
ICANN67 | Virtual Community Forum – ICANN Public Board Meeting
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JOHN JEFFREY: Mr. Chairman. We're ready when you are.

GORAN MARBY: Thank you. Is this being recorded?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: This meeting is being recorded.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: It is recorded. Thank you all for joining us. Welcome to the ICANN Public Board Meeting at the end of this first ICANN full remote meeting. Thanks for bearing with us while we conduct our duties.

John, can you please do a roll call?

JOHN JEFFREY: Yes.

Maarten Botterman.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Yeah.

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JOHN JEFFREY: (Indiscernible.)

If you're not speaking, please mute your mic. Thank you.

Leon Sanchez.

LEON SANCHEZ: (Indiscernible.)

JOHN JEFFREY: Leon, can you speak, please?

LEON SANCHEZ: I am present. Did you hear me?

JOHN JEFFREY: Thank you. Now we hear you.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you.

JOHN JEFFREY: Harald Alvestrand.

HARALD ALVESTRAND: Present.

JOHN JEFFREY: Becky Burr.

BECKY BURR: Present.

JOHN JEFFREY: Ron da Silva.

RON DA SILVA: Present.

JOHN JEFFREY: Sarah Deutsch.

SARAH DEUTSCH: Present.

JOHN JEFFREY: Chris Disspain.

CHRIS DISSPAIN: I'm here.

JOHN JEFFREY: Avri Doria.

AVRI DORIA: I'm here, thank you.

JOHN JEFFREY: Lito Ibarra.

LITO IBARRA: Present.

JOHN JEFFREY: Manal Ismail.

MANAL ISMAIL: Present.

JOHN JEFFREY: Thank you.

Danko Jetoic -- Jevtovic. Apologize for the pronunciation.

DANKO JEVTOVIC: No problem. Danko Jevtovic present.

JOHN JEFFREY: Thank you. Merike Kaeo.

MERIKE KAEO: Hi, present.

JOHN JEFFREY: Akinori Maemura.

AKINORI MAEMURA: I'm present.

JOHN JEFFREY: Goran Marby?

GORAN MARBY: Present.

JOHN JEFFREY: Mandla Msimang.

MANDLA MSIMANG: Present.

JOHN JEFFREY: Ihab Osman.

IHAB OSMAN: Present.

JOHN JEFFREY: Kaveh Ranjbar.

KAVEH RANJBAR: Present.

JOHN JEFFREY: Nigel Roberts.

NIGEL ROBERTS: Present.

JOHN JEFFREY: Matthew Shears.

MATTHEW SHEARS: Present.

JOHN JEFFREY: Tripti Sinha.

Tripti, are you present?

We can see that you've interacted in the chat, so we'll consider you present and that you're --

TRIPTI SINHA: Okay. Present.

JOHN JEFFREY: -- interacting.

TRIPTI SINHA: Can you hear me now?

JOHN JEFFREY: Ah, we hear you now. Thank you.

Very good. Mr. Chairman, we have a quorum.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thank you very much, Mr. Counsel. And with that, I'm going to talk you through two parts of the agenda. The first one is the main agenda. This is pretty straightforward. And after that we'll get -- The first part is the consent agenda, and the second part will be the main agenda where we'll go in a little bit deeper on some motions that have full community interest.

So the first part of the consent agenda is the approval of the Board meeting minutes of January 26th in L.A. of 19 February 2020, which have to do with the Cancun meeting on 25 February 2020 which had to do with RDS.

Then the second point is the appointment of the independent auditors for FY20. Sarah, as the chair of the BAC, would you want to read the motion?

SARAH DEUTSCH: Yes. I'm just going to skip right to the resolved clause which was the Board authorizes the President and CEO, or his designees, to take all

steps necessary to engage BDO LLP and BDO member firms as the auditors for the financial statements for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2020.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thank you very much.

And the third one is on the location for 2022 June. Ron, as BFC chair, would you want to read that one?

RON DA SILVA: Yeah. Resolved, the Board authorizes the President and CEO, or his designee, to engage in and facilitate all necessary contracting and disbursements for the host venue for June 2022 ICANN public meeting in The Hague, Netherlands in an amount specified. And also resolved, specific items within this resolution shall remain confidential for negotiating purposes until the President and CEO determines that confidential information may be released.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thank you very much. You were coming pretty very close to Den Haag, and I know very well because it's the city where I'm born. So thanks for trying.

With those three motions, can I have a move?

BECKY BURR: I will move. This is Becky.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thank you, Becky.

Can I have --

DANKO JEVTOVIC: I will second.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Danko seconds.

All in favor please say aye.

[Chorus of ayes]

Anybody against? Against?

Anybody against?

No?

Anybody abstaining?

No.

I think this means that the motion has passed full unanimity.

Thank you for that.

Now we move to the main agenda. As said, main agenda has a number of topics on it that are of full community -- direct community relevance, and I'd like to give the word to Avri as chair of the OEC to

read those that have to do with the implementation plans for the reviews.

Avri.

AVRI DORIA:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Okay. Both of these motions stem from the ICANN bylaws which call for periodic review of performance and operation of advisory committees. And they call for an independent review of the organization.

Both of these were reviewed, and we received final reports which were approved. For SSAC, was approved in Jan '19, and it was accompanied by a feasibility assessment and initial implementation plan which was also accepted by the Board.

The work party has now delivered an implementation plan, and so the motion relates to that implementation plan.

Now I'll read the resolved. Resolved -- Well, actually, there are several resolved. Resolved, the Board acknowledges the SSAC2 Review Implementation Work Party's work and thanks the members of that group for their efforts.

Resolved, the Board accepts the SSAC2 review detailed implementation plan, including the implementation approach contained within.

Resolved, the Board directs the SSAC2 Review Implementation Work Party to continue implementation in accordance with the SSAC2

review detailed implementation plan and to provide updates to the Organizational Effectiveness Committee of the ICANN Board, the OEC, through written implementation reports on progress every six months. Those progress reports should include, but not be limited to, progress towards metrics and use of allocated budget.

Where necessary, the updates shall include more details on the measurability of implementation progress, including resource needs and budgetary implications. The update reports shall also cover all other relevant information pertaining to the SSAC's implementation planning and progress, including but not limited to timing, duration, dependencies, and nonfiscal resources for all recommendations. The Board, through the OEC, will review those detailed plans when released.

Resolved, that any budgetary implications of the second SSAC review implementation, including those noted on the cover page of the SSAC detailed implementation plan, shall be considered as part of the applicable annual budgeting process.

That's the end of the resolution, Mr. Chairman.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thank you very much.

Any discussion of this resolution?

Merike?

MERIKE KAEAO: Yes, hi. I just want to add a little bit of context to say that for SSAC, the review process and overall experience in creating a consensus-based implementation plan was very positive. And as SSAC's liaison to the Board, I'd just like to add a thank you for everybody that has been involved in working on this SSAC review implementation plan.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thank you for that.

Any other discussion? Please raise your hand if you do.

No? In that case, I would like to have somebody to move this motion.

AVRI DORIA: This is Avri. I would like to move it.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Wants to move. And a second?

MATTHEW SHEARS: Matthew.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Matthew, a second.

All in favor, please say aye.

[Chorus of ayes]

Those against, say nay.

No nays. Those abstaining, please say so. No abstentions. This motion is also accepted with full unanimity.

With that, Avri, would you want to read the second motion as well?

AVRI DORIA:

Be happy to, Mr. Chair.

Okay. As stated before, this also stems from ICANN bylaws Article 4, section 4.4. It also was -- RSSAC was also reviewed by an independent examiner, and a final report was produced in July 2018. It was received by the Board in 2019, and at the same time the Board received the feasibility assessment and initial implementation plan.

The RSSAC -- These were approved and accepted by the Board. The RSSAC Review Implementation Work Party was created and they produced a detailed implementation plan. And the work has already started as has been reported in the plan. So let me now read the resolved, or the several resolveds.

Resolved, the Board acknowledges the RSSAC2 Review Implementation Work Party's work and thanks the members of that group for their effort.

Resolved, the Board accepts the RSSAC2 review detailed implementation plan, including the implementation approach contained within.

Resolved, the Board directs the RSSAC2 Review Implementation Work Party to continue the implementation in accordance to the RSSAC2

review detailed implementation plan, and to provide updates to the Organizational Effectiveness Committee of the ICANN Board through written implementation reports on progress every six months. Those progress reports should include, but not be limited to, progress towards metrics and use of allocated budget. It is during these updates that the RSSAC2 Review Implementation Work Party shall provide, if necessary, more details on the measurability of implementation progress, including resource needs and budgetary implications. The Board, through the OEC, will review those detailed plans when released.

Resolved, that any budgetary implications of the second RSSAC review implementation shall be considered as part of the applicable annual budgeting process.

Resolved, the Board directs the RSSAC Review Implementation Work Party to provide updates in the implementation progress reports about development of the new governance model for the DNS Root Server System, and that's RSSAC37 and RSSAC38, as they relate to the review implementation efforts.

Thank you, Mr. Chair. That's the end of the resolved clauses.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thank you, Avri, for this.

Any discussion on this one? Kaveh?

KAVEH RANJBAR: Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you, Avri.

I just wanted to add (indiscernible) went through the review, that we basically -- we welcome the process and we have also published our implementation plan. But in parallel we publish a document called RSSAC41 which is our comments on the process because we have some comments for improving the process. And I know some of that has already been applied by ICANN Org, but I just wanted to mention for interested parties, RSSAC41 is basically our feedback for the process.

Thank you very much.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thank you very much for that, Kaveh.

With that, any more discussion?

If not, may I have somebody to move this motion?

AVRI DORIA: I move it. This is Avri.

TRIPTI SINHA: I'll second it. This is Tripti.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: And Tripti is second.

All in favor, please say aye.

[Chorus of ayes]

All against, please say nay.

No nays.

Any abstentions?

No abstentions. This motion is passed with full unanimity.

Thank you for that. With that, we come to the third motion on the main agenda, which is a big thank you. A big thank you to the community and the organization for making ICANN67 work as well as it did.

The resolved, the ICANN Board thanks everybody across the ICANN ecosystem for their efforts in making ICANN67 a successful virtual meeting.

Resolved, the ICANN Board sends its thanks to the ICANN community for your flexibility and leadership in addressing the quick move to a virtual meeting. We understand that this posed technical and time zone issues to those accustomed to physically attending ICANN meetings, and disrupted travel and business plans. We acknowledge that for working groups, review teams, and committees, counting on face-to-face interactions to further their efforts, this meeting change poses challenges to how your work is furthered. And we note your work is in quick exploration of alternatives. We also thank you for coordination with ICANN Org in reorganizing the public meeting schedule.

The Board notes that we, too, feel the loss of the hallway conversations and the informal gatherings that is so much our ICANN community atmosphere, and we look forward to joining you all together as soon as we responsibly can.

Resolved, the Board thanks the ICANN Org team for their efforts in executing this virtual meeting. From the technical work to support the move to virtual to the coordination efforts on the schedule planning to the facilities team in Los Angeles keeping the site running and more, we understand that each of you played a vital role in the success of ICANN67. We join the ICANN community in thanking each of the ICANN Org support teams that work with the supporting organizations, advisory committees, review teams, committees, and other groups for all of your work in keeping agendas going and meetings running in this virtual mode.

And resolved, the ICANN Board thanks the scribes and interpreters for ICANN67 for your efforts that contributed to the success of the meeting.

Now I would like to ask vice-chair Leon Sanchez, who has been working closely with the host, to read the last resolved.

Leon, please.

LEON SANCHEZ:

Thank you very much, Maarten, this is Leon Sanchez.

Resolved, the ICANN Board once again thanks the local hosts and vendors that were hoping to welcome us to Cancun, Mexico for ICANN67, for your understanding and flexibility in the face of this global health pandemic. We look forward to joining you for ICANN70 as scheduled.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thank you very much.

Any discussion?

If not, I'd like somebody to move the motion.

LEON SANCHEZ: I would like to move, Maarten. Leon.

RON DA SILVA: This is Ron. I'll second.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Do we have a second? Ron is the second.

All in favor, please say aye.

[Chorus of ayes]

Okay.

[Applause]

I hear the clapping. So any nays? Sorry. We have to do this because we can't see everybody. Otherwise, it would have been a standing ovation, I'm sure.

Any nays? No nays.

Any abstentions?

No abstentions.

I conclude this motion has the full support of the entire Board, and we really very much deeply bow for you and thank you for what you have done. So this is maybe a good time to clap.

[Applause]

From all over the world.

So that's a poor expression. These ones are particularly much better when you are face to face and you can show the gratitude in your face, not only in your words and in your attempts to celebrate. And we also will miss the drinks afterwards to look back at this week work and talk -- have a last talk with each other before we go home.

This concludes the 12 March 2020 ICANN Board meeting, and the ICANN67 first-ever remote meeting.

Thank you for all being with us, and looking forward to next time in person when we can.

Thank you very much. This meeting is closed.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you, everyone.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thank you, everybody. Thank you, everyone.

AVRI DORIA: Nice talking to you all.

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