the Internet. Right? And so regardless of whether or not that's true, that perception absolutely exists and it's dependent on all of us to recognize that and to take significant steps in order to be able to address it. Because the Internet has become international and it's going to be dependent on all of us to make sure that we share that view. Let's go to the next slide.

And then finally, there's a desire that many governments have to have a one-stop-shop for everything. Wouldn't it be great to have a central



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Internet authority to be able to call up and have all of the issues resolved? Issues like spam, cyber security, the things that we deal with here at ICANN. It's complicated for governments to be able to go out to all of these different multi-stakeholder organizations and figure out how to be effective. Wouldn't it be great if there was a single authority for that?

Of course, we think that that would slow down the Internet and that would harm innovation and be a major problem for the future, but we need to recognize that this is an attractive option for governments and it's on us to help identify paths for governments to engage in the multi-stakeholder organizations that we're involved in, like ICANN. Next slide.

So finally, in many ways the Internet has reached a constitutional moment. It's time for the Internet and its governance structures to define how we're going to be governed, and how the Internet is going to govern itself in to the future. Because if we don't, we risk having that governance imposed upon us and that's very scary.

There are a lot of different things that we can do and a lot of changes that could be made, but we do need to recognize that change does need to be made in all of these organizations, and reform is very important. Showing that there is activity in all of the regions, and this is a lot of the work that you guys do outside of the United States, is crucial.

Secondly, helping dispel the perceptions of U.S. control. There are reform issues that we can talk about later, about ways to be able to do that, but it is a crucial thing for us to address. And then third, a general mistrust and misunderstanding of the Multi-Stakeholder Model. People



don't know what it is or what it means, or even the term itself is relatively new.

And so in order to address this, and I'll come to a wrap right now, we'll go to the next slide. Together with Kathy Kleiman, last ICANN meeting which was my first ICANN meeting, in Prague, it was a great opportunity for me to learn, myself, about how ICANN works. We did a small video that had representatives from the ICANN environment, outside of the United States, talk about the Multi-Stakeholder Model and what it means to them. And so why don't we go ahead and roll that video.

[video plays]

PATRICK RYAN: Thank you very much.

GARTH BRUEN: That was an excellent presentation. Thank you. If any of you have ever owned or used a ". info" site, you can thank our next speaker. Chairman of Afilias, Philipp Grabensee.

PHILIPP GRABENSEE: Good evening. After that pretty cool video with all those Internet and ICANN celebrities, it's probably a pretty tough job for me to add something meaningful to that, especially with the beautiful music in the background as well and the black background. Anyway, I'll try.



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Also, I'm now number five or six adding something positive, very positive, but even so, bearing the danger that I repeat myself a little bit, but I think five years of regional At-Large organizations, half of the time with ICANN At-Large, that's definitely a great success story. And I think you all can take very much pride in what you have done and what you have achieved and I am very honored to make a few very quick remarks to the very distinguished group here.

The question is, and remains and will remain, who are the users you're representing? And I remember a discussion I had a long ago with the former German GAC representatives who it pretty easy and said everybody who is somehow involved with the Internet is a user, and so all citizens are the users. And the citizens are represented by the government, and the government is elected in a democratic way so they need no other representation.

It sounds, at first, somehow rational. However, there are three issues. No, I'm not following that route. But there are problems with it. First of all, not all governments are democratic. And then sometimes I think, even in democratic governments, the administrative arm of the government, which is involved in ICANN processes and multi-stakeholder processes, seems to be sometimes, depending on governments and depending on times, seems to be sometimes very far away from the users.

So I think there's a very important role you play, and you have to play. I think you cannot just leave it to the governments who represent the citizens and in the GAC and wherever. So I think the role you play is so important and so essential and I think the success speaks for itself. But



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broader representation, more representation, is of course always a challenge I think you still have the opportunity to grow.

I think 160 organizations at the summit in 2009, that's great. But I think, what the speaker said before, if we can do a very little humble support on your way to even increase that success model we would be very honored to. Thank you very much.

GARTH BRUEN:

Thank you very much. Our last speaker from industry actually represents our host here. He's from Cira, the ".ca" registry for Canada. I only heard from one Canadian in the room, where are the rest of the Canadians? Thank you very much. Paul Andersen, the Chairman of the Board of Cira.

PAUL ANDERSEN:

Thank you very much for that. I don't know how to follow. I'll try and add something. I'm pleased first...oh; I think you can hear me better now. I'm pleased to welcome you, the North American Regional At-Large Organization as the host organization to ICANN 45, and welcome you to Toronto, my home city. It's where I was born and raised and it's still my hometown, so I do hope you will enjoy your time here.

As one of the five regional At-Large organizations, I know NARALO brings the essential user community to the voice to ICANN's activity, and Cira is very happy to help sponsor a portion of the event tonight. I've been asked to talk a little bit about what Cira does, and the responsibility of running a Country Code Top-Level Domain. Generally, this would take...I could talk at great length, but I've been asked to



condense it and I'm also being told I'm speaking too fast so I have to slow down. So I'll try and keep it short, and I know I'm also one of the last speakers between you and drinks and entertainment.

ccTLDs are really a unique entity in the ICANN community. We know much of the attention these days is about new gTLDs and the majority of which are held by a private sector. But ccTLDs, like ".ca", are primarily run for not-for-profits and, in ".ca's" case, in the public interest.

A lot of what we do, we are a technical organization. We are also heavily involved in influencing Internet policy at the highest levels. And we operate as an entity that, as best we can, that tries to take an objective and neutral look at the current state of affairs, both domestically and globally, and try and be a neutral voice. ccTLDs generally represent a geographic region and therefore, their work focuses on the issues important to that particular region.

And of course in our case it's Canada, and we like to represent Canada's online identity. So fundamentally, Cira, we have been entrusted to stewards of ".ca" and we have three roles. The first two are fairly easy. We run the registry. We operate the underlying DNS, the critical infrastructure. And the third one is we try and fulfill a public mandate role in Canada.

So we got this mandate from the Canadian government, specifically from Industry Canada, which is the department responsible for telecommunications and online economy. And the first two are fairly easy. With channel partners we registered ".ca" domain names and made sure people are able resolve sites.



And we try and do this in a competitive and efficient manner, because even though we are a not-for-profit we do operate in a competitive landscape. Philipp's company is pushing ".info", there's ".com", and one of our goals is, that we feel that fulfills the public mandate, is to be the preferred choice of Canadians. So we have to be aware of that and we try to always operate in the most competitive and efficient manner we can.

The third role in our mandate is a little less straightforward, but we feel one that is very important. And that is to give back to the Canadian Internet community. Our work, in this regard, is to enhance the Canadian online experience. We've done that in a number of ways. We manage the .CA Impact Awards, it's a very successful program where we try and celebrate ".ca" websites to make a positive impact on our community.

We also support organizations like MediaSmarts, a Canadian organization dedicated to enhancing media and digital literacy among youth. With MediaSmarts, we have already released a series of cyber security tip sheets and we are working with them on a research project called *Young Canadians in a Wired World*. It's also through this role we try and speak with Canadians about how they would like to see the Internet develop.

We hold an annual event called the Canadian Internet Forum. It's an annual discussion with Canadians about the importance of Internet-related issues that are important to them. Through these discussions that form a work, we produce a white paper annually, which is



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presented to the annual Internet Governance Forum, which I'm sure most of you are familiar with.

We also try and represent the interests of our ".ca" members at various Internet government fora, including ICANN. Our CEO is a vice-chair of the ccNSO and has also been involved in mechanisms to look at the various funding that ccTLDs and other organizations should be funding ICANN. ccTLD community plays a key role through the ccNSO in advising and providing direction to the ICANN board, based on the unique needs of ccTLDs and their respective communities. And we're also pleased to host this ICANN meeting.

Acting in the public interests is an item the organization has struggled with almost since its inception over ten years ago. And it's something we continue to struggle with today, trying to find a balance, both at our board and the organization, to find what's the best way that we can help the Internet community without losing our neutral voice, can lead to a very large number of vivid discussions both inside the organization and with our stakeholders.

Working with stakeholders, identifying them, but we're really proud with what we've been able to do in the last few years. With that said, I'd like to reiterate on behalf of the host, a welcome to ICANN 45 and to Toronto. As the entity that represents the user community, we believe that NARALO is a key player in ICANN's ecosystem. The voice you bring to meetings like this is irreplaceable, and demonstrates the beauty and importance of the Multi-Stakeholder Model.

I think it behooves all of us to act as ambassadors for this model, in order to ensure our voices continue to be heard in the ongoing



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development of the Internet. So I hope your meetings are very productive and stimulating, and I hope you do have a little bit of time to escape and enjoy the city of Toronto. And with that, thank you for your time. Enjoy the evening.

GARTH BRUEN:

Alright. Our very last speaker is somebody who I speak to on a weekly basis and email multiple times during the day. The always helpful Chair of ALAC, Olivier Crépin-Leblond.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much Garth. I think we're kind of running a little bit behind, so I had a whole speech about how the RALOs were created and how At-Large structures get somehow certified and are able to join us, but I think I'll cut this one short. Just to say, there is a process...and yes, I have to go slowly for the interpreters.

There is a process by which At-Large structures are certified. It's quite an involved process which has all sorts of due diligence going on and consultation with the members of the RALO already. The process is complex and the memorandum of the RALOs, that the RALOs actually signed, was very complex as well. The thing, though, is I've been asked recently, "How is all this designed? Did ICANN staff do it for you? Did you have lawyers that did it for you?"

Actually, we had some lawyers do it for us, and they were members. It's the community itself building its own systems, its own processes, from scratch. And this is what is pretty incredible, this sort of self-building for themselves. Anyway, without going through the whole thing, we've got



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a few people that were around when the RALOs were invented five years ago, when they were all created. And a few of them survived.

So today we're honoring the few that are surviving, that have survived the first five years. We're hoping we will see them five years from now, but in case we don't we're going to give them a certificate of appreciation and hopefully we'll be able to give them something a bit more consistent next time we see them five years from now.

So first for AFRALO...now AFRALO has always been a pioneer and I know the African community here has been a real pioneer. I'm going to read through the list, not all of them managed to make it. But we have Didier Kasole from the Internet Society, Democratic Republic of Congo. Khaled Koubaa, Tunisian Internet Society. Abderrahim Jamari, from ISOC Morocco. Mohamed El Bashir, from the Sudan Internet Society. Hawa Diakite, from ISOC Mali.

Calvin Browne, from ISOC South Africa. Yaovi Atohoun, from ISOC Benin. Boudoin Schombe, from Centre Africain D'Echange Culturel. And Aloyce Simon Menda, from Journalist Unions for Science and Technology Advancement in Africa, JUSTA Africa. So here we have Hawa and Yaovi. Well done. And Yaovi, please? And are we doing the pictures afterwards, or yeah? And I realize this part is the only thing that will stop you to have food later on, so we have to do it fast.

Okay, so APRALO, the Asia-Pacific Regional At-Large Organization. I'm going to read the names again. Cheryl Langdon-Orr, I haven't seen her recently, the Internet Society of Australia.



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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: For the transcript record. You missed the part, yeah. Izumi Aizu, from the Internet Users Network. Leslie Allinson, ISOC Pacific Islands. Bilal Beiram, Arab Knowledge and Management Society. Edmond Chung, from the Internet Society Hong Kong. David Farrar, from Internet NZ. Karaitiana Taiuru, Aotearoa Māori Internet Organization, and I managed to say this one. And J. William Semich, Internet Users' Society from Niue. So first, Cheryl Langdon-Orr. Okay they never told me it was going to be so much work.

Alright now I see some names I know here. EURALO, European At-Large Organization. Timo Kiravuo, Suomen Internet and the next Y-H-D-I-S-T-Y-S, anybody from Finland will be able to tell us this. ISOC Finland, actually. That's the easy way. Dragoslava Pefeva, Internet Society Bulgaria. Wolfgang Kleinwächter, Medienstadt Leipzig. Rudi Vansnick, Internet Society Belgium.

Patrick Vande Walle, Internet Society Luxembourg. Sébastien Bachollet, oh, I know that name, Chapitre Français, Internet Society, ISOC France. Stefano Trumpy, Societa' Internet. And Joan Francesc Gras, ISOC Catalan, the Catalan Chapter. So Sébastien and Stefano. They have survived. So this is a word of warning, if you stick around too much you'll end up either on the board or on the GAC.

[background conversation]



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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Well, Judith, you're yet to join as an At-Large structure with an organization so...

JUDITH VAZQUEZ: Yes, actually, as a member of the board, at the interview of the nominations committee I was asked, "Outside of the ICANN board, if there was one SO you feel affiliated to which one would it be?" And my answer was, "ALAC."

So what I would like to share with you is this: the composition of the board with the NomCom, the appointees of the NomCom, are by heart and spirit the At-Large community. And we applaud the energy and the power that you bring to ICANN because true power comes from the heart. It's energy, and ALAC is pure unadulterated energy to ALAC. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Judith. So we'll have LACRALO now. So a lot of people, actually, in LACRALO because that region is quite populace.

[background conversation]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: The first region, actually, yes. The largest region now and it was the largest region when it started and it keeps on being the largest region. They grow at a very fast pace. So, Christian Hess, Asociación



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Costarricense de Dechero Informático. Sorry, my Spanish is absolutely dreadful. Really, sorry.

Carlos Aguirre, I got that. No, no, no. Wait, wait. We have to have the full list first. Asociación Grupo de Estudio e Investigación Academia en Derecho, Economía y Negocios de la Sociedad de la Información. I trust you, Carlos, to put me in trouble on this one.

Erick Iriarte Ahon, Alfa-Redi. You see? Sergio Salinas Porto, Asociación Única de Chatters Usuarios de Internet y E-Commerce. Lance Hines, DEVNET. Melody Palmer, ICT for D Jamaica. Matias Altamira, Instituto Iberoamericano de Investigación para la Sociedad de la Información. Sebastian Bellagamba, Internet Society Argentina.

James Corbin, Internet Society Barbados. Ana Sanchez, Internet Society Ecuador. Vladimir Davidos, JCI Ecuador, again. Alejandro Pisanty, Sociedad Internet de México. Carlton Samuels, University of West Indies. And Dev Anand Teelucksingh, Trinidad and Tobago Computer Society, TTCS. So, well done.

And so we'll start with the one who gave me the most trouble, Carlos. Sergio Salinas Porto, hombre! Carlton Samuels. Dev Anand Teelucksingh. And over to the photo side.

Okay, and that's the end. Oh, no! There is NARALO, isn't there? Oh, oh, oh, NARALO. Let's have a look. Right. So we have in NARALO, North American Regional At-Large Organization, there's quite a few that have survived. Randy J. Glass, AmericaAtLarge, Inc. Gareth Shearman, Telecommunications Canada. Darlene Thompson, NCAP. Michael



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Miranda, Association for Community Networking, AFCN. Dharma Dailey, EFN. Louie Houle, ISOC Quebec.

Evan Leibovitch, The Canadian Association for Open Source, CLUE. Robert Guerra from Privaterra. Seth Reiss, Intellectual Property and Technology Section, Hawaii State Bar Association. Eduardo Diaz, Internet Society Puerto Rico. And a couple of unaffiliated members as well, the individual members that are allowed in NARALO. And that's Alan Greenberg and Wendy Seltzer.

So, we'll start with Randy Glass. Gareth Shearman. Not you yet, Darlene. Darlene Thompson, there you go. Louie Houle. Evan Leibovitch. Seth Reiss. Eduardo Diaz. And Alan Greenberg. Well let's look, now we're going to start with certificates for everyone else in the room. How many hours do we have?

[background conversation]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: No, they're not edible, no. Unfortunately. Thank you very much to all of the people who have come. We now have a cake that is going to arrive and we'll be able to share it. Well done.

GARTH BRUEN: Very quickly, I want to acknowledge Glen McKnight, who is responsible for 135% of this event. And Glen is going to be introducing the music and dancers, thank you.



GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Those who are not familiar with Meitei culture, this will be a great opportunity to learn that in Canada we are a blend of cultures. We are proud of our Meitei heritage, and behind you if you stand up, you'll see our performers. They're going to start now. We have three performers, Ariel, Alicia, and Jenny, and we'll be very pleased for them to start their music now. Thank you.

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