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MODERATOR: Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome back Tripti Sinha, ICANN Board Chair.

TRIPTI SINHA: Good afternoon, everyone. It is always an honor and a great pleasure for us to gather here for the Annual General Meeting of ICANN, one of the highlights of our year. Without further delay, I would like to welcome on stage Naela Sarras, Vice President of Stakeholder Engagement for North America, to introduce our next ICANN public meeting location. Please join me in welcoming Naela.

NAELA SARRAS: Thank you, Tripti, and hello everyone. We've had a wonderful time here in the vibrant city of Istanbul with ICANN81, and I'd like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your participation and support. As we wrap up the meeting, it's with enthusiasm that I welcome you to join us for our next meeting, ICANN82, taking place from the 8th to the 13th of March of 2025 in the Emerald City of Seattle in the United States.

ICANN82 will be the community forum and will serve as a vital platform for bringing together passionate community members and thought leaders dedicated to furthering the work of ICANN. ICANN82 will also feature the presentation of the annual Community Excellence Award. As we count down the days to the next meeting, the organization will be hard at work to ensure we prepare for an inclusive meeting with robust participation for everyone. We look forward to welcoming you to Seattle for ICANN82, and I will leave you with a short video presentation of Seattle to enjoy. Thank you.

VIDEO AUDIO: To the city of seven hills, luminous in the sun, we are a city of multitudes without separation between the land and its people. Come to this city of soil and high rise, the city held in the colossal gaze of Mount Rainier. Come see how we needle the sky, our reach toward the space age. Come as you are to the city of heart, winding, durational, a real thing of flesh and blood. We change and are changed by the connections that we make. So, come to the city of delight and surprise. Come and be fed, be wowed, and be welcomed.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, everyone. And now I'm equally excited to have the honor to introduce the Community Recognition Program. This is an important moment for all of us, an opportunity to express our gratitude and celebrate our community members. To mark this occasion, I would like to invite Mary Wong, Vice President, Strategic Policy, Management, to join me on stage. Mary, please.

MARY WONG: Hello, everyone. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, wherever you are, wherever you may be, here in Istanbul or watching remotely. Community-driven, multi-stakeholder, consensus-building collaboration is the heart of ICANN and ICANN's mission. Week after week, day after day, month after month, our community comes together across all seven of our supporting organizations and advisory committees, their various constituent structures, the Customer Standing Committee, the Root Zone Evolution Review Committee, the Empowered Community Administration, the Nominating Committee, and many, many others for many, many hours of that collaboration.

It is pretty typical to use the phrase countless hours. I am very happy to say that it is many, many, many thousands of hours, and we can prove it. We have the data to show that our community dedicates itself to several thousands of hours of calls, meetings, and ICANN meetings each and every year. The ICANN organization is very proud to support and facilitate the community's work to develop and refine policies that maintain and promote the stability, security, and resiliency of the global Internet and its unique identifiers. And so, as this lovely Annual General Meeting draws to a close, it is my pleasure and my privilege to be here, along with Tripti, to introduce this year's Community Recognition Program, which, for many of us, is really one of the best parts of this AGM.

On this note, I'd like to then invite our Interim CEO and President, Sally Costerton, to join Tripti on stage, as well as my colleagues Brenda Brewer and Ozan Sahin, who will introduce you to all those leaders who have served a term of dedicated service and commitment, in many cases, multiple terms, and in most, if not all cases, not leaving the community, but continuing that collaboration in a different capacity. So, welcome, Sally, and welcome back. Tripti, over to you.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thank you, Mary. Today, we recognize 64 community leaders, though not everyone has been able to join us in person today at this ceremony. We will recognize community leaders in alphabetical order, beginning with the Nominating Committee, Public Technical Identifiers Board, and then the Supporting Organizations, followed by the Advisory Committees. Community leaders, please approach the stage as I announce your name. We will begin with Customer Standing Committee. Brett Carr. Gloria Atwine Katuuku. Ken Renard.

From the Empowered Community Administration, Greg DiBiase. From the 2024 Nominating Committee, Santanu Acharya, Thomas Barrett, Pascal Bekono, Naveed Bin Rais, Mia Brickhouse, Alfredo Calderon, Paul Diaz, Betty Fausta, Robert Guerra, Vivek Goyal, Leah Hernandez, Maureen Hilyard, Sophie Mitchell, Sean Ojedeji, Flip Petillion, Vanda Scartezini, Craig Schwartz, Ron da Silva and Suzanne Woolf.

OZAN SAHIN: From the Roots zone Evolution Review Committee, Tim April, Daniel Migault. From the Address Supporting Organization, James Kennedy, Oscar Robles, Sander Steffan, Saul Stein and Paul Wilson. The ICANN organization also wishes to recognize Oscar and Paul for their years of service as CEOs of their respective regional internet registries and wishes them both well in their next adventures. From the Country Code Names Supporting Organization, Segun Akano, Everton Rodrigues and Tatiana Tropina.

From the Generic Name Supporting Organization, Benjamin Akinmoyeje, Beth Bacon, Mark Datysgeld, Steve DelBianco, Sam Demetriou, Wisdom Donkor, Jothan Frakes, Ashley Heinemann, Julf Helsingius, Glenn McKnight, Jeff Neuman, Stephanie Perrin, Kurt Kurtz, Benny Samuelsen, Laurie Schulman and Tim Smith.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: And moving on to the At-Large Community, AbdelJalil Bachar Bong, Eduardo Diaz, Bill Jouris, Tommi Karttaavi, Joanna Kulesza, Marcelo Rodriguez. And from the Governmental Advisory Committee, Laureen Kapin.

OZAN SAHIN: From the Root Server System Advisory Committee, Jill Place and Jerry Sneeringer. From the Security and Stability Advisory Committee, Patrick Halstrom, Andre Flip, Julie Hammer, Jacques Latour and Doron Shikmoni. In addition, we thank Manal Ismail, the recipient of the 2024 ICANN Community Excellence Award, for her dedication to ICANN's multi-stakeholder model. And Rodrigue Guiguemde, the recipient of the 2024 Dr. Tarek Kamel Award for Capacity Building, for his significant contribution to local and regional capacity building programs.

Finally, we wish to posthumously recognize one community member. Jonathan Cohen from the Intellectual Constituency Property. We joined the ICANN Committee in celebrating the legacy of Jonathan Cohen. We are very grateful for the collective and individual efforts, skills and time of our community leaders. In that spirit, the ICANN Board of Directors formally recognizes these community leaders with a resolution during the Annual General Meeting. Community recognition is a year-long effort. The growth and evolution of ICANN as a multi-stakeholder organization depend on the sustained engagement and recognition of our community. Now we invite recognized community members to join Tripti Sinha and Sally Costerton on the stage for a group photo. Thank you, for joining us.

TRIPTI SINHA: All right, we are now going to start a Board meeting. So, if my Board colleagues could join me on stage and take their seats, please. All right, I'd like to call the meeting to order, please. Has everyone taken their seats? Thank you. I'd like to start with taking attendance. And so, let's go around the table, starting with Sally. Board members, please state your names and indicate if you are present. And then Board Secretary John Jeffrey will confirm if we have a quorum.

SALLY COSTERTON: Sally Costerton, Interim President and CEO of ICANN Org, present.

PATRICIO POBLETE: Patricio Poblete, present.

WES HARDAKER:	Wes Hardaker, present.
NICO CABALLERO:	Nico Caballero, GAC Chair, present.
ALAN BARRETT:	Alan Barrett, Board Member, present.
CHRISTIAN KAUFMANN:	Christian Kaufmann, present.
LEON SANCHEZ:	Leon Sanchez, present.
BECKY BURR:	Becky Burr, present.
CHRIS CHAPMAN:	Chris Chapman, present.
DANKO JEVTOVIC:	Danko Jevtovic, Vice Chair, present.
TRIPTI SINHA:	Tripti Sinha, present.

CATHERINE ADEYA: Catherine Adeya, present.

SARAH DEUTSCH: Sarah Deutsch, present.

CHRIS BUCKRIDGE: Chris Buckridge, present.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Maarten Botterman, present.

SAJID RAHMAN: Sajid Rahman, present.

JAMES GALVIN: James Galvin, present.

EDMON CHUNG: Edmon Chung, present.

HARALD ALVESTRAND: Harald Alvestrand, present.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you. Board Secretary, can you confirm that we have a quorum?

BOARD SECRETARY: Yes, confirmed.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you. Welcome. The Annual General Meeting will consist of two meetings. This current meeting is a regular meeting of the ICANN Board with current Board Members. Once this meeting ends, we will move into the Annual Organizational Meeting of the ICANN Board, where the new Board Members will be seated. So, what you have before you, is the main agenda. Today, on November the 14th, 2024, we will commence our regular ICANN Board meeting in Istanbul. We have no consent agenda today. We have every item on the main agenda. So, I'd like to start before we embark into our agenda item, which the following ones are related to the New gTLD program. I would like to call for conflicts. So, will all Board Members who have conflicts come forward, please? Harald?

HARALD ALVESTRAND: Being employed by a company that is also a registry, I have recused myself from all discussions of the New gTLD program out of an abundance of caution.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, Harald. Edmon?

EDMON CHUNG: Edmon here. Similarly, for the abundance of caution, because my employer is a contracted party, I have recused myself from a discussion about the New gTLD program and will also recuse from discussion here.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, Edmon. Jim?

JAMES GALVIN: This is James Galvin. Out of an abundance of caution, I have recused myself from all discussions and decisions related to the New gTLD program.

TRIPTI SINHA: Chris Buckridge?

CHRIS BUCKRIDGE: This is Chris Buckridge. I have, until recently, been taking an active part in the discussions relating to the Next Round of New gTLDs, including as part of the Board caucus on the Next Round. However, I've recently contracted for an unrelated short-term project for an organization that also serves as a registry services provider. So, for the duration of that project, I'm recusing myself from Next Round discussions and will abstain from voting on any Next Round-related resolutions.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, Chris. I believe we've covered those who will be declaring conflicts, so let's move on to item number 1A on the agenda, and this is issues related to Contention Set Resolution for the New gTLD program the Next Round. The shepherd for this item is Becky Burr. Becky, I turn this over to you.

BECKY BURR: Thank you, very much. We have received recommendations from the GNSO Council and considered policy input from the Council itself and from others. And if you read through, okay, thank you. So, we are resolving that the Board directs the Interim President and her CEO or her designees to prohibit all forms of private resolution of Contention Sets in the Next Round, including prohibiting a formation of joint ventures among applicants after the submission of their application.

The Board finds that allowing joint ventures as previously approved in SubPro recommendation 20.6 is no longer in the best interest of the ICANN community or ICANN in accordance with Bylaws Annex A, Section 9A. And by this action, the Board confirms that it is no longer directing the Interim President and CEO to implement recommendation 20.6 as directed in Board Resolution 2023-03-1604.

The rationale of this resolution includes the Board's statement for why this recommendation is not in the best interest of the ICANN Community or ICANN Org, and the Board directs the Interim President and CEO or her designees to submit the Board's statement to the GNSO Council and coordinate with the GNSO Council a time to discuss the Board's statement.

Resolved, the Board directs the Interim President and CEO or her designees to implement during the Next Round the ascending clock second price auction methodology that was also used during the 2012 Round of the New gTLD. Before I hand it back to Tripti, I would just like to thank the GNSO Council for the work that they did with us. We found ourselves in a somewhat unusual position, and we were very lucky to be able to partner in such a constructive way with the GNSO Council. I'd also like to thank the GAC and the ALAC for their constructive interaction on this. Back to you, Tripti.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, Becky. Is there any discussion on this item? Any questions for Becky or comments? All right. I don't see any hands. Do I have a motion? Thank you, Leon. Do I have a second, please? Thank you, Danko. All those in favor, please say, aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA: Any nays? Any abstentions? Yes, Edmon.

EDMON CHUNG: Edmon Chung here will be abstaining as mentioned earlier.

TRIPTI SINHA: And Chris?

CHRIS BUCKRIDGE: Chris Buckridge abstained.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you. The motion passes. Thank you, very much, Becky. Let's move on to the next item. This is item 1B, Supplemental Recommendation on the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process. The shepherd is Alan Barrett. Alan?

ALAN BARRETT: Thank you, Tripti. The SubPro Final Report included many recommendations, and one of them was recommendation 24.3 on singulars and plurals. And in September 2023, the Board decided not to adopt that recommendation for reasons which are given in the scorecard at the time. Instead, the Board went back to the GNSO and asked them to discuss it and possibly provide a revised recommendation.

The GNSO then constituted a small team plus which discussed the recommendation and produced something now called Supplemental Recommendation 24.3, which is not the same as just Recommendation 24.3. That's now been approved by the GNSO and passed on to the Board. And so, now we are proposing to the Board that we should accept Supplemental Recommendation 24.3. I will read the resolved clauses.

Resolved. The Board extends its appreciation to the GNSO Council Small Team Plus, which has invested considerable time and resources to draft the supplemental recommendation. Resolved. The Board adopts Supplemental Recommendation 24.3 and directs the Interim President and CEO or her designees to implement Supplemental Recommendation 24.3. Resolved. The Board further directs the Interim President and CEO or her designees to publish a document that consolidates the Board actions on all outputs of the SubPro Final Report as detailed in the March 2023, September 2023, and October 2023 scorecards. The June, 2024 Supplemental Recommendation scorecards and Supplemental Recommendation 24.3 as detailed in this resolution.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, Alan. Is there any discussion, questions or comments for Alan? I don't see any hands. All right. Do I have a motion? Oh, Becky, go ahead.

BECKY BURR: Again, I think this is contained in the resolution, but this was another extraordinary situation, and I think it's worth a call out, a shout out to the small team and to the GNSO Council for a very constructive and productive engagement.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, Becky, and the Board supports Becky in that comment. Do I have a motion on the floor, please? Becky, thank you. Alan, second. All those in favor, please say, aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA: Any nays? Any abstentions? Edmon?

EDMON CHUNG: Edmon, here. I abstain for the reasons explained earlier.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you. Chris?

CHRIS BUCKRIDGE: I abstain.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, Chris. The motion passes. Thank you, Alan. Moving on to item 1C. This is a contract for upgrading the service level agreement monitoring system for the new generic top-level domains gTLD program. The Next Round, the shepherd is Danko. Danko?

DANKO JEVTOVIC: Thank you, Tripti. So, this system is a great. This system is One of the critical things that from the technical side that needs to be done to support the Next Round and putting the new TLDs into the root zone and this system currently for works at 90% of the capacity and budget for this is part of the Next Round budget. So, this proposal is coming from the Board Finance Committee and I will read the results.

So, first resolved. The Board authorizes ICANN Interim President and CEO or head designees to take all steps necessary to enter into and make disbursement in furtherance of a three-year contract with the identified SLA monitoring system provider in an amount not to exceed redacted because it's confidential negotiation information over the three-year period.

Resolved. Specified items within this resolution should remain confidential for negotiation purposes pursuant to article 3 section 3.5b of the ICANN bylaws until the Interim President and CEO determines that the confidential information may be released. Tripti?

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, Danko. Any discussion questions or comments for Danko? Make sure I haven't missed anyone. All right. I don't see any. Do I have a motion on the table? Danko, thank you. A second please? Sajid, thank you. All those in favor please say, aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA: Any nays? Any abstentions?

EDMON CHUNG: Edmon here, abstaining as explained before.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you.

CHRIS BUCKRIDGE: And Chris Buckridge, abstaining.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, and the motion passes. Moving on to item 1d. This is a contract with provider of support applicants review panel (SARP) for the Applicant Support Program ASP of the New Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLD) program Next Round. Again, Danko is the shepherd for this.

DANKO JEVTOVIC: Thank you, Tripti. So, this is again coming from the Board Finance Committee and the proposal because the amount is exceeding the policy for disbursement and it's a part of the Next Round. So, I will read the results.

Resolved. The Board authorizes the Interim President and CEO or head designees to enter into and make disbursement in furtherance of a contract with the selected provider of Support Applicant Review Panels for a term of 1.5 years in an amount not to exceed, again, reducted confidential negotiation reform. And the second. Resolved. Specified item within this resolution shall remain confidential for negotiation purposes pursuant to article 3 section 3.5b of the ICANN bylaws until the Interim President and CEO determines that the confidential information may be released. Tripti?

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, Danko. Any discussion questions or comments for Danko? I don't see any. Do you have a motion? Thank you, Sajid. The second please. Danko. All those in favor please say, aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA: Any nays? Any abstentions?

EDMON CHUNG: Edmon here. I will abstain. I'd also like to note that I do believe that the Applicant Support Program is a very important part of the New gTLD program. So, I think any progress towards its implementation is well received.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, for your abstention Edmon and supportive comment.

CHRIS BUCKRIDGE: I'll also abstain but echo Edmon's comment.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, Chris. The motion passes. All right. That brings us to the end of item number 1. Moving on to item number 2, which is the Approval of The Amended gTLD Stakeholder Group Charter. Any conflicts to declare on this item? None. All right the shepherd is Alan Barrett. Alan?

ALAN BARRETT: Thank you. So, the Board has a practice of approving charters for all the subgroups within the GNSO, and the registry stakeholder group recently revised their charter. It's been through a Public Comment Period. There were no comments against it, and the only comments received were supportive, and now I'm recommending that the Board should approve the charter.

So, the resolution reads, resolved. The ICANN Board approves the charter amendments of the gTLD Registry Stakeholder Group of The Generic Name Supporting Organization. Thanks.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, Alan. Any questions, comments or discussion on this? Yes, Edmon?

EDMON CHUNG: Edmon here. Sorry. I was slow to raise my hand earlier. So, I did want to declare that I am from the registry stakeholder group. However, after discussion, this does should not cause a conflict and therefore, I have continued to participate in the discussion and I will continue here.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you. Thank you, Edmon. Any other comments or questions or discussion? All right. Hearing none, do I have a motion on the floor please? Yes Becky. A second? A second, please. Chris Chapman. All those in favor please say, aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA: Any nays? Any abstention? The motion passes. Thank you, very much. Let's move on to item number 3. This is Security and Stability Advisory Committee. The (SSAC) Member Appointments. The shepherd is Jim Galvin. Jim? where's Jim?

JAMES GALVIN: Thank you, Tripti. Before reading the resolve clause, I would like to take an opportunity to thank the community on behalf of SSAC for your presentation of many new member opportunities for SSAC. Normally, this kind of item is on the consent agenda and we don't get to speak about it often, but SSAC has had quite an influx of applicants this year and we've taken on quite a few new members.

These two members do have a couple of interesting important skills that I wanted to call out for the community along with all the others that we've taken on this year. We have one George Osborne, who has significant expertise in alternate blockchain namespaces an area, which SSAC is paying particular attention to as we all care about alternate namespaces and their impact on our DNS technology, and Nabil Benamar, who brings to us significant expertise with internationalized domain names and certainly, SSAC could use more expertise in this area as we look forward to maintaining the security and stability of our DNS on behalf of the community at large.

So, thank you from SSAC and do hope that you continue to provide to us additional membership opportunities. We look forward to that and with that, resolved. The Board appoints George Osborne and Nabil Benamar to the SSAC for terms beginning immediately upon approval of the Board and ending on 31 December 2027. Thank you.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, Jim. Any questions or comments or discussion on this? Hearing none, can a voting Board member please put forward a motion. Thank you, Edmon. A second please? Thank you, Leon. All those in favor please say, aye.

BOARDMEMBERS: Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA: Any nays? Any abstentions? The motion passes. Thank you very much, Jim. All right, let's move on. Thank you. So, we will now take an opportunity to do some thank "yous" in this portion of the meeting. The Board has already had an opportunity to privately share our thoughts and thanks with outgoing Board members. We will miss members who are leaving and I'd like to start by thanking Katrina Sataki for her service to the ICANN Board.

Katrina was nominated by the Country Code Supporting Organization the ccNSO to serve as a member of the ICANN Board with the term starting on October 28, 2021. Katrina resigned from the Board on the 23rd of August 2024. She served as a liaison for the following Board committees, work groups and caucuses. The Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee. She was a chair for that committee. The Accountability Mechanisms Committee, The Audit, Technical, President and CEO Search Committees. The Anti-Harassment Working Group, GDPR, EPDP. The GAC Working Groups.

The Board Caucus on ccPDP3 Review mechanisms. She was the chair for that. The caucus on the CCWG Accountability Work Stream. The Caucus on Data Protection and Privacy on DNS Abuse. On the Third Accountability and Transparency Review Team. I will now read the Resolved. Katrina has earned the deep appreciation of the Board for her term of service and the Board wishes her well in future endeavors within the ICANN community and beyond. I'd like to now have someone move this motion. Thank you, Leon. A second please? Thank you, Patricio. Thank you, Patricio. All those in favor please say, aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA: And this is done by acclamation. So, thank you very much. We'd like to now say thank you to Harald, who's at the end of the table there for his service to the ICANN Board. Harald Alvestrand was appointed by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) to serve as a liaison to the ICANN Board on the 25th of October, 2018. Harald concludes his term on the ICANN Board on the 14th of November, 2024. Harald served as a liaison member of the following Board Committees, Working Groups and Caucuses. The Risk Committee. He was a chair for that committee. The Finance Committee, Technical Committee, in The International Domain Names Universal Acceptance (IDN-UA) Working Group.

Resolved. Harald has entered the deep appreciation of the Board for his term of service and the Board wishes him well in his future endeavors within the ICANN community and beyond. Do I have a motion on the floor please? Thank you, Becky. A second? Thank you, Maarten and with acclamation, thank you. Thank you, again Harald.

Now, we'd like to thank Edmon for his service. Edmon Chung, for his service to the ICANN Board. Edmon Chung was nominated by the Nominating Committee to serve as a member of the ICANN Board with a term starting on the 28th of October, 2021. Edmon concludes his term on the ICANN Board on the 14th of November, 2024. Edmon served as a member of the following Board Committees, Working Groups and Caucuses. The Accountability Mechanisms Committee, The Finance Committee, Governance, (OEC) Organizational Effectiveness, Strategic Planning Committee, Technical Committee, Internationalized Domain Names Universal -Acceptance Working Group, for which he was also the chair. Anti-Harassment Working Group, the GAC Working Group, Internet Governance, the Caucus on Auction Proceeds, now called the ICANN Grant Program.

The Caucus on ccPDP3 Review Mechanisms, the caucus on CCWG Accountability Work Stream (WS2) on the (CCT) Competition Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review. The Caucus on Data Protection and Privacy. On DNS Abuse. On the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (SubPro).

Resolved. Edmon, has earned the deep appreciation of the Board for his term of service and the Board wishes him well in his future endeavors within the ICANN community and beyond. Do I have a motion please? Yes, Becky. Thank you. Alan a second. With acclamation, we move this motion. Thank you, again Edmon.

Now, moving on to Danko Jevtovic for his service to the ICANN Board. Danko Jevtovic, was nominated by the nominating committee to serve as a member of the ICANN Board with a term starting on the 25th of October, 2018. Danko concludes his term on the ICANN Board on the 14th of November, 2024.

Danko, served as a member of the following Board Committees Working Groups and Caucuses. Finance Committee – Chair, Audit, Compensation, Executive, Governance, Organizational Effectiveness Committee, Risk Strategic Planning, Ombud Search Committee – Chair, Anti-Harassment Working Group, The Internationalized Domain Names-Universal Acceptance Working Group.

The Internet Governance Working Group, Strategic Planning, The Caucus and Auction Proceeds, now Called the ICANN Grant Program and the chair for that group. The Caucus on Budget and Prioritization of Community Recommendations, the Caucus on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process and the Caucus on Second Security Stability and Resiliency (SSR2) and he was also served as the vice chair of the Board.

Danko, earned the deep appreciation of the Board for his term of service and the Board wishes him well in his future endeavors within the ICANN community and beyond. Do I have a motion on the floor please? Thank you, Sajid. Second? Katherine. With acclamation, let's move this motion.

Danko, I'd like to say a few words. We really appreciate you coming into the board's leadership position and in particular he was a partner to me and when we both came into these leadership positions, we were colleagues on the Board, had never really quite worked together and it ended up being an amazing partnership. So, thank you for your dedication your time. So, once again with acclamation to all our three

Board colleagues. And now I'd like to turn the floor over to our colleagues to say a few words to everyone in the room. Harald?

HARALD ALVESTRAND: It's been a while. I first joined this Board in 2007. So, a few years ago seeing this through many faces this time, I came back in 2018. You can't say I didn't know what I was coming to, but the details don't matter that much, what matters is the internet. The internet is a unique resource for connecting people, sharing information, and we who believe in the internet, believe that this is a good thing.

The ICANN community has many differing opinions, many disagreements, many conflicts, but we are all here because we believe this one thing, that having the internet, the internet that connects everyone, the good the bad and ugly, that having this resource available to humanity is a good thing and I've seen a dedication that goes into getting there, solving the disagreements by communication and we all stand behind this purpose. We won't break the internet. Thank you, for being allowed to serve.

TRIPTI SINHA: Now, I invite Edmon to say a few words.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you, and I would like to start by thank you all my fellow Board members for the patience with my many energetic interventions. I definitely want shout out to the Board Ops team especially Lisa, Franco and Aaron, to make sure that I to wake me up in the middle of the night to participate in the meetings as well as make sure that I'm following the reports and all that.

It's very important to me and I wanted to note that I personally had a really good time. I enjoyed the conversation on the Board and because I believe we are contributing to something important as Harold has mentioned, but I want to highlight a couple of things that to me was important. Earlier this morning, Manju talked about time zone and I'm one of the ones that receiving the 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. meetings. To me though, I have to say, I do agree with Manju by the way, but to me it was strategically very well because all those time does not interfere with my daytime job when I'm sitting there in Hong Kong.

So, it worked perfectly for me and I think my Board colleagues would attest to that. I do wake up for the calls as you can see the many committees and working groups that I work on. But more importantly, first, the Manju's point is still valid because this is not sustainable. So, don't get me wrong. But I think it is because to me especially is very meaningful. I have been participating at ICANN for 25 years. I started participating and bringing in the IDN movement which I call to ICANN in 1999 and serving on the Board, is important not only because of that but ICANN to me is a little bit of an oasis.

As my part, I want to tell my Board members, colleagues that there are many places in this world where political repression causes very much difficulty in participating in Public Policy and ICANN is an oasis for me and this is also an important part of ICANN and this global multi-stakeholder model that we believe and love. So, I think those are as important a component of the things that we do. As a final note though, I hope, I really hope to have the opportunity to rejoin this Board sometime in the future. Thank you.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, Edmon and now I invite Danko, to say some words.

DANKO JEVTOVIC: Thank you, Tripti. So, I couldn't do any better from Harald's wisdom and internet and I don't like too much pre-scripted speeches. So, I will just say a few words. So, for me personally coming out to a rather small developing country here to the ICANN Board in this community was extraordinary personal journey of learning and growth and I have to say, I enjoyed that tremendously and I will for sure stay in a way connected to this community.

I was a tech entrepreneur, then a manager, but I ended up here in the governance. I was focused primarily on the trying to improve the working of the whole organization. Our triad and internal workings of the Board and I'm very proud and I'm humbled by being accepted fully in this Board and being Tripti's vice chair to help also in their leadership processes. I want to thank the Board for giving me that opportunity but most of all I want to thank this community that accepted me and I think this community is a wonderful thing.

Also, I'd like to thank staff that we had all the time fantastic support and especially Board Ops that made the Board members feel really privileged and special. Thank you, all and for the future, I think we'll do fine.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, Danko, Edmon and Harald. All right, moving on to other words of appreciation. The Board wishes to extend its thanks to Dr. Omer Fatih Sayan, the Deputy Minister of The Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure. Mr. Omer Abdullah Karagozoglu, the president of Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA) and their teams for their great support. Do I have a motion please? Yes, Leon and a second from Becky and let's approve this with acclamation.

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Thank you. The Board expresses its deep appreciation to the scribes, interpreters, audiovisual team, technical teams and the entire ICANN staff for their efforts in facilitating the smooth operation of the meeting. The Board would like to thank the management and staff of the Istanbul Congress Center, Magic Box Productions, Studio Cozzy and Universal Travel Services for providing a wonderful facility and support for this event. The Board extends its thanks to the Hilton Istanbul Bosphorus, Grand Hyatt Istanbul, Intercontinental Istanbul and Divan Istanbul Hotels.

Do I have a motion please? Thank you, Danko. A second please. Thank you, Edmon. With acclamation let's move this as well. With this next resolution we formally recognize by resolution all the community members that were celebrated in the community recognition program that we just held before this meeting. I will not reread the entirety of the resolutions but will ask for the Board to move and second this group of recommendations. All in favor, let's approve this by acclamation. Thank you, anyone. Is there any other business that anyone would like to discuss?

ALAN BARRETT: Motion to adjourn?

TRIPTI SINHA: All right. Yeah, do I have a motion to adjourn, please? Thank you, Danko and a second. A second to adjourn. Oh Edmon. All right. Sally, would like to adjourn this meeting. All right. All those in favor please. So, this meeting is now closed. With that I request the departing Board members to leave the stage and I invite our new Board members to come onto the stage and find a seat. Thank you.

I'd like to call this meeting to order on the 14th of November, 2024. I'd like to start by inviting David, Miriam, and Amitabh to the Board. So, let's start by taking roll call and we'll start with Sally again. Thank you.

SALLY COSTERTON: Sally Costerton, ICANN Org Interim President, present.

PATRICIO POBLETE: Patricio Poblete, present.

WES HARDAKER: Wes Hardaker, still present.

NICO CABALLERO: Nico Caballero, present.

ALAN BARRETT: Alan Barrett, present.

CHRISTIAN KAUFMANN: Christian Kaufmann, present.

LEON SANCHEZ: Leon Sanchez, present.

BECKY BURR: Becky Burr.

CHRIS CHAPMAN: Chris Chapman, present.

TRIPTI SINHA: Tripti Sinha, present.

CATHERINE ADEYA: Catherine Adeya, present.

SARAH DEUTSCH: Sarah Deutsch, present.

CHRIS BUCKRIDGE: Chris Buckridge, present.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Maarten Botterman, present.

SAJID RAHMAN: Sajid Rahman, present.

JAMES GALVIN: James Galvin, present.

MIRIAM SAPIRO: Miriam Sapiro, present.

AMITABH SINGHAL: Amitabh Singhal, present.

DAVID LAWRENCE: David Lawrence.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you. Board Secretary, do we have a quorum?

BOARD SECRETARY: Yes, I confirmed quorum of the new Board.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, everyone. So, this is the new composition of the Board and again we welcome David Lawrence, Miriam Sapiro, and Amitabh Singhal to their first meeting as ICANN Board members. So, the organizational meeting is where the Board takes care of our annual organizational activities. It is the first formal meeting of the Board for the next term and we will take actions including electing the leadership of the Board for this new term comprising the different committees of the Board and appointing ICANN's officers.

So, let's move on to the first agenda item, which is 1A. And this is the election of the ICANN Board chair. The shepherd for this is Chris Chapman. So, as we turn to the first resolution on the selection of Board leadership, I will ask Chris to present the first motion. Chris?

CHRIS CHAPMAN: Thank you, Tripti. The first motion. Resolved, that Tripti Sinha is elected as the chair of the Board. I call for a mover? Becky. Seconder? Sajid. And let's pass that by acclamation. It's not on my script, but it would be remiss of me if I didn't nombre on behalf of the Board, and I'm sure on behalf of the community, just acknowledge the extraordinary and quite extraordinary contribution of Tripti over the last year and for all intents and purposes over the last two years.

Tripti, it's both noticed, acknowledged, appreciated. You've done an extraordinary job as chair. And we just wanted to take this moment to congratulate you, appreciate you and say, thank you.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, Chris, and thank you, my colleagues, and for entrusting me again with this role. I'd like to now move on to item 1B, which is the election of the ICANN Board vice chair. So, resolved. Chris Chapman, is elected as vice chair of the Board. Do I have a motion, please, on the floor? Chris Buckridge. Maarten as a second. Let's approve this via acclamation. Again, congratulations, Chris, on behalf of the Board.

Let's move on to the Appointment of The Membership and Leadership of Board Committees. The shepherd will be Becky Burr. I'm going to turn this over to Becky now. Becky.

BECKY BURR: Thank you, Tripti. The Board Committee Membership and Leadership Slating Process is an annual process that the Board undertakes to make sure the committees are properly comprised and we have identified chairs. The Board Governance Committee shepherds this process, working with the Board to develop the slate. I'll now read the BGC's recommendations. For the Accountability Mechanisms Committees, the recommended members are, Leon Sanchez (chair), Chris Buckridge, Becky Burr, Sarah Deutsch, Patricio Poblete, and Amitabh Singhal. For the Audit Committee, the members are Catherine Adeya (chair), Maarten Botterman, Christian Kaufmann, Patricio Poblete, and Leon Sanchez. The Compensation Committee, recommendations are Tripti Sinha (chair), Becky Burr, Chris Chapman and Sajid Rahman.

The Executive Committee, recommendations are Tripti Sinha (chair), Chris Chapman, Sally Costerton through 23:59, UTC 8 December, 2024. And Erik Kurtis Lindqvist beginning 00:00 UTC 9 December, 2024 and Becky Burr. The Finance Committee for chair, Sajid Rahman, Alan Barrett, Maarten Botterman, Becky Burr, Amitabh Singhal, and Tripti Sinha.

The Governance Committee, Becky Burr (chair), Catherine Adeya, Sarah Deutsch, James Galvin, Christian Kaufmann, Sajid Rahman, and Miriam Sapiro. The Organizational Effectiveness committee, Alan Barrett (chair), Chris Buckridge, James Galvin, Amitabh Singhal. The Risk Committee, Wes Hardaker (chair), Alan Barrett, Chris Buckridge, Becky Burr, James Galvin, David Lawrence, and Patricio Poblete.

The Strategic Planning Committee, co-chairs Maarten Botterman and Chris Chapman, Alan Barrett, Becky Burr, James Galvin, Wes Hardaker, Amitabh Singhal. The Technical Committee, Christian Kaufman (chair), Alan Barrett, Chris Buckridge, Nico Caballero, James Galvin, Wes

Hardaker, and David Lawrence. Oh, it's on the next page. I'm sorry, and Patricio Poblete. Thank you. Again. Back to you, Tripti.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, Becky. So, do we have someone who will move this motion, please? Thank you, Chris. Christian Kaufman seconds it. All those in favor, please say, aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA: Any nays? Any abstentions? So, the committees have been slated. Thank you, everyone. So, another annual action that the Board takes at its organizational meeting is to elect the officers of the organization. The ICANN officers that are proposed for re-election are; resolved Sally Costerton, is elected as an officer in her role as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) through 23:59 UTC on the 8th of December, 2024.

Resolved. Kurt Erik “Kurtis” Lindqvist is elected as President and CEO effective 00:00 UTC on 9th December, 2024. Resolved. John Jeffrey is elected as General Counsel and Secretary. Resolved. Xavier Calvez is elected as Senior Vice President Planning and Chief Financial Officer. Resolved. Theresa Swinehart is elected as Senior Vice President Global Domains and Strategy.

Resolved. For all Board resolutions in which the Board directed the Interim President and CEO or her designees to take action but the action has not been taken as of 00:00 UTC on 9th December, 2024. That Board direct direction is transferred to the new president and CEO or his designee effective 00:00 UTC on 9th December, 2024. Can somebody please move this slate of officers please? Leon? And a second please? Amitabh all those in favor please say, aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA: Any nays? Any abstentions? The slate of officers is approved. Thank you, everyone. We now turn to our Annual Requirement where we come together in our role as a sole member of Public Technical Identifiers. The ICANN controlled entity set up to perform the IANA functions under ICANN's mandate. I'll turn to Sally to introduce those items. Sally?

SALLY COSTERTON: Thank you, Tripti. ICANN is now in its eighth year of meeting its bylaws obligations in maintaining PTI as the home of the IANA functions. PTI is a wholly owned subsidiary of ICANN and accordingly, since PTI is set up with a single member organizational structure. ICANN as that sole member has a number of governance measures that are affirmed annually during this meeting in a transparent manner and in observance of all the governance responsibilities that ICANN has under both the ICANN and the PTI bylaws.

The annual meeting is just one part of our responsibility. We also do many other regular items including receiving reports from the customer standing committee and the IANA Naming Function Review and Approving funding through the IANA budget. The PTI bylaws specify that Kim Davis, the PTI president shall join us at this annual meeting of the member.

Kim, can I invite you to join us on stage please. Thank you, Kim. ICANN as the sole member of PTI now takes the following steps to meet its bylaws obligations and I offer to the Board the following set of resolutions. Okay, and we have the resolutions on screen. Okay. The Annual Meeting of the member and the Election of PTI President. I will now turn back to Tripti for the Board's voting on these resolutions.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you. Do I have a motion? Will someone move the motion please? Miriam, thank you. A second please? Christian Kaufman. All those in favor please say, aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA: Any nays? Any abstentions? The motion passes. Thank you, Sally. This brings us to the end of the main agenda. Is there any other business? Nothing? I think everyone's just looking forward to concluding this. So, that concludes our agenda for the organizational meeting. So, hearing none, I would like a motion on the table to adjourn the first meeting of the new year. Christian. A second please? A second. We can't adjourn. Okay, Becky with acclamation, let's adjourn this meeting. This meeting is officially adjourned. Thank you, everyone.

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