

**Transcript GNSO Council Public Administrative meeting, Part 2
15 October 2014 at 15:15 PDT; 22:15 UTC.**

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List of attendees: NCA – Non Voting –Carlos Raúl Gutierrez

Contracted Parties House

Registrar Stakeholder Group: James Bladel, Volker Greimann, Yoav Keren

gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group: Jonathan Robinson, Bret Fauset, Donna Austin

Nominating Committee Appointee (NCA): Thomas Rickert

Non-Contracted Parties House

Commercial Stakeholder Group (CSG): Tony Holmes, Osvaldo Novoa, Gabriella Szlak, Susan Kawaguchi, Brian Winterfeldt, Heather Forrest

Non Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG): Marilia Maciel, David Cake, Avri Doria, Amr Elsadr remote participant and proxy to David Cake, Stephanie Perrin, Edward Morris

Nominating Committee Appointee (NCA): Daniel Reed - absent, apologies proxy to Thomas Rickert

GNSO Council Liaisons/Observers: Cheryl Langdon-Or– ALAC Liaison

Patrick Myles – ccNSO Observer

ICANN Staff

David Olive – VP Policy Development

Marika Konings – Senior Policy Director

Rob Hoggarth – Senior Policy Director

Mary Wong – Senior Policy Director

Julie Hedlund – Director SSAC Support/Policy Director

Steve Chan – Senior Policy Manager

Lars Hoffmann – Policy Analyst

Glen de Saint Géry – GNSO Secretariat

Terri Agnew – GNSO Secretariat

Jonathan Robinson: Call the meeting to order so, Glen, so can I check that we have our recording? Thank you. Right welcome everyone to the GNSO Council meeting here in LA, the Part 2. And the purpose of this is to seat the new Council and elect the chair for the next year, 2014-2015.

So as is customary our first item is to take a roll call of those present so, Glen, if you could lead us in that please?

Glen de Saint Géry: I'll do that, Jonathan. Bret Fausett.

Bret Fausett: Present.

Glen de Saint Géry: Donna Austin.

Donna Austin: Present.

Glen de Saint Géry: Jonathan Robinson.

Jonathan Robinson: Present.

Glen de Saint Géry: James Bladel.

James Bladel: Here.

Glen de Saint Géry: Yoav Keren.

Yoav Keren: Here.

Glen de Saint Géry: Volker Greimann. Volker.

James Bladel: We'll find him.

Glen de Saint Géry: Thomas Rickert.

Thomas Rickert: Present.

Glen de Saint Géry: Gabriella Szlak.

Gabriella Szlak: Present.

Glen de Saint Géry: Susan Kawaguchi.

Susan Kawaguchi: Present.

Glen de Saint Géry: Brian Winterfeldt.

Brian Winterfeldt: Present.

Glen de Saint Géry: Heather Forrest.

Heather Forrest: Present.

Glen de Saint Géry: Osvaldo Novoa.

Osvaldo Novoa: Present.

Glen de Saint Géry: Tony Holmes.

Tony Holmes: Present.

Glen de Saint Géry: Stephanie Perrin.

Stephanie Perrin: Present.

Glen de Saint Géry: Amr Elsadr. Amr, are you still up? I think Amr's probably gone to bed. And we have David Cake as the proxy for Amr.

David Cake: Present.

Glen de Saint Géry: (Maria Mattiel).

(Maria Mattiel): Present.

Glen de Saint Géry: Avri Doria.

Avri Doria: I'm here.

Glen de Saint Géry: Edward Morris.

Edward Morris: Present.

Glen de Saint Géry: Daniel Reed is absent and Thomas Rickert is, again, his proxy.

Thomas Rickert: And I'm still present.

Glen de Saint Géry: Pardon? Amr is on the call. Oh. Amr, can you hear us?

Amr Elsadr: Hi, Glen. Loud and clear.

Glen de Saint Géry: Okay thanks. Cheryl Langdon-Orr.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Present.

Glen de Saint Géry: Patrick Myles.

Patrick Myles: Present.

Glen de Saint Géry: And for staff we have Marika Konings, Julie Hedlund, Rob Hogarth, Mary Wong, Steve Chan, Lars Hoffman, David Olive and they are - other staff is in the room too. Thank you very much - and myself, Glen de Saint Géry. Thank you very much, Jonathan.

Jonathan Robinson: Thank you, Glen. And very warm welcome to the seven new councilors. And I think if I say that really warmly you might vote for me as chair.

Carlos Gutierrez: Sorry, Chair, Carlos Gutierrez is also present.

Glen de Saint Géry: I'm very sorry, Carlos.

Jonathan Robinson: Welcome, Carlos. So we would normally review - well we should just make note that I would just like to either note that I see there's a link to each of your Statements of Interest so that's great. Is there any update to those since they were filed? Is there anything you'd like to say to update those? I'd imagine they're all relatively recently filed.

Okay, hearing none, so we have at this point only one item apart from any other business and that's the chair election procedure. Is there anything else that should or could be on the agenda? Seeing none I'll

hand over for Item 2 to my vice chair, David Cake, to our vice chair, David Cake, for - to run the election of the chair procedure.

David Cake: Right. So as everyone is aware we have an election for the chair. We have only one candidate but you can - we can still choose to vote for None of the Above. So I am going to ask Jonathan - if anyone has questions for the candidate? Oh first do you wish to make a statement to the Council?

Jonathan Robinson: No I feel - thanks, David. I think we covered things off pretty well in the weekend session. I am willing to answer any other questions or supplementary points but we went through things in the run up to - in the weekend session so unless there's something additional it's not necessary to say any more. Thanks.

David Cake: Okay, in that case I would like to ask if any of the councilors have a question for the candidate. Yes?

James Bladel: So this is kind of pro forma since you're running unopposed and my vote is probably already set and sealed. But I do have a question just in terms of, you know, your leadership to this point of this body and your plans going forward.

I think that there is a shift underway perhaps in the community as other elements of the community try to essentially assert themselves as either separate or above the GNSO Council, particularly when it, you know, when it comes to policy decisions that they believe to be affecting them.

And I'm wondering how can you - how do you anticipate, you know, as the person that's kind of the voice and the face of the GNSO Council, do you anticipate that this will also increase and how do you plan to address that in the coming term?

Jonathan Robinson: That's a good question, James. And especially if my answer can turn it from a probably into a certainly. But, no, I think I actually feel we're in a better place than we were a year ago. I mean, I think it's not to say we should be complacent but I - my sense is from - certainly from the Board and, I mean, when we met with the Board on the weekend many people afterwards came out to me and said that was the best meeting we've had with the Council in a long time or perhaps the best one I remember.

And in my view that's really the best way of getting them to what we've called respect the policy bodies and the policy process. I think for quite a while we were certain of our place constitutionally but less certain of our kind of moral high ground if you like. We were not seen to be a trustworthy place necessarily or we didn't have a good profile.

So I think my sense is we are - it is now appreciated and we should continue to assert our role, make no mistake. I'm not in any way suggesting we shouldn't be - continue to be assertive and clear on the role and function of the Council, the role and function of the groups within the GNSO. But I think we've come a long way in reasserting that. And so I feel that that's something we've just got to continue to work at.

But I don't think we should be coming at it from a defensive position, I think we should be confident that actually we're in not a bad place at

the moment but that doesn't mean, like I said at the beginning, we should be complacent.

James Bladel: Thank you. And I look forward to helping you with that.

Jonathan Robinson: Appreciate that, James.

David Cake: Do we have any other questions? Okay there being no other questions I guess we will move directly to the election.

((Crosstalk))

David Cake: Yes. Now the election according to GNSO Operating Procedures, this is a secret ballot so councilors will be handed a ballot by Glen. While she is handing those out I'll just note that in - within our - the house structure we've already had elections for vice chair and both Volker Greimann and myself have been returned for a second term as vice chair so presuming we reelect Jonathan we'll have the same Council leadership team for this year.

Jonathan Robinson: So, Glen, if we can note for the record when you get back to your seat that Volker Greimann is present.

Glen de Saint Géry: So we'll just wait a few minutes while the votes are being tallied by Rob Hogarth.

((Crosstalk))

Glen de Saint Géry: The vote is ready so could we all convene again please? And I've passed the mic to Rob Hogarth.

Rob Hogarth: Thank you, Glen. I'm pleased to report that the election has been concluded and both houses have voted for Mr. Robinson so he will be returning as unanimously selected chair of the GNSO Council. Thank you.

David Cake: And with that I return the chair of the meeting to Jonathan.

Jonathan Robinson: Thank you, David. Thank you everyone. I think - I'm sure you've got more than enough things to be getting on with and we've got a full day together on Friday. I'll remind you all - perhaps especially incoming councilors, we have a wrap up session tomorrow. The purpose of the wrap up session is to try and pull together all the threads that have come up on the weekend session, the meeting today and others. And so can someone remind me when the wrap up session is - it's about 11:00 tomorrow is it?

Glen de Saint Géry: No it's 12:30.

Jonathan Robinson: Twelve-thirty is it?

Glen de Saint Géry: Twelve to 1:30.

Jonathan Robinson: Thank you so it's 12:00 to 1:30 tomorrow so - and there will - I don't think we'll be providing any lunch so you need to have eaten before or bring something along or be prepared to eat after.

Glen de Saint Géry: No, there is lunch tomorrow.

Jonathan Robinson: Okay there's lunch provided, wonderful. So that's 12:00 to 1:30.

There lunch provided tomorrow. And then we'll be doing the development session on Friday. Just a final reminder on that we will send you a detailed agenda, the purpose is orientation and development of the Council and an opportunity for leadership as in chair, vice chair or equivalent from the various groups and constituencies to participate for the first hour and a half from 10:00 until 11:30. Buses will leave here at 9:00 am on Friday morning.

It's going to be a really good and productive day with a fun evening afterwards so hopefully as many of you as possible will still be in place to join us and you will encourage a relevant person from your group to participate on Friday. Avri.

Avri Doria: Thank you. Quick question, Avri speaking. Will there be a bus for those that decide not to go to cooking class, will there be a bus back?

Jonathan Robinson: I don't think we currently envisage that so there is no plan for that at this stage. So come along to cooking class. California cuisine, it's going to be fun. It's going to be fun.

Avri Doria: I read it as if I was at a restaurant and did I want to eat that and I went, "no."

Jonathan Robinson: We'll take that offline.

Man: Avri, it's bottom up cooking.

Jonathan Robinson: Apparently it's bottom up cooking with a bit of multistakeholder thrown in to spice it up. All right, on that happy note I think we'll call this

meeting to a close. Thanks, everyone. Welcome again new councilors
and we'll see you all over the next couple of days.

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