

New GNSO Council

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>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Okay. If we can restart, please.

New councillors, please take your seats. We are now going to sit the new GNSO Council for this coming year.

Welcome to the new councillors. Mason Cole, from the Registrar Stakeholder Group. Yoav Keren from the Registrar Stakeholder Group. Thomas Rickert, NCA. Brian Winterfeldt from the IPC. Osvaldo Novoa for the ISPs. Joy Liddicoat for the NCSG. Wolfgang Kleinwachter from the NCSG. And Lanre Ajayi, NCA.

Welcome to you all.

[Applause]

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Glen, could you do a roll call of the new council, please.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: I will. Thank you, Stephane. Jeff Neuman.

>>JEFF NEUMAN: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Ching Chao.

>>CHING CHAO: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Jonathan Robinson.

>>JONATHAN ROBINSON: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Mason Cole.

>>MASON COLE: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Yoav Keren.

>>YOAV KEREN: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Stephane Van Gelder.

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Here.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Thomas Rickert.

>>THOMAS RICKERT: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Zahid Jamil.

>>ZAHID JAMIL: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: John Berard.

>>JOHN BERARD: I'm here.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Brian Winterfeldt.

>>BRIAN WINTERFELDT: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: David Taylor is absent, and he has given his proxy to Brian Winterfeldt. Is that correct, Brian?

>>BRIAN WINTERFELDT: Yes.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Thank you.

Oswaldo Novoa.

>>OSVALDO NOVOA: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Wolf-Ulrich Knoblen.

>>WOLF-ULRICH KNOBEN: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Bill Drake is absent, and his alternate, temporary alternate, is Konstantinos.

Wendy Seltzer.

>>WENDY SELTZER: Here.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Mary Wong.

>>MARY WONG: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Rafik Dammak is absent and his temporary alternate is Robin Gross.

>>ROBIN GROSS: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Joy Liddicoat.

>>JOY LIDDICOAT: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Wolfgang Kleinwachter. I do not see Wolfgang on the line. He is absent. And he has given his proxy to Wendy Seltzer.

>>WENDY SELTZER: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Thank you.

Lanre Ajayi.

>>LANRE AJAYI: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Carlos Aguirre.

Carlos? Carlos is absent.

Thank you, and Stephane, we have gone through the roll.

>>ALAN GREENBERG: And Alan Greenberg.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Sorry. Alan.

>>ALAN GREENBERG: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Alan Greenberg and Han Chuan Lee?

>>ALAN GREENBERG: Present.

>>HAN CHUAN LEE: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: My apologies.

There anybody else I have left off?

Thank you very much, Stephane.

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Thank you very much.

At this time do we have any updated statements of interest that people want to make?

Seeing no hands up, we will move to item 2 on the agenda, which is the vote for the GNSO Council chair, and I will pass the chair to Mary Wong.

>>MARY WONG: Thank you, Stephane. And as everyone knows, Stephane is the sole candidate for chair of the council for the upcoming year. Some question and answer sessions have been held both online via the e-mail list as well as in person on Saturday, during the GNSO Council working sessions.

Stephane has also sent out a candidate statement some time ago, so unless anyone has any other questions or comments, I believe the only thing that remains for me to do is to conduct the vote.

Seeing that everybody would rather get to the gala, I am going to call on Glen to hold the vote, please.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Thank you, Mary.

Everyone in favor of Stephane as the GNSO chair, please raise their hands.

Thank you.

Is anyone against Stephane Van Gelder as the GNSO chair?

Is anyone going to abstain from this vote?

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Yes, Glen. I abstain.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Thank you.

May I just check online? Joy, how do you vote?

>>JOY LIDDICOAT: I vote in favor of Stephane.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Thank you.

John Berard, how do you vote?

>> (Off microphone).

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Thank you. Yoav, how do you vote?

>>YOAV KEREN: I vote in favor.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: And Osvaldo, how do you vote?

>>OSVALDO NOVOA: I vote in favor also.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Thank you very much. So the vote is unanimously in favor of Stephane with the one abstention from Stephane himself.

Thank you, Mary.

[Applause]

>>MARY WONG: Thank you, Glen.

And Stephane, it is a real pleasure for me in what is probably my last act as vice chair of the council to congratulate you on all our behalves.

Thank you very much for agreeing to serve.

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Thanks very much, Mary. And thanks to you all for your vote of confidence and trust. It means a lot, and I'm very touched by it. I don't know whether congratulations are in order, but if I survive the next year, then I suppose they will be.

And with that, I know we are all in a hurry to go away and relax and do something else, so once again, thanks to you all for sitting with us through this long afternoon, and let's hope to see you all at the gala later on. And for those participating remotely, thanks for your patience and bearing with us. I know it's not easy.

Thanks, everybody. This meeting is now adjourned.