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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It is Wednesday, November 1, 2017, in Hall B, Section A, for the ALAC and Regional Leaders Wrap Up, Part 2, 17:00-18:00.

ALAN GREENBERG: We are reconvening. Please take your seats. Thank you. We are reconvening on Wrap Up Session Number 2 for the ALAC and At-Large Regional Leaders. The first item on the agenda will be Evan Leibovitch giving a report on his strategy session that was held earlier this week.

EVAN LEIBOVITCH: Thanks, Alan. This is a document that I sent to Alan and Heidi earlier in the week to see if there was any feedback, and so far with the exception of needing a little nuance they seem to like it. So I'll just give a very brief debrief.

I came into the session without any expectations. It was an attempt to try and figure out if there was a gap between what everyone came in here with in terms of what was needed in ICANN policy and what people in At-Large actually wanted to get out of it. There is a challenge now with getting people involved

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in policy, and that means that two things are needed. Number one, we needed to focus on policy that is more in line with what each of you actually want to come in here to do. And also, it means that when we're approached with things, that there's more confidence that there's an alignment between what ALAC needs and what the people here want.

Anyway, so if you could just scroll and see if you can fit the first five up on the screen. I came out and summarized from the people around the room what are the things that people wanted. Sorry, could one of you just scroll so that the five bullet points are on the screen? Thank you.

What I found was going around the room and asking people what we did. That is, what would you want to expect out of ICANN and how did you come to that conclusion? There seemed to be an overwhelming idea that most end users, or at least as we went around the room, ICANN itself is not the subject of importance. The DNS and how the DNS works is what's important. But do the billions of people out there need to know that ICANN exists or what it does? Probably not. However, there are rules to play, and people have an expectation of us at this table to be able to make sure that it works so that people by and large don't need to.

As an analogy, nobody thinks about how their sewer system works, but it's vitally important that it works well. That doesn't mean you need to get billions of people involved into how their sewage system works. But at the same time, it's good that they can send people to make sure that it does work and that it's stable and reliable.

The overriding thing was people wanted stability, and they wanted stability of just making sure that things worked. What was surprising is that when it went along with this, things like the TLD expansion were not that important. I came away with the impression that nobody even really cares whether there are 20 gTLDs or 20,000, as long as they work. And that was actually a very surprising takeaway that I had from this.

So the overriding thing is that it works and that it doesn't abuse end users in order to accomplish what we want out of ICANN. So it means, for instance, when we focus on policy, whether or not we want to have new gTLDs or whether we get involved in things like name collisions and things like that, to the billions of end users that we claim to try and speak for here at least speak for their interests. It was a very interesting eye-opener for me that the expansion itself isn't the big deal, but making sure that the results of that expansion still remain stable and usable and relatively free of abuse.

The other thing was – and this seems to be another gap – the call for publicly accessible information. That is, below the point of DNS for Dummies, just very basic information for people on if you need to get a domain, here’s what you do and here’s what you need to know. If you’re using someone’s domain and you’re not sure about it, this is what you need to know. Very simple straightforward and plain language.

As a matter of fact, the joint statement that we just saw between ALAC and GAC was mainly a call for better and better organized information. That goes in fact a good way toward addressing some of the issues that I saw around the table on Saturday. But in fact, people are expecting more than that. Not just that ICANN categorizes its own information in a more easily accessible way. One of the things we need to get out of ICANN is rather than have people care about ICANN, ICANN has to tell people about the DNS. End users of how to use it, how to use it safely, and how to deal with abuse.

International IDNs were almost taken as a given. It was considered important, and that was that. So it’s not even considered controversial. It’s an important part of making the DNS work globally. That’s it. It was brought up as a point of interest but wasn’t considered controversial.

[ALAN GREENBERG]: Thirty seconds.

EVAN LEIBOVITCH: That's basically my takeaway in a nutshell: that there is an interest in making sure that ICANN works well but not, per se, an interest in ICANN. We're here so that the billions don't need to be. As long as we're doing our job and making sure that the DNS is stable and secure, how much it expands or whatever seems to be of less interest.

I just hope that when you meet again in Puerto Rico during the policy session that At-Large is able to stand back, really assess what the public at large wants out of ICANN, and use that as its priorities rather than just respond to everything that's being thrown at us whether it's public comments, working groups, or whatever. That we're strategic about what's important to us so we can allocate our own policy people and our own resources better. Leave it at that. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much, Evan. One very brief comment: there's a lot of stuff that's shown up on the ICANN website in the last couple of years for registrants associated compliance and things like that. And we now have staff who, in theory, care about consumer issues. I think we need to do our part and look at

those and give them critiques and tell them where they're not hitting the mark.

We have a couple of minutes – and literally just two minutes right now – to hear from our Global Indigenous Ambassadors. I'm not sure who is speaking on behalf.

MATTHEW RANTANEN:

I just wanted to say thank you for bringing Global Indigenous Ambassadors this time. As NPM was the first, I believe, indigenous ALS from North America and we attended ICANN 50, we've been able to now have a program that has gone from tribal to global, which is very important. And we are going to advocate for that on the public forum tomorrow to try to continue the funding and the possibilities for that program as well as maybe expand it so we can at least one person per region. So I'm going to hand it over to Ruben.

RUBEN HILARE-QUISPE:

I am Ruben from the Aymara nation. I am very grateful to this ALAC team first of all for making possible our travel and our attendance to this meeting. We are millions of aboriginal people just in Latin America, and you are making a good work. I have already been introduced to ICANN, and I can take back to my community to share what I know about ICANN. I hope that the

program will continue in the future. Many thanks to the ALAC team that made it possible us coming to this meeting.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: My name is Geoffrey Blackwell, and I serve as the Chair of the Board of Native Public Media. I just want to say a very heartfelt thank you to the ALAC for giving us the opportunity to be involved. I have a background in government. I'm a telecommunications attorney. I'm one of the few telecommunications attorneys that we have in the indigenous community in the United States, and I spent the majority of my career working on how to get connectivity to our tribes.

When I came, it was to investigate where is the relevance, where is the importance, where is the value to our nations. And it is absolutely relevant. It has absolutely got a deep amount of value. The opportunity and the advice, there's a lot of good advice that has been given, very substantive advice and directions. I found myself in the ccNSO, in the GNSO, in the GAC listening to things like Work Stream 5, listening to issues that I'd never heard about involving Amazon and WHOIS.

But if you have a sense of the communities that my two hermanos here and I come from, it's that you are brought up in a place where all the bright lights and all the opportunity is on the other side of the mountain. And although many of our

communities are now coming over that mountain, with your help when they arrive here there will be a warm and welcome place for them. So thank you very much.

I would like to say especially thank you for what I just read, the joint statement between – joint guidance...statement – between ALAC and the GAC. Because when our indigenous communities come, that will be highly relevant to them. So [inaudible], thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you. I just want one editorial comment: my feeling is this has been a rather successful endeavor, and we will be in the process of submitting budget requests for our next year over the month or so. I would certainly suggest to the ALAC we may want to say continue the program and add one or two people. Let's move it up.

Next item on our agenda is any reports from ALAC liaisons. Do we have any liaisons in the room that would like to report anything? We have Cheryl first and then Julie and then Yrjö.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You're besieged by us all. We have a full complement of your liaisons here. We have not completed the work of the GNSO. We have the wrap up sessions of the

GNSO Council. Which, of course, will mean there will be many occasions when I am flitting in and out of this room if I am required, but I do have the job of actually being in the other room so forgive me for that.

But I did want to raise a couple of points for your attention from today's Part 1 and Part 2 Council meetings. In our Part 1 Council meeting, which was the Council before the transition to new members of Council occurred, only one piece of substantive business was completed but I believe it is a relatively important one and one that Yrjö will be interested to hear about. that was the resolution which formally accepted the recommendation of the GNSO's selection committee and the then appointment of Julf Helsingius – I do not do justice to that name, I apologize – who will be the new GNSO liaison to the Government Advisory Committee.

This is a pivotal piece of network and liaisoning and something that at a later date I would think perhaps we could have an invitation to him and our own liaison to perhaps bring us all up to speed on the benefits of what has happened with how the GAC works with other parts of ICANN because of these initiatives.

I then want to give you the good news and the bad. The bad news is, of course, that our I think excellent Chair up until mid-afternoon today, James Bladel, was termed out. In other words,

there's no way he could be reappointed, and he stepped down, took a seat on the front row with Chuck Gomes and other notable ex-Chairs. We welcomed then with the new Council being seated and some six if not seven members of predominantly the Noncontracted Party House who have been appointed in [at the] normal refresh rate and one member from the Nominating Committee. So that's why I'm pretty sure it was seven all up. I've been searching for their names on a slide. I can't find it. We'll get back to you on that. Most of them are familiar people, however.

Now, however, we did have elections then. Heather Forrest is the new serving GNSO Council Chair. Notable – apart from the fact that Heather is an Australian and lives in Tasmania which I think is notable enough of course – this is the first time that anybody from the noncontracted side of the GNSO has ever held the role of Chair. So I'm delighted for the gender, clearly, but I'm also delighted for what that means in terms of diversity from not just industry interests but the noncommercial interests being able to be supported across the GNSO because that requires both houses to get selected.

Then there was the two Vice Chairs, one that comes from the Noncontracted Party House, and that is Donna Austin, who has been reconfirmed. She served in the last 12 months; she is serving in the 12 months to come. And a new face – well, hardly

a new face – a recycled face. No, that’s not nice to say either. I apologize.

JULIE HAMMER: Well-known.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Well-known. Thank you for saving me, Julie. Rafik Dammak has been appointed from the Noncontracted Party House to serve as Vice Chair. And that’s it. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. Julie Hammer?

JULIE HAMMER: Thanks, Alan. I’d just like to mention a couple of topics that have been occupying SSAC this week. As you know, we haven’t finished for the week either. We have our wrap up session tomorrow and also our meeting with the Board. But there are two fairly significant topics that have been occupying our time. One is the SSR2 situation at the moment where, as you are aware from the meeting with the full SSAC, that in addition to other parts of the community the SSAC has expressed some concerns about both the scope as currently defined of the SSR2

and whether the skills are available within the team to deliver on the scope once it is fully fleshed out.

As you know, and I'm sure Alan has kept you informed, there has been a dialogue between the Board, SOs and ACs Chairs, and the SSR2 for quite a period of time on the issues like this. The most recent thing that I'd like to mention is that this morning some of the members of the SSR2 and some members of the SSAC met and we're working toward resolving those issues. We're doing some work together on scope, and we're trying to look also at the skills situation. And once the scope is defined and we do a bit of work on skills, if necessary that team will come to the SOs and ACs Chairs and let them know whether any additional skills may need to be added to the mix to help get that really important job done.

So that has been occupying quite a bit of our time this week and will continue to do so over the next couple of months I expect. Of course, the SSR2 review itself will take quite a bit longer than that because it's really quite a substantial piece of work.

The second issue that has been occupying our minds, and I'm not yet in a position to give you full information on that, is something that Cherine Chalaby referred to in his recent blog where he's talking about upcoming issues. It is the .HOME/.CORP/.MAIL issue and what's happening with the

applications for those new gTLDs, which have been considered and put on hold by the Board for quite some time. Cherine mentioned that the Board intends to ask the SSAC to look at this issue, and that is going to be the subject of a Board resolution tomorrow. So the SSAC has been doing some work behind the scenes to try and prepare itself as best it can to receive some tasking from the Board to actually look into the issue of name collisions and how they can be addressed in a more productive way by the Board and specifically the .HOME/.CORP/.MAIL new gTLDs.

That's probably a body of work that is going to need to be resourced by ICANN and is going to take probably a couple of years to actually fulfill. It's not a simple question. It's a very complex question, and to answer it will require a great deal of work and a lot of interaction with the community in a consultative process that the SSAC is starting to plan at the moment. It's going to require a lot of work from many SSAC members over quite a period of time, but we do feel confident that we've got people with the right skills to be able to deliver on that.

So that's going to keep members of the group very busy, and as well as that as you know Patrik Fältström and Jim Galvin are retiring as SSAC Chair and Vice Chair respectively, but we're not letting them go. We're going to put them to work no doubt, and

they will be very busy as working members of the SSAC. You're also aware that Rod Rasmussen and I are going in as the Chair and Vice Chair.

I'm not yet replaced as your ALAC liaison, but I do suspect that this may be the last meeting when I'm giving you a report as the ALAC liaison. And I'd really like to say that it's a role that over the last six years I have thoroughly enjoyed. And when I was approached by a number of members of SSAC to consider having my name put forward as the Vice Chair, I really had to think very long and hard because one of the things that was a negative in that equation was no longer being part of this group. But I finally thought, well, that's not so. I will never leave this group of ALAC friends. They will always be there, and I will just be meeting with you a different hat on.

So I guess I would really like to finish by just saying that this is a community that I really value. I really treasure my friendships, and I'm going to be using those friendships even more in the future as SSAC Vice Chair. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you, Julie. And by the way, we'll take questions at the end of all the liaisons. This probably sounds wrong but, yes, I hope you will not have to deliver this in March, that hopefully we'll be able to finesse that if only for your own sanity. I think we may

come up with a new rule saying past SSAC liaisons are invited to all of our parties, though.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I think that's a good rule.

JULIE HAMMER: I like that.

ALAN GREENBERG: We may consider for past other liaisons as well, but we're not sure at this point.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: You've got to have some standards, Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yrjö?

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: Thank you. In the go ahead, this is a transition time. As you all know, Thomas is leaving, will be missed, but personally I'm very happy that Manal was elected as his successor. The vote was 59-50, clear but at the same time shows that there was quite a division. The Vice Chairpersons will be Guo Feng from China,

Ghislain de Salins from France, Milagros Castañon [from] Peru, Cherif Dialle from Senegal, and Pär Brumark from Niue. But also Mark Carvell will be Vice Chair until ICANN 61 to make this transition easier.

But there is transition also in another way. That is to say, 40% of the GAC representatives who were here were first time at an ICANN meeting and this is something. I mean, there are 170+ GAC members now. I don't really know how many were here, but it's a huge crowd. And when GAC is going through the various issues, at the same time they have to run ICANN 101 and explain acronyms and so on and so forth.

Of the issues the usual ones, of course: geographic names, two-letter codes, three-letter codes. And the GDPR, of course, got a lot of attention this time. Of course, within the governmental people you have quite a division between the law enforcement people who would like to get all that data as easy as possible, and then you have data protection people who want to keep everything out of sight. So it's quite a [dilemma].

There was a quite exceptional session when representatives of the Amazon were invited to talk to the GAC. I don't remember that such would have happened any time before. They were fireworks after that when some GAC members expressed their idea about this whole thing.

Also, talking about jurisdiction issues, I think that listening to Russia, China, France, Portugal, and Brazil, of course, the jurisdictional issues – even the difficult ones – are not going to go away. Of course, a few things have been now solved, but the basic issues will be there. Not a great crisis, but anyway the discussion continues.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yrjö, may I ask you to try to cut it a little bit short? We're starting to run out of time, and we have the EURALO....

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: Yeah, that's pretty much what I wanted to say. Yeah, thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay, thank you. We do have the EURALO MoU signing with RIPE immediate after this, and we do have a few things that we have to get to.

Any questions for any of the liaisons? I would ask you to be brief. Seun?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay, my question is to Cheryl. During the public comment, it was mentioned that certain Board members from the GNSO have not gone through – what is the word now?

ALAN GREENBERG: Due diligence.

[CHERYL LANGDON-ORR]: Due diligence.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Due diligence. Did this come up after that within the GNSO? And is this how it has been in the GNSO so far?

ALAN GREENBERG: It has been that way always. The GNSO and the ccNSO have never had their Board members pass due diligence. ASO, I'm told, have. ALAC since we started have, and NomCom people have.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: And if I may, when one says, as Alan did just then, that the ccNSO and GNSO Board members have not, they have not as a matter of course when they have been appointed from the support organizations, which is actually from a historical point of view and something that will be very easily rectified. And I believe it will be astonishing if it isn't very quickly picked up and changed.

But what does happen – and the serving members from certainly the ccNSO but even perhaps this has happened before I believe certainly with some GNSO Board members – have gone through not only due diligence but regular and routine due diligence if they have taken on a role within the Board, for example, being involved in certain types of committees.

So that it hasn't happened because of how we all started historically, that's a fix. We can do that. But some of them, including as Mike Silber said himself several times, have gone through it because of other things. So it's not quite as oopsie as it might sound at first.

ALAN GREENBERG: Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. It's also for Cheryl. Correct me if I am wrong, but I think that the GNSO had a woman Chair also from the Noncontracted House, which is Avri Doria. Absolutely not, not questioning her gender, of course. That's not my place to do so. I'm embarrassing [Julie] because I can't help myself. Avri Doria was indeed the first woman Chair. Absolutely no question about that. And she was a Nominating Committee appointee at the time.

ALAN GREENBERG: I do believe at the very end of her term, her term ended and she was appointed as an NCUC representative I think. I'm not sure.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I think you will find she certainly was a member of the Noncommercial Stakeholder group at the end of her work with the Council.

ALAN GREENBERG: John?

JOHN LAPRISE: So it sounds like all of the supporting organizations are in need of assistance in one way or another, whether it's onboarding or work on the future work of the SSAC or – I'm sorry, I had to step out so I didn't catch all of Cheryl's. I apologize.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: [inaudible]

JOHN LAPRISE: I know. I'm sorry. I'm a bad incoming ALAC member.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: [inaudible]

JOHN LAPRISE: Thank you, Sebastien.

JOHN LAPRISE: But I would ask that....

ALAN GREENBERG: I would ask that people complete their question quickly.

JOHN LAPRISE: I would ask that the liaisons please, as a service to the incoming ALAC, any support you need or you want from ALAC to please get that to us so we can act on it as soon as we can.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: If I may, we also report to the ALAC at every meeting and at every leadership team meeting.

JOHN LAPRISE: I wasn't speaking just in terms of reporting, but what you need.

ALAN GREENBERG: Offline. No further questions, I believe. I don't think. All right, let's be clear. This meeting has 23 minutes left in it. We had 20 minutes allocated for what are euphemistically called Chair's Announcements which, if you have any history, is talking about the people leaving this group. And we might want to actually allow some time for that. We have not given any time for RALO announcements. At this point, I will ask them to be provided by e-mail on the wiki.

And I don't know what order those hands went up. I will take them in order. Yrjö, is that a question you want to ask? In that case, I'll take Sebastien and Christopher, in that order. Please keep it brief.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I don't recall any screening after I joined the Board.

ALAN GREENBERG: You were screened before you joined the Board, I believe.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Mike Silber said he was multiple times, and when I was Chair of one group of the Board I must have gone through that and I never went. Maybe it's a new rule after I left the Board.

ALAN GREENBERG: Christopher?

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: I just want to say a word about geographical terms, geographical names. We had the first meeting of the so-called Work Track 5 this morning. Cheryl was there as the co-Chair of the PDP. I was there as your designated coleader as the code words go. But I think it's extremely important that we improve the At-Large participation in this group particularly as, frankly, GNSO members have apparently such considerable commercial interest in obtaining names which most countries and most ccTLDs think they shouldn't.

We need to have a position, and we need to have people in the meetings. The mailing list is open. I have sent the mailing list to all the EURALO members, but I don't have access to the mailing lists of the other RALOs. So I would ask either the Secretariat or your regional leaders to recirculate that. And meanwhile, Alan and Cheryl have told me that ALAC will also designate five additional delegates to this working group, specifically one from each of the regions.

This also is particularly important, especially in those regions where there are significant new issues coming up, new languages that we don't usually think about when we're talking about....

ALAN GREENBERG: Chris, we do have to call this to a close.

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Yeah, and [IDN]. So may I ask the leadership to make those nominations as quickly as possible? I will also need to be in touch with them for coordination purposes.

ALAN GREENBERG: I believe that announcements have gone out to all the RALOs. If not, they certainly will, but I've seen several announcements myself.

In terms of my comments, Cheryl used the term – or somebody used the term – flitting between GNSO and ALAC rooms. I'd like to say how delightful it has been having them beside each other, and I would encourage staff to try make sure that happens again if at all possible. It does facilitate people who are trying to work in both of these.

I was going to report on the activities related to the SSR review team. Julie has pretty well given all the summary that I would have. So it is currently being discussed. There is a lot of concern within parts of the community that the team is not in a position to complete their work effectively right now, and there are

discussions going on that I think within the next week or so should rectify that. We may be called upon to consider whether we need to endorse anyone else if we feel there are additional skills needed for the review team, but I'll keep people updated on that. That's not clear at this point.

I think we are now finished this part of our announcements. The next thing is Announcements, and I'll turn it over first of all to Heidi for some staff announcements.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Thank you very much. I just wanted to let everyone know that we do have some staff transitions that are going to begin now. That is, Ariel who has been serving as a policy analyst for quite some time will be moving to the GNSO. We're taking her skills over there. In here place, we have Evin Erdogdu, who has been doing SO/AC support. She's going to be moving into doing the policy work as well as helping out with the ALAC improvements when we get to that stage. Also, as we have mentioned, we have now Mario Aleman, who you have seen in here with the ALSes. He has been out organizing with Silvia via the booth. He's going to be working on ALS relations. So I wanted to announce that project. And just finally, as we move ahead toward the ATLAS III, Gisella will be leading that with Yesim. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: And we look forward to the announcements of all the new staff we'll be getting over the next year.

[HEIDI ULLRICH]: Yes, [inaudible].

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. That's only half joke, but sadly it is half joke, but we're optimistic.

Now it's my pleasure – well, that's not going to come out right. We have 13 people who are leaving positions at this point, and it's not my pleasure to say they're all leaving. But it is my pleasure to thank them for the work they're doing. Many of them are moving into other positions, some are not, and I would like to call people up one-by-one.

Tijani Ben Jemaa.

[HEIDI ULLRICH]: [And you have photo op with each one taken].

ALAN GREENBERG: And I'm told we have a photo op for each one. Tijani has been ALAC Vice Chair for four years, a major contributor, and the work he has done within AFRALO and on a number of different

projects ranging from finance to making sure that we have a continual stream of seminars and webinars really deserves our thanks on many levels. But he's not leaving. He's continuing almost all of those tasks.

[HEIDI ULLRICH]: [So it's photo op].

ALAN GREENBERG: Oops. I need a microphone for a photo op.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Alan.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Look this way. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Next we have Wafa Dahmani. Wafa has been with us for two years as a NomCom appointee to the ALAC.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Look, look, look. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: You certainly may say a few words. Tijani, did you want to say some words too? Come up after, but please go ahead.

WAFI DAHMANI: Yes, just I want to say, yes, I will never forget the first day I landed here. I was really surprised by your generosity and your kindness. Just to tell a little bit of story, one year ago I received an e-mail at that time from [inaudible] telling me that we made a call for [inaudible] to be the ALAC liaison for ccNSO. I knew that it would be my only solution to keep the link with ALAC, and I'm still the liaison of ccNSO in ALAC so I'm still around.

ALAN GREENBERG: That's true, and we're glad. Tijani, we didn't give you an opportunity.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you very much, Alan. It was a pleasure to serve as a Vice Chair of ALAC for several years. I don't remember how much, four years. What I can say is that I am hoping that in the future this role of Vice Chair will be more significant. That means that the Vice Chair should do more not only to be there as a Vice Chair and that's all. There should be work assigned to him and to have more work in the ALAC. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you, Tijani. Next we have Aziz Hilali. Is Aziz with us?

[HEIDI ULLRICH]: No, not yet.

ALAN GREENBERG: Not yet. We will put a hold on his. Mohamed, is Mohamed here? Mohamed El Bashir? Mohamed's list of things he has – well, at this point, Mohamed is leaving the position of Vice Chair of AFRALO, I think. Did I get it right?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yeah.

ALAN GREENBERG: Mohamed is also the liaison to the Customer Standing Committee for this past year. I suspect we might reappoint him. We'll have to see if he chooses to stand again. That's something we'll have to discuss early in the ALAC year. Mohamed also did a little bit of work associated with the IANA stewardship transition – just a little. Mohamed was our representative on the oversight committee that oversaw the whole transition. So, Mohamed, thank you very much.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Alan.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Mohamed was the Vice Chair [inaudible].

ALAN GREENBERG: Yes, he was also the Vice Chair of the coordination committee. He's done so many things, I can't remember them all.

Next we have Dave Kissoondoyal. Is Dave with us? He is. Dave is leaving a two-year term on the NomCom. For those of you who aren't as old as I am, Dave is also a past ALAC member.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Yeah, thank you, Alan. I want to commend all the tremendous amount of voluntary work being done by all of you, including members who are not present here. And also, I want to commend people that make things happen, the ICANN staff, because we are here thanks to them. So I want to ask you to give a round of applause to the ICANN staff.

For me, it has been a very rich experience. Before leaving, I want to thank also the ICANN. I want to thank the ICANN because ICANN believes in the multi-stakeholder model. All the

stakeholders, we are here today thanks to ICANN. So once more again, thank you, everybody.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you, Dave.

[HEIDI ULLRICH]: [Amir is not here].

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay, next we have Amir Qayyum, but he is not here. Amir is leaving, again, a two-year stint on the NomCom.

And Wolf Ludwig is a charter member of At-Large and has been Secretariat for EURALO I don't know for how many years. It says two, but that's – oh, that's right. He has been for two years and was Chair or many, many years before that. Wolf, unfortunately, has been ill and is not with us today.

Leon Sanchez, has anyone seen Leon Sanchez? Leon is leaving the ALAC for a much less important job, but he's a humble person. He has chosen to do it anyway. Leon holds the record certainly in recent years of someone to come on to the ALAC and say, "Okay, I'm here. What do you want me to do?" and when he didn't get an answer quick enough just started doing things. So thank you very much.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you, Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: Appreciate it, and wish you luck.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Alan. Thank you very much, Heidi. I have said this a number of times now. I am very fortunate to belong to this community. I am very lucky to have you all by my side. Each and all of you have taught me something. And me being in the Board is also your accomplishment because I couldn't be here and I couldn't have got to where I am without the knowledge and the teachings that all of you have kindly shared with me. So I thank you again, and I will continue to serve you in my capacity as a Board member from now on.

As I said in the APRALO General Assembly and at the AFRALO/AfrICANN meeting, I am committed to remain close to my community. I am committed to continue to be in touch continuously with the At-Large community. But I will also need to be in touch with the rest of the ICANN community. That means the different SOs and ACs from other latitudes. So I thank you again. And remember that I am always open and I am always at a click away from you. So thank you very much.

And, of course, staff, interpreters, you have been my voice many times through many meetings, and our wonderful staff which have been so supportive. And my agenda would be just chaos without you, so thank you very much, everyone.

ALAN GREENBERG: Next, we have Harold Arcos. Harold, somewhere. There he is. Harold has been with us for two years as an appointee from LACRALO. Harold has done some amazing things. Harold is not very fluent in English, but that doesn't stop him from speaking, listening, and attending meetings, and I appreciate the effort you put into it. And I know it has been a big effort, so thank you very much.

HAROLD ARCOS: No, thank you. Thank you, Alan. Thank you for your words. I would like to say thanks, everyone, to many persons for your advice, for your support. It is an incredible experience. I will see you soon. The most important is keep in touch in our mission [and fight]. Thank you, Alan. Thank you, all.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. The next person leaving the ALAC is Garth Bruen. He is not with us today. Garth has been on the ALAC for two years as an appointee of the NARALO.

Glenn McKnight. Anyone seen Glenn McKnight around? We need a volunteer to be a photographer.

[GLENN MCKNIGHT]: [inaudible]

ALAN GREENBERG: Even with a tie to show me up.

[GLENN MCKNIGHT]: Look, my tie has all the nationalities on it.

ALAN GREENBERG: All right, he's trying to show me up in multiple ways.

[GLENN MCKNIGHT]: The RALO community [all in one tie].

ALAN GREENBERG: And red glasses.

[GLENN MCKNIGHT]: Yes.

ALAN GREENBERG: Glenn is leaving after two years as NARALO Chair following several years as NARALO Secretariat?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Hmm, no.

ALAN GREENBERG: No? One?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: No, just one year.

ALAN GREENBERG: Just one. Okay, sorry. And then NomCom. Glenn has done a really superb job in revitalizing and trying to get NARALO to start focusing back on things because it has gone a little bit off track over the years. But we really appreciate the effort and time that Glenn has put into it, and if he can take time from his garden and tractor, and he has managed to do that a significant number of hours, so I appreciate it and thank you.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Thank you, Alan. Did you get it?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah, I think I got it. I'll go and check.

[CHERYL LANGDON-ORR]: He's got quality control approval. Not that button.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Man, you can't train people, you know? Okay, try it again. Okay, you caught me smiling.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: And tell us why it is black. Glenn.

ALAN GREENBERG: And second-to-last, Judith Hellerstein. Judith has been NARALO Secretariat for, I think, the last two years.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yes.

ALAN GREENBERG: And a veritable bundle of energy. And, of course, we have to thank Judith for a number of other things, not the least of is our captioning program and one of the people pushing us toward our Indigenous Ambassador program. Thank you.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Thank you. Thanks so much. Also, I got my start by Glenn who was my mentor in ICANN 50 and who encouraged me to first take a Vice Chair position, which he created, and then become temporary Secretariat when Garth had to go on sick leave and encouraged me the whole way. So I want to give my hat to my mentor, Glenn McKnight. It's a virtual hat.

But I also want to thank everyone for all the help and for agreeing with some of my ideas and, when I pushed forward on them, being welcoming to them. I also want to thank Dev here who was my helper and always gave me advice on the CROPP program and other things and my co-Chair for short more time on the Technology Task Force. So thanks so much for all.

I will stay engaged, and remember to apply for the Indigenous Fellowship. We have one more round and then another one because we hope to expand.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. Aziz is here. Aziz. I was going to say last but not least, but now we have Aziz coming back. Aziz. Azizi is leaving after four years as AFRALO Chair. I will say AFRALO in its early years, we had a real problem that it was hard getting people to participate. We don't have a problem anymore, and I certainly have to put a significant amount of the thanks to Aziz. Well, a few other people like Tijani may have done something and

Fatimata maybe just a bit. But thank you very much. You're leaving the RALO in much better shape than it [caught]. And that's not saying anything bad about the previous people, but AFRALO's progress has been just a linear – well, for the rest of you, going up – as you've come along and I thank you very much.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay, thank you. Did you get a picture of us?

ALAN GREENBERG: I'm not sure. Did you get a picture of us, [inaudible]?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, but I'll do it again.

ALAN GREENBERG: Oh, no. If you did already, that's fine.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hey, look, guys. Okay, great. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Please.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Alan. Thank you for the staff. I really appreciate. And if we did a good job in AFRALO during these years, it's also thanks to my colleagues Tijani, Seun, Mohamed, Fatimata, [inaudible] and the other [ALSes] who are very active in AFRALO. We had from ALSes between 2011 and 2016, we passed from 20 ALSes to 56 now. Thanks for the staff for helping us. Thank you to all our colleagues of AFRALO, and I will continue to work for AFRALO. Thank you very much.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you, Aziz. And unless someone else walks into the room, we have last but not least Eduardo Diaz. Now Eduardo is leaving two years on the NomCom and is one of our hosts for our next meeting in Puerto Rico.

EDUARDO DIAZ: May I say a few words?

ALAN GREENBERG: Yes, you can.

EDUARDO DIAZ: More than one?

ALAN GREENBERG: Well, three.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Three? Okay. Well, thank you so much. This was my second round in the NomCom, and I can say that the NomCom has improved since the last time I went there.

I hope to see all of you in Puerto Rico. People ask me how they can help. Well, you can come and bring your family and help the economy. Puerto Rico will be open for business. There will be parts that will take a long time, but that is mostly in the center of the island. But the area where the business, the meeting is going to be is going to be open and the whole city will be there. So it's going to be fun. So just make sure you bring your family.

And can I make a joke?

ALAN GREENBERG: Sure.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Why is six afraid of seven? Why is six afraid of seven? Because seven eight nine.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible]

EDUARDO DIAZ: You haven't been in the – [inaudible] policy. Because seven eight nine. (Because seven “ate” nine.)

ALAN GREENBERG: Ah. Don't forget your present. Now I was given instructions and a list of people to say thank you to as they are departing. Is someone else departing?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Who do we have? We have Wolf, and what was the last one? Okay, that was it.

ALAN GREENBERG: Wolf and Amir. I don't know if there's anyone else. We don't take the opportunity to welcome the new people, and they're not on my list so let's see who I forget.

We have Hadja. Thank you for joining us, and we look forward to everything that you're going to be doing with us. Ricardo, everyone knows. Kaili, of course, is back for another two years. We didn't give him enough work, so he's here for more. Who else do we have? We have Fatimata, who has a long history in this group and has accepted another position with AFRALO for which many of us are very grateful. Thank you. Who else have I missed?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: John.

ALAN GREENBERG: John. John Laprise. He just fades into the background, so I didn't notice him. John Laprise as a new ALAC member. Bartlett right at the end. And who else? Well, Mohamed we already talked about. But many people. Some people are moving on to other things. It's a great group. I look forward to those. This is my last year as ALAC coming up. My last year as ALAC Chair, my last year an ALAC member. I look forward to having a great year with you all. And for people who are leaving, I hope we'll still see you around. Thank you.

And only six minutes late. We're not doing bad. This is our last meeting of the meeting. There are still things going on for the next couple of days. I look forward to seeing you all around. For the people that I keep on saying I want to talk to you but I haven't had a chance – and Hadja and Ricardo are the prime ones – I hope we'll get a chance over the next day or so. There are a couple of receptions, and hopefully those will be a good opportunity.

Thank you all for the hard work you put in. It has been a long week for some of us, and I look forward to seeing you and working with you online and at the next meetings. Thank you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: If you're an incoming ALAC, of course, and a current ALAC continuing, we do get another little get together at the development day.

HEIDI ULLRICH: As well as the new RALO Chairs. So the incoming and continuing RALO Chairs will be having a RALO development session on Friday morning until afternoon, 1:30, for the RALOs. The ALAC is all day.

So just a couple of event announcements on what's happening. A lot of activity socially tonight. The first one is going on right now up in the Media Center. That's one level up right here. That is the –

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