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With that, I will hand the floor over to RSSAC chair, Jeff Obsorn.

JEFF OSBORN: Thank you, Ozan. This is Jeff. Welcome, good morning, good afternoon, good evening, whatever your time zone to the two weeks of the year that confuses me most. If you all got the time right, I'm really impressed because everything is wrong meeting between Europe and North America right now.

Called to order, I guess we will go to the roll call. Paul or Brad from Cogent? Nope. John, DISA?

JOHN AUGENSTEIN: Yes, present.

JEFF OSBORN: Thank you. I see Matt from ICANN.

MATT LARSON: Here.

JEFF OSBORN: Terri, are you on the line? Terri? I'll call that no. From ISC, I'm Jeff. I can see Rob. NASA, Barbara and Tom? I'll call that no. Lars is here. Not expecting Patrick. And Hans.

HANS PETTER HOLEN: Present.

JEFF OSBORN: And sorry I'm getting used to the new names. Paul? No. But we do have Baastian standing in as an invited guest. Karl?

KARL REUSS: Karl is here.

JEFF OSBORN: Gerry? No. Okay. USC/ISI, Wes Hardaker.

WES HARDAKER: Wes is here. Not sure where Suzanne is today. She's at ICANN somewhere.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: She has a conflict.

WES HARDAKER: She has a conflict, okay.

JEFF OSBORN: Suzanne has a conflict. We won't see here. From ARL, Ken is sitting next to me. Ken?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Ken and I do see Howard online.

JEFF OSBORN: And Howard is online, excellent.

HOWARD KASH: Howard is online.

JEFF OSBORN: Thank you, Howard. Brad?

BRAD VERD: Brand is here, thanks.

JEFF OSBORN: Brad is here. We all hope you're feeling better. And from WIDE? I don't see Hiro. Are you on? Hiro? Okay. Hiro conflicted and we both see June and Hiro in their home setting in two weeks, some of us.

Then liaisons to the Board that were not already mentioned. Wes already and Ken already. Daniel from RZERC an IAB?

DANIEL MIGAULT: Yeah, I'm here.

JEFF OSBORN: Thank you. Russ for the SSAC?

RUSS MUNDY: Good morning, I'm here. And Suzanne does have an SSAC conflict this morning. She's chairing one of the things that's being discussed there today.

JEFF OSBORN: Sounds important. Thanks, Russ. James?

JAMES: James is here.

JEFF OSBORN: And Duane?

DUANE WESSELS: Duane is in the room.

JEFF OSBORN: Excellent. In addition, we have the fine staff. I don't see Steve if that matters.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible].

JEFF OSBORN: Thank you. That's it, I think. Back to the agenda. Agenda review. Let's see. We have a fairly normal monthly meeting with the addition of an update. Becky Nash has been kind enough to spend a little time talking about some ICANN finance and planning issues that should be of value. We have a NomCom discussion that expects to be interesting involving some bylaw changes. Other than that, the rest of these look pretty normal. Any bashing of the agenda or additional business items requested?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'll just point out that Paul Hoffmann is online and ready to give the RSSAC 047 implementation update that's on the agenda.

JEFF OSBORN: Oh, good. Where would you suggest we—

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Well, it's on the agenda.

JEFF OSBORN: I just can't read. 7C, there we go. Okay. That's in addition to the normal work items. Great. Thanks, Paul. That should come pretty quickly I think. Anything else? Admin. I believe the draft minutes is your item, Ozan?

OZAN SAHIN: Thank you, Jeff. Hi, everyone. This is Ozan for the record. I circulated the draft minutes on the RSSAC meeting just two weeks ago. We have not received any questions or any requests for revisions on the agenda. I will stop here to see if there are any questions now and this will be a [inaudible] for today.

JEFF OSBORN: I believe we need a motion to adopt.

KEN RENARD: I'll move to approve the minutes. This is Ken.

JEFF OSBORN: Somebody with a second?

LARS-JOHAN LIMAN: Liman seconds.

JEFF OSBORN: I believe the way to do this is if nobody is objecting …

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We've [inaudible].

JEFF OSBORN: Playing my new guy card. I could still be screwing this up.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: That will only work for so long.

JEFF OSBORN: I intend to use it for every minute I can. Ozan?

OZAN SAHIN: So the other thing is the RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee update and the RSSAC Caucus meeting agenda for the caucus meeting at IETF on 16. So we shared this agenda on the RSSAC Caucus mailing list and this is still draft agenda. If you have any comments on this, that's welcome.

One recent update is that initially we scheduled the session for 90 minutes but to avoid an overlap with the Root Ops meeting, we had recently rescheduled the meeting to 60 minutes.

JEFF OSBORN: I don't think that's going to limit our ability to do the work. It's good to get all of that in in Japan while we're adjusting to jetlag.

Good. There's nothing else out of the caucus membership group. We had no new members, nobody to vote on. I believe at this point if I'm not missing something, Becky, you can have the floor.

BECKY NASH: Thank you very much, Jeff. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening everyone. This is Becky Nash from ICANN Org. I am with the ICANN Org Planning Department and I'm also here with my colleague from finance as [inaudible]. And we are responsible for the operating and planning and budgeting process along with other elements of the planning process. So I have a short update and then we'd like to open it up for Q&A. So with that, if we could go to the next slide, please.

Just to start, I wanted to give an overview of the responsibilities of the planning department. So one main area is supporting ICANN's overall planning, which includes the strategic planning process, and again that is where ICANN's community sets the strategic direction, including the mission, vision, and strategic objectives and goals and we are currently operating under an adopted five-year strategic plan from FY21 through Fiscal Year 25.

The next key step in the planning process is the operating plans. So this is the process of determining the key initiatives or activities—we call them operating initiatives—that support the achievement of the strategic plan and then also plans for each functional area so that is what the functions or the segments of ICANN Org and what they plan to do to both achieve the strategic plans, goals, and objectives but also to comply with the organization and run the organization.

So we currently have posted for public comment which closed recently a five-year operating and financial plan for FY24 through FY28 and also a one-year operating plan and budget.

So the next key element is the budgeting process. So along with the five-year operating plans which describes all of the activities, we then have the process of allocating resources to these planned activities and prioritizing the activities.

And what we mean by prioritization is that we have recently introduced a planning prioritization process which is a community led group and that community led group is two members from each of the stakeholder groups should they choose to nominate a primary and secondary and the community then looks at the activities that are eligible to prioritize and to add to the operating plans for this cycle. So I'm very happy RSSAC had participated in the two sessions of the prioritization which was for both FY23 and recently FY24's process and I'd like to acknowledge that the members are Ken who is here today—Renard. And also Erum Welling were the two that were appointed by leadership and I'll talk a little bit more about the next steps in a moment.

So now that you've seen the strategic planning cycle, the operating planning cycle, and the budgeting process, we then have the last element of planning which is progress reporting. And the process of explaining the achievements against the plans, that is done through a series of reporting which includes our CEO report to the Board. We also have our unaudited and audited financial statements which also provide information, and through another series of community engagements about our status against our strategic plan, operating plan and budget. So this provides a context for the next couple of slides and I will move to the next slide, please.

So, currently, we are in the public comment phase of the draft FY24 through 28 operating and financial planning process. So the plans were developed after the community prioritization group provided input to ICANN Org. So that took place last September. Then the plans were developed and published for public comment mid-December 2022.

There were three elements of the plans that are posted for public comment. The first one is a highlights document. So the highlights document is a summary of the elements of the five-year and one-year operating plan and financial plans and budget. That is a document we encourage community members to look at because it gives a snapshot at a summary level.

We then have the draft FY24 through 28 operating and financial plan. So again a five-year operating plan and a five-year financial plan that explains the funding, funding assumptions, and then the operating plan explains all of the activities being planned. And we have a one-year FY24 operating plan. So the one-year plan goes into more detail on the shorter term next 12 months of FY24.

Then we have a separate document which is the detailed draft FY24 budget. So that explains the one-year financials and provides a lot of information about the financials for the draft FY24 operating plan.

So, our typical process is to have an extended public comment period. We realize that the community has a lot of work to do but we do publish it mid-December. That's been a theme or a recurring timeline for us. We then extend the public comment because we realize that there is often year-end calendar holiday periods around the world.

So the public comment closed on the 13th of February, and at that time we then receive all of those public comments which are on the public comment page and a link is provided on this slide. And we begin the process of evaluating our responses.

So ICANN Org is currently drafting the responses to the public comments received and the summary staff report for the public comment, it will be published on the 30th of March 2023. And again, that link to the public comment page is noted on this slide. We also like to highlight to our community members that you can get alerts on the public comment page for following certain public comments and you'll get emails and alerts about the status. For instance, if you had signed up an alert on the public comment page, when the staff report is issued, you'll get notified of that.

Then we do have at the bottom of the page here, links to informational presentations and webinars that were done on the draft plans and we have another set of webinars listed later in this presentation. So now I'll go to the next slide, please.

We just wanted to highlight the public comments that were received for the draft FY24 through 25 operating and financial plans. So here we're highlighting on the left side of the table down the rows. These are the categories or the type of comments that we received. ICANN Org goes through all of the comments submitted and then we bucket them or organize them by theme. So you can see that there were comments noted about the documents. In many cases, we do realize that these three documents are quite lengthy. There's a lot of interactive hyperlinks, so we don't expect anybody to read 250 pages at a go, but you can definitely link into areas that are of interest. So document structure.

We then received 13 financial related questions and those are questions regarding the budget either for one year or for five years. We then received comments regarding the functional activities. So those would be the activities or the plans by function, and the functions are functions such as the finance team or the planning team or contractual compliance or OCTO. So we received 22 comments there.

Then we have 11 operating initiatives. Again, the operating initiatives are key programs of projects that are set forth to achieve strategic objectives and goals in the strategic plan and we received 26 comments regarding the various 11 operating initiatives. Then we received 9 comments on the operating plans and 3 comments that we considered other types of comments received.

We'd just like to highlight that we received 80 comments in total. And again the process that ICANN Org staff and planning and finance, what we do is we take the submissions and we organize them in individual comments so that we can appropriately respond to them.

And then across the columns you can see all of the submitters or the groups or individuals that submitted comments. So this gives you a view of how many comments of the 80 were submitted by each of the submitters. And again all of this is available on our public comment page and we hope this information has been useful and we will be publishing again the summary report with the responses on the 30th of March.

So if we go to the next slide, I just would like to highlight quickly the next steps in the FY24 planning process. Again, the planning process does take us over 15 months collectively within the community, org, and the Board. We always start with a kickoff and then again mid-December we will hold webinars and publish the plans for public comment.

At this time, we are pairing the public comment summary report as I mentioned for the 30th of March, and then following that we have a few keys steps where we will be publishing back on the public comment page the proposed for adoption operating plans and budgets for FY24 through 28 and we will identify any of the changes that have been made between the draft and between submitting it for approval through the ICANN Board committees and the ICANN Board.

So I just would like to highlight again if you have an alert on that planning page, on the public comment page, you will see that the proposed for adoption plans will be posted for the public to see what is being sent to the ICANN Board for consideration for adoption and there is a table included in those documents that will outline specifically any changes that arose as a result of public comment or any other change. In some cases, there are corrections in naming or text or small corrections or other revisions that are made and it is all published on our public comment page.

Then following the expected consideration by the Board, should the Board choose to adopt, the draft operating plan and budget for this process that should take place in the late April, early May timeframe.

And then we move into the employed community process. So once the ICANN Board has adopted the draft operating plans and budget, then the empowered community is notified of where they are posted and that is a process that runs for 21 days, and should there be no petitions from the employed community raised no items that have been noted in the public comments, then the plans would be eligible to go into effect for the next fiscal year which begins on the first of July 2023 and that would take 28 days.

So this gives a quick overview of the next keys steps including the adoption—or excuse me, the publication of the proposed for adoption to the public. Then the consideration by ICANN Board for the adoption of the plans. And then the empowered community period.

And then again, should the plans be adopted and no petition raised, then we have the plans go in effect for the next fiscal year, which runs from July 2023 through June 2024.

And if we just go to the next slide, this is another view of the planning processes but we like to highlight again that because the operating plan and budget process, as outlined in the process I explained which it meets our ICANN bylaws, we typically have two years planning going on at the same time.

So I gave you an overview of the FY24 planning process, noting where we are in that timeline, moving towards the public comment summary report and then the steps for proposed for adoption as noted in the top right area.

But at the same time, we are launching the FY25 planning process. So the FY25 planning process typically launches every January and we start with the strategic outlook trends identification process, and that process is an annual check on the strategic outlook for our strategic plan to identify trends that we, the community, org, and Board may want to look at as it relates to any impact on the adopted strategic plan.

So we have made a call to the SOs and ACs for these sessions and we would like to highlight that a session can be run for RSSAC and should that be something that you choose to organize, we will be very happy to facilitate that.

The next key area is the planning prioritization group that I mentioned earlier. So we also have launched a request asking the stakeholder groups to consider nominating two members, one as a primary member, the second one as a secondary member, to participate in the prioritization of activities that ICANN will be considering to develop the FY25 operating plan and budget. And again we are very grateful that two members have been nominated in the past and we would like to again highlight that we've sent out a request for nominations for this community planning prioritization group. And those nominations are suggested to be due at the end of March and the sessions will be started in the April and May timeframe and they typically run for approximately four to six working sessions.

And the final area of the FY25 planning is that we will start the PTI IANA plan process as well and that typically kicks off in the June timeframe with engagement with the community and specifically the customers of the IANA functions.

And if we just go to the next slide, I just want to pause that the slides that are available have some resources about how to participate in ICANN's planning process and then we'd like to just pause there and see if there are any questions for us in the planning and finance team. Thank you.

JEFF OSBORN: Thank you very much. As somebody who spends way too much time worrying about budgets and things, I am so jealous of how well put together this is and just down to how pretty it is. I mean, literally going through the slides here takes about ten seconds of dumb questions getting answered and realizing what you're looking at.

So, first off, the work is really shows a huge amount of effort and the community really appreciates it.

The question I've got, if this is unfair or out of scope, please let me know because we're not as a group people who spend a lot of time on budgeting.

The thing that this brings up primarily for me is ICANN has a really solid stable view of a five-year period and you look at everything from sources of cash, I mean sitting on about a half-a-billion dollars of funding how nice that must be and the headcount stability. And when you look at things like why is there variability over five years of revenue, you can see it all. It's all in SubPro. Then you see the change of the FTE equivalence. It's just really beautifully put together.

My issue is, having been involved with the Internet for a couple of decades, much of what's been interesting has showed up and caused sort of a—pardon my French—holy shit moment and required some agility. And stability and agility tend to be [inaudible].

So, I'm just wondering, what do you feel like is in this system that could accommodate something that comes up in less than a five-year timeframe that would need to be accommodated. Is there something in the process? Is there something in the way people look at these? And again, if it's an unfair question, I got it but it's really what made me wonder. How do you turn this tanker fast?

BECKY NASH: Thank you very much for your question and I think that's a very reasonable question overall. First of all, from the planning and finance team, again we coordinate and facilitate all of the long-term planning. And as you indicated, it's a plan and an estimate, so there may be actual events that come in that we didn't contemplate. Of course one of the most significant ones for all of the ICANN community was the global pandemic. So that was definitely something that rapidly came about. And from our experience in finance and planning and with the organization's leadership and the community, we feel that that impact was very well managed in the respect that we had the opportunity again as a very stable organization, we had the funds under management and the cash in our funds to be able to make decisions quickly and also to revise the five-year operating plan and budget which we did very quickly in that timeframe from the March towards the April timeframe. So that is one instance that sticks out to me, and as a community with the Org, Board and community's participation and collaboration we were able to quickly meet our responsibilities of having a revised plan.

The second item that I would talk about is that as ICANN Org begins and continues ongoing operations, there are estimates that timing changes or the amount change. But we're also very fortunate that in our operating plan and budget, we do include an amount for contingency and the contingency budgeted amount is outlined in the operating plan and the budget document, and specifically in the standalone FY24 budget document, where we identify that that amount of the budget is specifically for unforeseen expenses and that is in order to ensure that anything that we have not been able to plan for that is brand new and/or the expense and activity is vastly different, we would then use contingency which has a process to allocate. It's got a lot of controls and open and transparent process to ensure that we are using it appropriately.

So I hope that answers your questions and provides the fact that we understand that there does need to be agility and the contingency is something that we always are very thankful that we do have that adopted in the plans.

JEFF OSBORN: Thank you. And to be clear, I don't think anybody blames anybody for not having an FY20 budget that had a big line called "pandemic response".

KEN RENARD: This is Ken. Just speaking to one of the steps in this process, the planning prioritization, this came about just two years ago and it's probably a good thing for RSSAC to contribute and engage with the rest of the ICANN. Just from the two years that I've done it, the time commitment is quite variable. The first year we had 40-some things to prioritize. This past year we had three.

So, if RSSAC wishes to continue to contribute to this, we can go [inaudible] two appointees per year. A recommendation would be to try to do a two-year committee because the first year you're really learning the ropes, if you could have a staggering two years from appointees.

So, to date, this has kind of been almost an admin committee nomination and appointment, so we could probably or probably should open us up to the larger RSSAC or RSSAC Caucus because we might have trouble finding volunteers. This past year it was myself and Erum who is a caucus member. So just think about processes going forward, how we would appoint folks to this process. Thanks.

JEFF OSBORN: Any other questions or comments? Rob?

ROB CAROLINA: Just to double check the ask from our friends in the planning office in ICANN, is RSSAC being asked to make the relevant appointments if there are going to be some—did I hear it right, by the end of March? Is that the ask? And if so, is that a deadline?

BECKY NASH: Thank you very much for your question. Yes, the ask is for the stakeholder leadership to nominate two members. Should they wish to participate—and again I believe Ken has really highlighted how valuable it is to have participation on this planning prioritization group. So it is a deadline that we suggest that two names be submitted by the end of March and that's so that we can start the registration process and the onboarding process for the planning and prioritization group.

I did want to just follow-up quickly that we do provide an overview and a training session. We also realize that it is time zone sensitive, so we try to accommodate the membership with time zones. But I think as Ken had indicated, it's an opportunity for the stakeholders to be able to provide a view on activities that ICANN Org will be developing the operating plans and budgets for.

And if we are able to get it by the end of March the names, we can then appropriately onboard the members and start the process hopefully late April and in May. So the time commitment is typically late April and early May. Thank you.

JEFF OSBORN: Thanks very much for the time. Any other questions in the group? Thank you.

BECKY NASH: Thank you very much.

JEFF OSBORN: Ozan. NomCom?

OZAN SAHIN: Thank you, Jeff. Hi, everyone, this is Ozan with some agenda items about the ICANN Nominating Committee. So I believe there are three items under this topic today.

The first one is the ICANN NomCom Review Implementation Working Group and their proposed changes to ICANN bylaws. We've been discussing this for some time now in the RSSAC meetings.

As a quick refresher, these NomCom Review Implementation Working Group proposed changes would affect the voting status of RSSAC liaison to the ICANN NomCom. Currently it's an onboarding status but the proposal is to change this to awarding delegate. And the other impact is that currently the liaison serves a one-year term and then the proposal is to change this to a two-year term.

Then RSSAC in response to this proposal and suggestion published RSSAC 35 and also started [inaudible] relationship between RSSAC appointing [inaudible] delegates to NomCom, NomCom appointing ICANN Board members and ICANN Board members confirming the RSO appointments.

And at that time … So let me make this bigger so that you can see the Google Doc. Google spreadsheet, actually. There were some proposed bylaw changes related to that that would be bundled together with this NomCom Review Implementation Working Group proposals. So this would suggest that basically ICANN Board no longer confirms these RSO appointments to RSSAC. And the recent questions in the RSSAC meetings, the recent question was whether these were still bundled together because we are now expecting a public comment proceeding, currently expected next month in April on these proposed bylaw changes.

So after the public comment period, the board will consider these changes and since these are related to bylaw changes, it will also go through empowered community process if adopted by the ICANN Board.

My update is recently ICANN legal team confirmed that these are still bundled together, so when we see the public comment proceeding currently scheduled for next month but this can be updated, the potential changes to ICANN bylaws proposed by RSSAC to address this circular relationship will be part of this public comment process. This is the first update on the NomCom. I'll just stop here to see if there are any questions or comments.

JEFF OSBORN: I'm sorry, Ozan. Am I confused on—I'll get it wrong—Article 2.12 … If you could go back to the last slide, I'll get the numbers right. The Article 12 section 2, RSSAC shall be led by the /2/1/1 co-chairs. Isn't that old? Didn't that happen long ago?

OZAN SAHIN: That's right. That's already done. This change was I believe addressed earlier with also a leadership change in the SSAC in the bylaws. So this was a few years ago. But the rest of the article … So if you look at 12.2A, this part will be changed.

JEFF OSBORN: So, 12.2A is current and 8C is current or currently imagined or whatever the term of art is?

BRAD VERD: Yeah. Jeff, I think where some of … This is Brad with VeriSign. I think some of the confusion that maybe you're seeing here is this has been outstanding for, I don't know, two or three years now that we've been waiting to get this done. So that's why I imagine you're having some confusion because the leadership changes within RSSAC were done years ago and this has been sitting out waiting for the implementation of the NomCom bylaws.

JEFF OSBORN: That's exactly it. This is a hell of a hang fire. I didn't realize that. Thank you.

OZAN SAHIN: So, reading it again, 12.2, the first part, the RSSAC shall be led by one chair is already done. The rest, the RSSAC chairs and members shall be appointed by the Board, that's what's going to change.

JEFF OSBORN: Thank you for indulging me.

OZAN SAHIN: You're welcome. Moving to the other parts of this NomCom discussion. So related to these changes, there have been some discussions in the RSSAC whether RSSAC should continue to select its liaison which will become a delegate from RSSAC caucus or should these changes present any considerations to make the selection from RSSAC—not RSSAC caucus. Since we are expecting this public comment proceeding coming next month or soon, there will still be a process for board to consider it, and if adopted there will be an empowered community process so it will take more time for these changes to take effect. But if there are any discussions around whether to select the liaison or delegate from the RSSAC Caucus or RSSAC. I'll stop here.

JEFF OSBORN: Thank you, Ozan. Is this the part of the discussion where we're talking about whether the NomCom representative is chosen from the RSSAC rather than the larger caucus?

OZAN SAHIN: Yes.

JEFF OSBORN: Okay. Then I want to be careful and take off my RSSAC chair hat, and as an RSO say that I individually believe that we should be selecting the

NomCom rep from the RSSAC rather than the larger caucus, but I don't want to state that as if I solicited that opinion from the rest of the group because I haven't had this discussion. And I'll put my RSSAC hat back on. Wes?

WES HARDAKER: Apologies for not opening the Zoom room yet. To me, these sort of decisions should be made when we need to make the decision, which means that I would rather not constrain what we want to do in this wording and we can choose at every particular time that we need to, to create a delegate to the NomCom what we want to do at that time.

JEFF OSBORN: Was that the Board liaison hat or the USC/ISI hat?

WES HARDAKER: Good question. That was the USC/ISI hat.

JEFF OSBORN: Thank you. I'll get you hats if you want.

WES HARDAKER: I'm not sure you can afford the number of hats that you'd have to buy.

HANS PETTER HOLEN: Thanks. Hans, RIPE NCC. RSSAC hat on top. First, some experience from the ASO. The ASO used to and didn't have detailed procedures on how to appoint an ICANN NomCom rep and they used to do it from their own, among their own, and that went on for some years. It was two candidates that were sitting the maximum time and then took turns on that for the first I don't know how many years.

After I stepped down from the council and was appointed by the ASO to serve there for two years, they changed it into doing a public call in the community, so really going even further out and got people in there that I personally will say that don't really link back to the council nor the community.

So I think I would be more in favor of choosing from the core group here than from the caucus, but if there are really good people in the caucus that are willing to pull the weight, because it is a significant amount of work to be part of the NomCom, I would be open to that. So I would support your point that we should keep this open and have that opportunity to do that when we see the potential candidates. Thanks.

JEFF OSBORN: I would really like to solicit input from as many of the organizations as possible. Liman, for instance.

LARS-JOHAN LIMAN: I hear what you're saying here. I think it's a good idea to keep these open and if we are going to make some kind of decision we should first make a table with the pros and cons of going either direction so that we know what we're deciding. But that's only if we decide to take that path and I still support being open for the future. Thanks.

JEFF OSBORN: For the record, I'm convinced now you guys are right. I just wanted to open it up and make sure we'd have the discussion. There's no reason to close the door yet.

ROB CAROLINA: Thanks, Jeff. Rob Carolina, ISC. Yeah. Just to beat this dead horse a little further and to give it a bit of a legal topspin, the change to the bylaws that Ozan described is a decision being taken outside this room, obviously, because it's a change to the bylaws. And the bylaws, when they're changed, will give to this body, RSSAC, the continued ability to appoint someone to the Nominating Committee. The only change is whether that person is voting or non-voting.

It seems to me that we don't actually have any ability in this room today to influence what's written into the bylaws. The only way that we could tie our own hands would be some sort of extraordinary internal procedural change, probably a change to the administrative procedures document that governs RSSAC.

That's an incredibly longwinded way of saying I agree with Wes. I don't think this is a decision that needs to be made today, and in fact I question whether the decision could even be made today. I don't think we're capable of making the decision today.

JEFF OSBORN: Does anybody else want to weigh in on this? Because I think it's a valuable discussion and worth somebody else hitting the horse if they want to. The horse is still there. And if not, we'll move on. Thanks so much for the input, all.

OZAN SAHIN: Thank you, Jeff. So the third item under NomCom discussion is currently Hiro Hotta from RSSAC is the liaison to ICANN 2023 NomCom and we will since start the process to select the ICANN liaison to 2024 NomCom. In terms of the timeline, we are expecting to end out a call for nominations in a week and then give a 30-day nomination period and expected vote during the RSSAC main meeting. Yeah, that's the NomCom update.

JEFF OSBORN: It's been brought to my attention I'm doing a horrible job of time management. We have about eight minutes left in this period and we have Paul Hoffmann's implementation update. He's been waiting to go. So if nobody has … Push that over to Ozan or Andrew help.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: So, I've been chatting with Paul in the background and he's comfortable with having his presentation pushed to the caucus meeting in Yokohama if that's okay. So if we just want to finish up with the rest of the meeting and then we'll push Paul's presentation to the caucus meeting in Yokojama.

JEFF OSBORN: Thanks. I think that will be okay. There was actually an outreach presentation from Amir as well. So I'm going to defer to Ozan how the hell do you pull this off in seven minute.

OZAN SAHIN: I think Amir's presentation is pretty short and can be doable, so we can just skip Paul's update and then just go with the rest of the agenda items.

JEFF OSBORN: Fair enough. You want to chair, vice chair? Nothing to report. We've all seen each other all week.

KEN RENARD: Yeah. This is Ken. Thanks. We had a good session on the security incident reporting. If you didn't get to that, check the reporting, and thanks for everyone's input.

JEFF OSBORN: Are we in the process of walking through eight, Ozan? 7A. Duane?

DUANE WESSELS: Thanks. So the RSSAC 001 work party had a meeting a week or so ago and we essentially completed work on our document. The document is now out for review by the RSSAC caucus with a deadline of April 7th. The work party will continue to meet to discuss updates to the companion RFC. The work party document now references BCP 40 instead of RFC 7720 or whatever it is, so we feel comfortable publishing the RSSAC document. It'll have a [stable] reference and we can continue to work on the RFC going forward. I think that's it.

JEFF OSBORN: Thank you. Chair report. Vice chair.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Nothing to report.

JEFF OSBORN: Wes?

WES HARDAKER: The ICANN Board is of course incredibly busy with everything we do. The thing that affects this group the most is there is forward progress on the subsequent procedures which will allocate new TLDs. That, by all updates, looks like it's definitely going to happen, but we'll be passing resolutions [inaudible] soon. That's probably the only thing that affects RSSAC at this point.

JEFF OSBORN: Thanks, Wes. Ken?

KEN RENARD: Yeah. CSC met I believe it was yesterday, the day before. I had a conflict so I wasn't able to attend. They did their remedial action process, kind of a table top exercise to what happens if something horrible goes on in IANA. They made it through a couple phases of that, not everything. So I'll hopefully have more to report next month after talking to some folks that were here. Thanks.

JEFF OSBORN: Thanks, Ken. Hiro, do you have anything to report from the NomCom?

HIRO HOTTA: No. Please listen to Amir's presentation.

JEFF OSBORN: Thank you very much. Daniel, either the RZERC or IAB?

DANIEL MIGAULT: So I have nothing to report from the IAB except that you know that we will have the IETF week very soon. But regarding RZERC, we have a presentation tomorrow, so at 3:00 from 3:00 to 4:00 so you're pretty … I mean, you are pretty welcome to attend that session. Yeah. That's all I have to say. If you have any specific comment, I'm happy to carry those comments to RZERC as well.

JEFF OSBORN: Thank you, Daniel. I look forward to hearing that tomorrow. Russ, reports from the SSAC.

WES HARDAKER: Jeff, can I get one answered?

JEFF OSBORN: Of course, sorry.

WES HARDAKER: So Daniel wasn't involved in this from the IAB but Harold was who is the liaison to the ICANN Board from the IETF. The dot-alt proposal which is also somewhat related to the root servers because we'll get leaked queries, the liaison statement just went to the ICANN Board in the last twelve hours and the IETF last call on that document is also open for anybody that wants to comment on it.

JEFF OSBORN: Thanks for that, Wes. Russ, report from the SSAC.

RUSS MUNDY: Thanks, Jeff. Yes, tomorrow will be a very busy SSAC day, so I encourage folks in this meeting to come join us. The public meeting for SSAC is first thing in the morning. Then the afternoon is security and DNSSEC and security workshop in the afternoon. So hopefully folks can make that.

The work that's going on this morning is trying to get or trying to get closer and closer to finalization on NCAP and of course the collisions aspect of that will in some way have some impact upon the root servers but nothing directly. So that work is trying to get finished this calendar year [inaudible]. Thank you.

JEFF OSBORN: Thanks, Russ. James, news from IANA?

JAMES: Hi, everyone. So [inaudible] IANA, ICANN announced the schedule for generation of the next root zone KSK. The generation will occur, the ceremony on April the 27th and it will be replicated to the [inaudible] key management facility following the ceremony. At this stage, the plan is to introduce that key into the root zone in January 2024.

This is following the proposal for future key rollovers that was published prior to the pandemic and we'll provide more information on this in the coming months. Otherwise, some members of the algorithm rollover design team will be present at the upcoming IETF meeting in Yokohama and we'll hold an open session with IETF attendees on Wednesday, the 29th of March. That's it.

JEFF OSBORN: Thank you, James. And RZM from Duane.

DUANE WESSELS: Thanks, again, Jeff. Just briefly, I want to note that VeriSign and ICANN continue to make progress on deployment of ZoneMD to the root zone and expect some announcements of specific dates coming pretty soon.

JEFF OSBORN: Thank you. I'm wondering, since we constitute a subset of GWG, Brad do you have anything to say [inaudible]?

BRAD VERD: No, I don't think there's anything. I mean, you're running out of time here. I think work continues on the principle document and we're making progress.

JEFF OSBORN: I appreciate it, Brad. Look forward to seeing you in the next session. Amir, I apologize for squeezing the time. Can we hear about the NomCom outreach?

AMIR QAYYUM: Hello, everyone. This is Amir Qayyum. I am a caucus member also and I was the RSSAC liaison to the NomCom before. Currently I am the chair-elect of the 2023 NomCom and my objective today here is to do a little outreach as we will be closing soon the application round for this year. So maybe you or someone you know might be interested to apply for these positions.

This year, we will be looking at different positions of ICANN Board, PTI Board, GNSO, ccNSO, and ALAC. I will explain the exact number of candidates that we will be looking for, but the important thing is that ICANN Nominating Committee is an independent committee tasked with filling the open leadership positions on ICANN Board, PTI, and SOs and ACs. But it function independently of the Board and these SOs and ACs, too.

Although the delegates are nominated by the SOs and ACs, the NomCom is designed in a manner that they are expected to behave independently of their constituencies and just represent the global ICANN community and work within the remit of ICANN bylaws.

So the type of candidates we are looking for, primarily the leaders with a diverse cultural, geographic, technical, professional backgrounds and who are also striving for diverse group membership so that we are able to fulfill all the positions which are available.

Who should apply? Obviously those who would like to influence global Internet policy because ICANN is more important in policy than before because of this changing world scenario. Evolution of the Internet. The

RSSAC caucus is the most technical group in this ICANN, so the evolution of the Internet is not only going by the technical but the other stakeholders.

If you would like to enhance your professional skills, obviously ICANN Board, PTI, and other SO and AC leadership positions can be the target. So those who would like to collaborate with a diverse group of industry leaders and engage with the global community. So this can be some key points that someone might be interested to apply for these positions. Next slide, please..

So, we are looking for the leaders leading the ICANN Board, PTI Board, SOs, ACs in their council positions. Next.

JEFF OSBORN: I don't know what the protocol is. We're heading into a break here, so I'm feeling like if this was a normal setting I would just say we're just going to extend into the break. Is that acceptable, everybody else? If you have to go, go. Great.

AMIR QAAYUM: I will try my best to finish in a few minutes.

JEFF OSBORN: Thank you.

AMIR QAAYUM: So this year we will be looking for candidates to fulfill the two ICANN Board positions, and right now we do not have any geographical limitation to list only the candidates from this or this region. We are open to all the five regions but we will know better in April when the GNSO delegates to the board [inaudible] appointed whether the Europe position would be available or not, candidates from Europe can [inaudible] because there is a certain limitation that not more than five from any one region can be part of the Board. A minimum of one from each region should be on the Board. But right now, candidates from all the regions are welcome to apply. The next one.

One member for the PTI Board of Directors and obviously these are independent of the regional diversity limitations, so anyone can apply for this one position. Next.

Three regional representatives for the ALAC. So these are the regional representatives. This year we will be seeking applications from Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Latin America. So next year we might be looking for the North America and Europe, but this year the two regions which are open for the candidates is Africa, Asia-Pacific, and the Latin America. Next one.

Two members of the GNSO Council, one for the Contracted Party House and the other for the Non-Contracted Party House. So these two members will be appointed for the GNSO Council. Next slide.

And the last one is for the ccNSO. So one member of the council for the ccNSO will also be appointed by the NomCom this year. Next slide.

So these are total nine positions, two Board and one PTI Board positions, three for the regional appointees for the ALAC and three for the ccNSO and GNSO Council. So total of nine positions and we would be really interested to get applications from diverse backgrounds and cultures and expertise so that we can select out of the best candidates for these nine important positions. Next slide, please.

The deadline is still I think nine days that we have. It will be finishing on midnight, the 23rd of March UTC time. So if you think that you know someone or you might be interested yourself, all the information is available on the ICANN 2023 NomCom website. You can go. All the applications completed and submitted by this time will be considered for assessment by the Nominating Committee. Next slide, please.

So you have this link, NomCom 2023, and I hope you will get most of the information, questions, requirements. There is a significant time requirement for the ICANN Board and obviously for other positions also. Someone asked in one of the sessions whether these positions are compensated or not. The Board positions have a compensation but it is optional. All others are volunteer positions but all the reasonable expenses are paid for. All the reasonable documented expenses are paid for.

JEFF OSBORN: Well put, thank you. I really appreciate you hurrying through that and I'm sorry to put you in that position.

AMIR QAYYUM: No problem.

JEFF OSBORN: Blame the new guy card. Thank you very much.

AMIR QAYYUM: Thank you.

JEFF OSBORN: Ozan.

OZAN SAHIN: 9B.

JEFF OSBORN: Where are we, are we at adjournment?

OZAN SAHIN: 9B.

JEFF OSBORN: 9B, next meeting. Next meeting is next month, April 4th. Should be just after [inaudible] back from the IETF I suspect. Is there any other business? I believe we are adjourned. Sorry for running over and thank you for your indulgence. I'm sorry, Wes?

WES HARDAKER: Everybody is welcome to attend the Root Server System Information session which is in this room and next this room could be small. We've had a lot of people attend that in the past. We'll see.

JEFF OSBORN: I'm willing to stand if necessary. Thank you, all, very much.

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