LOS ANGELES – ICANN Board of Directors' Meeting
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STEVE CROCKER: So with that, I call to order the ICANN board of Directors for a formal board meeting here in Los Angeles on 16 October 2014.

We actually will have two board meetings; this one, which will be the primary one. We'll follow it with a brief organizational meeting of the newly constituted Board as we go through the transition that we always do in our annual general meeting.

The first item on our agenda is a consent agenda that consists of several items. Cherine, will you take us through this? And -- the consent agenda. Yes?

CHERINE CHALABY: Yes.

STEVE CROCKER: Good.

CHERINE CHALABY: I move.

STEVE CROCKER: I'm sorry?

You get to move and read them off.

We practice all this, too, actually.

We've got to practice more.

CHERINE CHALABY: Thank you, Steve.

I'd like to move the consent agenda. The topics on the consent agenda are: 1a, the approval of minutes of 9th of September 2014, board meeting; 1b, the redelegation of .MK ccTLD and delegation of the .MK domain representing the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia; and 1c, the delegation of .GE domain representing Georgia; as well as 1d, extension of .1A Netherland, Antilles ccTLD removal date; 1e, Registrars Stakeholder Group charter amendments.; 1f, thank you to the community members recognized prior to start of public board meeting; 1g, thank you to sponsors of ICANN 51 meeting; and 1h, thank you to interpreters, staff, event, and hotel teams of ICANN 51 meeting.

STEVE CROCKER: Yeah. Why you -- So Bruce has seconded. I too need a little practice. We're going to interrupt and do a quick roll call here.

From my far left.

Ray.

RAY PLZAK: Ray Plzak.

GONZALO NAVARRO: Gonzalo Navarro.

GEORGE SADOWSKY: George Sadowsky.

HEATHER DRYDEN: Heather Dryden.

JONNE SOININEN: Jonne Soininen.

CHERINE CHALABY: Cherine Chalaby.

BRUCE TONKIN: Bruce Tonkin.

STEVE CROCKER: Steve Crocker.

FADI CHEHADE: Fadi Chehade.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Sebastien Bachollet.

RAM MOHAN: Ram Mohan.

KUO-WEI WU: Kuo-Wei Wu.

ERIKA MANN: Erika Mann.

BILL GRAHAM: Bill Graham.

SUZANNE WOOLF: Suzanne Woolf.

CHRIS DISSPAIN: Chris Disspain.

MIKE SILBER: Mike Silber.

WOLFGANG KLEINWAECHTER: Wolfgang Kleinwaechter.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you.

                        So we're in the middle of the consent agenda. It's been moved and seconded. All in favor, say aye, please.

MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

STEVE CROCKER: Any -- Thank you. Any votes against?

                        Any noes?

                        Any abstentions? Thank you. The consent agenda has passed.

                        Which brings us to the main agenda which consists of first a series of the formal thank yous for the people that you've just read off, but this now is the putting into the record.

                        Bruce, let me call on you for the thank yous for the Nominating Committee.

BRUCE TONKIN: Thank you, Steve.

I'd first like to call out that the leadership of the 2014 Nominating Committee being Cheryl Langdon-Orr as chair, Stephane Van Gelder as chair elect, and Yrjo Lansipuro as associate chair. And also thank all the members of that committee for their work, and particularly thank the leadership of that committee in responding in fairly short notice to a recent change on the Board in appointing Wolfgang today.

So, Steve, I propose that the Board thank the leadership and members of the Nominating Committee.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you. And I agree. I second it.

Any discussion?

All in favor, say aye.

MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

STEVE CROCKER: Any against?

Any abstentions?

Thank you. That passes.

And we move on to item 2b, introduction of two-character domain names in the new gTLD space.

Cherine?

CHERINE CHALABY: I'd like to move it, and I'd like to introduce the resolution.

There are six whereas clauses, so instead of reading them all, I'm going to try to summarize and then read only one of them and the resolved itself.

So over the last six months, registry operators representing about 207 new gTLDs have submitted requests pursuant to the registry service evaluation policy, the RSEP, requesting the release of various combination of two-character domain names, including the number number, the letter letter, and the letter number combinations. And amendments to the Applicant Registry Agreement to implement the request have been put subject to public comments.

Also today we've received GAC advice on this issue, so one of the whereas clauses, I'm going to read it for you.

Whereas, in the GAC Los Angeles communique of 15th of October, the GAC noted that it was not in a position to offer consensus advice on the use of two-character second-level domain names in new gTLD operations, including those

combinations of letters that are also on the ISO 3166-1 alpha 2 list. The GAC also noted that in considering these RSEP requests and consistent with the Applicant Guidebook, the GAC considers that the public comment period is an important transparency mechanism, and in addition, asks that relevant governments be alerted by ICANN about these requests as they arise.

I will now read the resolved which we'll ask the Board to approve.

The proposed resolved. The proposed registry service for the release of two-character domains in the gTLD namespace does not create a reasonable risk of a meaningful adverse effect on security and stability, and the Board authorizes the President and CEO or his designees to develop and implement an efficient procedure for the release of two-character domains currently required to be reserved in the new gTLD Registry Agreement, taking into account the GAC's advice in the Los Angeles communique.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you. Yes. All right. Bruce has seconded.

CHRIS DISSPAIN: I'll second it, Steve.

STEVE CROCKER: Chris has seconded. Any discussion?

All in favor? Say aye.

MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

STEVE CROCKER: Any opposed?

Any abstentions?

Thank you. The motion passes.

[Applause]

That's item -- Good.

We move to item 2c, the ICANN strategic plan for fiscal years 2016 to 2020.

Sebastien.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I would like to move the resolution who reads like that. I will read the whereas clause because I think it's important because it recognize the work done by the community.

Whereas, ICANN strategic plan for fiscal year 2016-2020 is a result of an extensive collaborative bottom-up multistakeholder and

multilingual process beginning April 2013 online and at the ICANN meeting in Beijing.

Whereas, the strategic plan provide a new ICANN vision, reiterates ICANN's existing mission and describes five strategic objectives each with strategic goals, key success factors, and strategic risks. Whereas, to compliment the strategic plan, a five-year operating plan provides for each strategic objective and goal, portfolios of ICANN activities, key operational success factors, operational risks, key performance indicators, key dependencies, and phasing over five years at the goal level and together plans will serve as a foundation for the annual operating plans and budgets.

Resolved, that the ICANN strategic plan for fiscal years 2016-2020 is adopted and ICANN's president and CEO is directed to take actions necessary to publish and execute the plan.

That's the resolution. And I just would like to underline that it is the first time ever that ICANN have a strategic plan for five years and that it's linked with operating plan for five years and it will be linked, of course, with the budget each year. I think it is a very good improvement for ICANN and the conduct and the operation of ICANN. That's the motion. Thank you.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you, Sebastien. Do we have a second? Ray. Thank you very much.

Any discussion? I'll offer a point which I basically want to echo exactly what Sebastien has said. This is a significant improvement and modification of what we've done in the past, a five-year strategic plan and all of the interactions and pieces of that.

I want to compliment Fadi Chehade and the very, very strong staff that has contributed and put the pieces of this together along with community input.   This is a significant evolution and maturation in our process and will live on long after this particular event. So I want to congratulate you, and thank you for that.

FADI CHEHADE: Steve?

STEVE CROCKER: Yep.

FADI CHEHADE: Thank you, Steve. Thank you, Sebastien. I would just like to note those listening to the board discussion that I've developed many, many, many strategic plans. I've never seen, ever, a strategic plan built bottom-up. I don't think even our governments do bottom-up strategic plans.   This took all this time because unlike any strategic plan process where it's mostly top-down, where people

set the direction and say this is our vision and mission, and that's how we are going to get it done, this was all developed bottom-up. And that makes it a very powerful instrument, and it actually validates who we are as a community.

So I want to thank, frankly, the community, the community in the middle of a very busy 17 months helped us build this plan. This plan is a testament to who we are. And now it is our job to make it a living plan, not just a piece of paper by building all the pieces on it, and let's do it together.

There will be no inclination by staff to go build an operating plan or a yearly plan on our own now that we have your strategic plan. Quite the opposite. We will build every piece on top of this piece together. So please stay involved. Please guide us. Please help us, so we can make this a living plan. Thank you.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you, Fadi. Any other comments? Discussion?

Thank you. I call for the vote. All those in favor say aye.

[Chorus of Ayes.]

Any opposed?

[No verbal response.]

Any abstentions?

[No verbal response.]

Thank you very much. We now have a strategic plan and are in business.

[Applause]

We now come to a bittersweet part of the -- not yet? What happened here?

CHRIS DISSPAIN: Not yet. 2d.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you. I'm always the last to know here. Bruce?

BRUCE TONKIN: Thank you, Steve.

I just want to sort of set a preface here in that firstly the board acknowledges that the community is acting quickly to convene a cross-community working group on enhancing ICANN accountability. One of the questions that the board has received over the past week or so is they're wanting some certainty for what the board will do when it gets the output of that cross-community working group. And before I run through the procedure that we've developed -- and that procedure is based on what's in the bylaws for taking policy recommendations from the

ccNSO and GNSO, it is a bit of the blend of the two. But before going into that procedure, I want to make it clear that as far as the board is concerned, we think it is highly unlikely that this procedure will ever be invoked.

And that is because the board members are members of the community and will be working through their respective parts of the community on this topic and the board will also have a liaison in the cross-community working group and any issues that might get identified in that process, we expect would be identified early and incorporated in the report that we get from that cross-community working group.

But just as Steve DelBianco has said before, we've got to do scenario planning. So this is the scenario -- the worst-case scenario and we just wanted to provide certainty on how we would handle that worst-case scenario in that there is something that comes to the board.

So it is resolved that the board commits to following the following principles when considering the cross-community working group recommendations on enhancing ICANN accountability and governance.

These principles apply to consensus-based recommendations from the cross-community working group on enhancing ICANN accountability and governance.

If the board believes it is not in the global public interest to implement a recommendation from the working group, it must initiate a dialogue with the working group. A determination that is not in the global public interest to implement a recommendation requires a 2/3 majority of the board.

The board must provide detailed rationale to accompany the initiation of the dialogue. And the board will agree with the working group on the method which might be teleconference, email or otherwise, by which that dialogue will occur. The discussions will be held in good faith and in a timely and efficient manner to find a mutually acceptable solution.

The working group will have an opportunity to address the board's concerns and report back to the board on further deliberations concerning -- regarding the board's concerns.

The working group shall discuss the board's concerns within 30 days of the board's initiation of the dialogue. If a recommendation is modified through the working group, it is returned back to the board for further consideration. The working group is to provide detailed rationale on how the modification addresses the concerns raised by the board.

If, after modification, the board still believes the working group is not in the global public interest, the board will send the item back to the working group for further consideration. Again, this would require a 2/3 vote of the board to do that.

And, again, a detailed rationale for the board's decision is required.

Key point, in the event the board determines not to accept a modification, the board is not entitled to set its own solution on the issue until such time as the working group and the board reach agreement. So that is the process.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you very much. Do we have a second?

CHRIS DISSPAIN: Yeah, I'll second it, Steve. It's Chris.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you. Any further discussion? I will comment that we take as we've said many times, we take these efforts from the community extremely seriously. We're looking for success. We're looking for substance. We're looking for solid engagement. This is a cooperative venture. There is not -- at the heart, there is not really any fundamental tension. And so I know that there's always concern about what happens if and so forth. But the expectation is that this works and should work reasonably smoothly. And that where there's difference of opinion, that's an opportunity for sharing views and for working it out as opposed to simple tussles over turf.

So with that, let me call for the vote. Go ahead. All those in favor.

[Chorus of Ayes.]

Any opposed?

[No verbal response.]

Any abstentions?

[No verbal response.]

Thank you.

BRUCE TONKIN: Thank you, Steve. And thank you for passing it.

[Applause]

One other question we've received this week is regarding how we would handle the output from the IANA transition coordination group. What we will do now that we passed this resolution, is we will then send this proposed approach to that coordination group for their consideration. And hopefully we'll be able to come up with a similar mechanism to, again, provide certainty in how we will be handling that.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you very much. And now we come to the part that I was saying is the bittersweet portion of thanking departing members and recognizing their contribution.

We have a series of separate resolutions, but we will treat them as a package here together. We thank you to Olga Madruga-Forti for her service on the board. Thank you to Sebastien Bachollet for his service on the ICANN board. Thank you to Bill Graham for his service on the board. And to Heather Dryden for her service on the board.

Let me -- Olga is unfortunately not here at the moment. But let me call upon the others in order and ask them to offer whatever thoughts that they have. And I'd like to present them with a small token of our appreciation.

Sebastien.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you.

I learned this morning that we were able to have a song. You will have a video if it is working without song.

It will be better to have -- okay. Okay. I will start by -- I guess you have a video because it was sent. Okay, thank you. It's coming.

I will speak in French.

Thank you. What I tried to do -- what I have been trying to do since 2001, since I've been participating in ICANN meetings is to get together or collect some photographs. I started in the business constituency, and you see people that you know in the presentation.

I don't have plenty of time. I have been assigned two minutes, and I have speaking for two minutes and a half by now.

However, this video makes it possible for me to highlight the work of people that I know. For instance, this is the first ATLAS meeting. We can see images of the different meetings and the different people with whom I have been able to share experiences.

And I will continue being part of the strategic meeting -- strategy working group. I hope that the board will reach a decision in order to implement this new strategy for the meetings.

As you can see, I toured the United States with Eric. I was honored to host Fadi in Paris on several meetings. I collect elephants. I have more than 500 at home.

And I also have plenty of friends in this community. And, of course, if I may, please, my apologies because I was not able to find photographs of all of you. It is very hard to prepare this kind of video and include everyone. But what I tried to do was to give

you an idea, a view, a picture of these 14 years I have spent at ICANN. So please continue enjoying these images.

And I will now switch back to English for the substance of my message. And then I will speak in Spanish.

--- my idea and concern about ICANN. Consensus, need to be a behavior from the bottom to the top of the organization.

Diversity, current participants to the issues need to work on better consideration, real diversity regarding the people, the organization and it must include also the diversity in the -- in the new gTLD, in the gTLD world. More communities need to be acquainted within ICANN. Thank you for video, and I'm sorry that there was no music.

I will switch to Spanish for the two other ideas.

The single culture is something we have to be aware of. The domination of the English language is an issue in terms of participation engagement and decision-making because English speakers have the power. So here, if I speak a language which is not my mother language, the point I am trying to make is that English speakers have to make the effort, have to strive to be in somebody else's shoes, to be in the non-English speaker's shoes, to help that participate contribute and make decisions together.

In terms of tolerance, even if you don't reach an agreement or do not agree, please try to focus on ideas that can be approved. Thank you very much.

I will now speak in French. I believe that one of the questions we need to ask ourselves is the following: Do I give others an opportunity to participate, to engage? And there's a very well-known motto in France at the moment. We say now to the accumulation of mandates. I think it's important that we all have a single space within the organization, only one in the organization, so that there's room for others.

And finally, I would like us to realize that this organization is unique, that we have to treat it as such, as an organization that we all need and hence, the unity of all participants in ICANN endeavors is something fundamental.

And finally "merci beaucoup."

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER: I need a roving mic for that, I don't have here. I'll do this sitting down. But it's hard to -- it's hard to describe the -- the impact that Sebastien has had.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Sorry.

STEVE CROCKER: Where was I?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: My family here.

STEVE CROCKER: Where was I? No, Sebastien -- Sebastien is a rare combination. One of the things that's most evident, of course, is that he is all heart, that he is -- and he's all in. He's there all the time. Very, very -- there may be some humor there, but this is quite serious -- that he is totally engaged and deeply concerned and conscientious.   Another element which is not as immediately evident but quickly becomes evident for anybody who works with him is he is very, very thorough, does a lot of work understanding the details, and is very broad and very intelligent. He's got an enormous amount of experience. He can dissect the budget, he can dissect any set of proposed regulations or rules that we might come up with, and is quick to understand the consequences and help connect the dots.

Yet a different facet of this remarkable man is -- and this is quite personal -- he's taken me on as a problem case. He is facile with many languages, I am not. He has been very, very quick to be at my side, to be supportive in every situation that he could be helpful that I might need a little guidance. And he's done that all quite selflessly. It's been remarkable.

I smile to match, as best I can, his constant smile whenever I see him. He is a true friend. It comes naturally to him. And it has been a singular honor and thrill on my part to have that experience and to work with him. So I thank you very much, and I -- I know that it is somewhat painful to separate from this particular body, but what I will use the limited amount of French I have to say "au revoir," instead of goodbye so that I know that we will see each other again.

[APPLAUSE]

CHERINE CHALABY: I would also like to add a few words. First I want to echo everything Steve said. And I want to thank you, Sebastien, for the time we worked together on the board. You certainly stand out differently from all the other board members, in a positive way, and you're one person who I feel has a great knowledge about this institution, about the community. You're never afraid of expressing your views. Your heart is absolutely in the right place. And I've always noticed how you are a champion of the end users all the time. You are conscious about them. You care about the end users, and this is actually what we're here about, is to serve the end users. So I want to thank you for this passion that you had for them, and I wish you all the best for your next career and time. Thank you.

FADI CHEHADE: Have you tried to have a good salsa without heat in it? The board without Sebastien will be missing some spices. He's truly the spice of this board. And I think we're going to have to make up that somehow. But he always added that spice. When all of us thought we got it perfectly, we realized that his input was always different. So that is a diversity we're going to miss. But hopefully what he taught us, taught me over the last two years, will stay with us, and some of that spice will stay with us. Thank you.

STEVE CROCKER: On behalf of the board, a small token of our appreciation, a small memento to gather dust on your mantel and think of us. Take care.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much.

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER: We now come to Bill Graham. Another outstanding and uncommon person who has joined us and served in a very broad capacity, brought the perspective of having worked in government and having worked outside the government in -- from the other side of that peculiar window, if you will.

Bill, would you like to say anything?

BILL GRAHAM: Thanks, Steve. Yes, I certainly would. First off, it's been a great pleasure serving on this board. It's also been a learning experience in ways that I never would have imagined. It's been an honor to serve during this critical period for ICANN, and I'm very happy to have been able to make a contribution. So I don't think I'll take time to make a long speech about my thoughts on leaving the board. I'd be very happy to sit down and have a drink with anybody who wants to explore that in more depth. For now I'd just like to thank very much all my colleagues on the board. I'd like to thank the non-contracted parties for electing me to the board three years ago. I'd like to thank the ICANN staff for their tremendous support. I'd like to thank the community for their work and for their support to this board. And finally, I'd really like to thank my many, many friends in this community. Like Steve, I wouldn't want to say -- say good-bye, but I would like to say "until the next time." Thank you.

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER: You, too, get saddled with a memento of our existence, our appreciation. And it's just been an absolute pleasure.

BILL GRAHAM: Thank you very much.

STEVE CROCKER: Take care.

BILL GRAHAM: Thank you very much.

                    [Applause]

STEVE CROCKER: Which brings us to Heather Dryden, who has had one of the most difficult jobs known in existence, which is to -- herding cats is easy compared to managing representatives from governments all around the world who are used to not working with each other.

                    I can't be happier that I can see Heather smile and laugh after the kinds of difficult weeks that she's put in time and time again. And I've had the opportunity to observe her and listen to her and occasionally try to offer some advice. But she's navigated some very, very difficult passages.

                    And I think that, although I can't say whether or not every member of the GAC would share this view at this time, I think the process has been truly one of maturation and considerable change within the GAC.

                    So, Heather, on behalf of the board for sure; on behalf of the GAC, I hope; and certainly on behalf of the entire ICANN community, thank you very much for extraordinary service and appreciation. And you will do many great things as you go forward.

[Applause]

Yes, the same for you.

HEATHER DRYDEN: Thank you for those kind words, Steve. My colleagues just said you're not going to say anything? I guess I'm known for not speaking at length. But this is an exceptional situation where I think I would very much like to say a few things.

This week has been characterized by people commenting a lot about how much I'm smiling. And I do want to thank a lot of people in the community.

My Canadian colleague earlier this week was talking about how much Canadians love hockey. And we do love hockey.

And I think ICANN is very much a team sport. And I've had a great team or have been part of a great team here. So I do want to thank colleagues on the board, staff, and particularly those providing support to the GAC as well as colleagues in the GAC. We certainly had our difficulties and our disagreements, but I would like to think that we have mostly recovered from some of those difficult issues that we have had to deal with.

And so the community as well, all different parts of the community, have at various times provided advice and guidance and support of all kinds. So for that, I'm very grateful. Thank you.

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER: I mentioned that Olga has also departed from the board. And we thank you her very much. I will look forward to a time that we can have a more extended and direct interaction with her and express our appreciation in person. She has served very, very extensively in her time on the board, been a leader and a mentor for others and has been a truly enlightened and light -- how do I say this? One who lights up the rest of us. And I think each of us will miss her both professionally and personally. I certainly will.

So we will say more at an appropriate time. But, for the record, thank you very much, Olga.

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER: So, as a matter of form, I ask for a vote passing these four resolutions all at once. All in favor.

[Chorus of Ayes.]

STEVE CROCKER: I'm not going to tolerate any dissent. Thank you very much. This brings to an end this board meeting. As I said before, we're going

to have a very short organizational board meeting. No time to stretch. Nothing else.

We're going to move right into it. But, as a matter of form, this meeting is closed. And we say good-bye. No, sorry. Au revoir to Sebastien to Heather and to Bill.

ICANN BOARD MEETING (New Board)

STEVE CROCKER: And Wolfgang is unseated and seated. Did you catch it? It happened all at once there.

And let me invite Rinalia and Asha and Markus. Join us. And you are now officially members of the ICANN board of directors.

[Applause]

And I understand that Thomas Schneider has been elected as incoming GAC chair and will presumably be GAC liaison to us. Why don't you come up and join us as well, Thomas?

The agenda at this time is the minimum required agenda -- an election of board chair, election of board vice chair, the appointment of members to the several board committees. And the confirmation of officers of the corporation.

We are, as a matter of form, dissolved in the sense that we have no structure at the moment. I'll call on Bruce, who used to be vice chair, to lead us through the formalities.

Oh, yes, I'm sorry. Thank you, Rinalia. I've got to watch these youngsters here. We'll start at the other end. Wolfgang, please.

WOLFGANG KLEINWACHTER: Thank you. Wolfgang Kleinwachter.

MIKE SILBER: Mike Silber.

CHRIS DISSPAIN: Still Chris Disspain.

SUZANNE WOOLF: Again Suzanne Woolf.

ERIKA MANN: Erika Mann.

KUO-WEI WU: Kuo-Wei Wu.

RAM MOHAN: Ram Mohan.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Rinalia Abdul Rahim.

FADI CHEHADE: Fadi Chehade.

STEVE CROCKER: Steve Crocker.

BRUCE TONKIN: Bruce Tonkin.

CHERINE CHALABY: Cherine Chalaby.

ASHA HEMRAJANI: Asha Hemrajani.

JONNE SOININEN: Jonne Soininen.

THOMAS SCHNEIDER: Thomas Schneider.

GEORGE SADOWSKY: George Sadowsky.

GONZALO NAVARRO: Gonzalo Navarro.

RAY PLZAK: Ray Plzak, still spelling my name the same way.

MARKUS KUMMER: Markus Kummer.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you very much. Let me call on Bruce to take us through the election of a board chair.

BRUCE TONKIN: Thank you, Steve.

I'd first like to start with wishing Steve happy birthday for yesterday.

[Applause]

So this next resolution is appropriate, I believe, which is it is resolved that Steve Crocker is elected as chairman of the board. If I can have a seconder for that. Fadi and Cherine. And I think we can pass that through acclamation. So thank you, Steve.

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER: I'll make my speech extremely short. Besides thank you, I want to emphasize that this is an extraordinary group to work with. There are many aspects to being chair of the board and being chair of the board of ICANN. The most important, from my point of view, is that I am of service to my fellow board members. Instead of being separate and apart, the board is an organization, is a piece of ICANN. And, as a unit, we try to function effectively as we can. And it's my singular honor, which makes me quite humble,

actually, I feel quite humble to have the confidence and support of everybody else.

So I thank everybody. And it's a pleasure to continue to do this. It takes time. It takes energy. But I give it willingly.

And I hope that I can continue to earn your trust and continue to have your support.

So with that, I'll move quickly to the next, which is the election of a vice chair.

Bruce Tonkin has been as able a partner and as strong a member of the board as I've ever seen.

We have no better candidate. We have no other candidate.

Let me ask the same, that we pass by acclamation the selection of Bruce Tonkin as vice chair.

[Applause]

FADI CHEHADE: Congratulations, Bruce.

STEVE CROCKER: Yeah. You're allowed five words, if you wish.

BRUCE TONKIN: No. I'm fine. Thanks, Steve.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you. All right. So with that, let me turn things over to you, Bruce, on the appointment of committee members.

BRUCE TONKIN: Thank you, Steve.

At this annual meeting, we appoint membership of board committees, and I'll just announce really the chairs, and the names will be up on the screen.

So we have chair of the audit committee, Erika Mann, and the members you see on the screen.

We have chair of the compensation committee, George Sadowsky, and the members as shown on the bottom left.

For the executive committee, which is really a committee that just is available for emergencies if the board wasn't able to meet on an important issue, that is chaired by Steve Crocker.

We have the finance committee, which is chaired by Cherine Chalaby, and the members on the, I guess, bottom right.

The governance committee is chaired by Chris Disspain, and the members are shown.

The new gTLD program committee, on the next screen, if we can go to the next screen -- new gTLD program committee on the left is continuing to be chaired by Cherine Chalaby.

The risk committee, this year we're going with co-chairs, so the co-chairs will be Ram Mohan and Mike Silber, and the members are shown on the screen.

Structural improvements will be chaired by Ray Plzak, and the members as shown in the middle there.

And then we're also just making some appointments, or slight changes to appointments to existing working groups, particularly with changes in board membership.

The first one of these is the Board/GAC recommendation implementation working group. The board appoints some members to that working group and the other members of that working group are appointed by the GAC.

So I'm just addressing the board appointees to that committee and that committee will be chaired -- or co-chaired by Gonzalo Navarro. The other co-chair will be from the GAC. And the members are as shown on the screen.

And then another working group, which is the board IDN variants working group, will continue to be chaired by Ram Mohan, and the members are as shown on the screen.

So at that point, that is the slate of candidates.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you very much. I'll second that, and any discussion?

All in favor say aye.

[Affirmative responses]

Any opposed?

[No response]

Any abstentions?

[No response]

Thank you very much. And let me thank you, Bruce.

In addition, Bruce has been -- has been chair of the Board Governance Committee. That's now shifting and this is a very detailed and careful piece of work that is steered and facilitated but involves everybody in the process and is a key part of the board being as effective as it is.

We come last to confirmation of officers of the corporation.

This is corporate business.   These people have an authority delegated from the bylaws having to do with signature authority for expenses in various ranges. I won't take you through the details. They're all laid out. But the details -- I mean, but the key

pieces are that we're electing Fadi Chehade as president and chief executive officer, John Jeffrey as general counsel and secretary, Xavier Calvez as chief financial officer, Akram Atallah as president of global domains division, Susanna Bennett as chief operating officer, and David Olive as vice president, policy development support.

Do I have a second?

CHERINE CHALABY: I second.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you, Cherine.

Any discussion?

Let me ask for positive votes here.

All in favor?

[Affirmative responses]

Any opposed?

[No response]

Any abstentions?

[No response]

Thank you. So we have -- we now have the corporation continuing to function, which is a relief, and as a further relief, that brings us to the absolute end of this board meeting.

FADI CHEHADE: And ICANN 51.

STEVE CROCKER: And it brings us to an end of ICANN 51, save only for the cocktails that are available one floor up.

So with that, thank you all. See you in Marrakech.

[Applause]

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