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>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: So let's restart with a roll call of the new Council, please.

Glen, if you could do that.

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

Jeff Neuman.

>>JEFF NEUMAN: Still here.

>>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: Here.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Yoav Keren.

>>YOAV KEREN: Here.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Volker Greimann.

>>VOLKER GREIMANN: Glad to be here.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Thomas Rickert.

>>THOMAS RICKERT: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Lanre Ajayi.

>>LANRE AJAYI: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Zahid is absent. He is still on the Council. And we have Milton -- Sorry.

>>JOHN BERARD: Here.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY Zahid is absent and we have a proxy, John Berard.

John Berard?

>>JOHN BERARD: I'm here, yes.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Brian Winterfeldt.

>>BRIAN WINTERFELDT: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Petter Rindforth.

>>PETTER RINDFORTH: I'm here.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Osvaldo Novoa.

>>OSVALDO NOVOA: Here.

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

>>WOLF-ULRICH KNOBEN: Here.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Maria Farrell.

>>MARIA FARRELL: Present.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Wendy Seltzer.

>>WENDY SELTZER: Here.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Magaly Pazello.

>>MAGALY PAZELLO: I'm here.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: David Cake.

Joy Liddicoat is absent and we have Milton as a temporary alternate.

>>MILTON MUELLER: Joy, joy, joy.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Wolfgang Kleinwachter.

>>WOLFGANG KLEINWACHTER: Here.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: And Jennifer Wolfe unfortunately is not with us.

And Alan Greenberg.

>>ALAN GREENBERG: I'm here still.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: And Han Chuan Lee.

>>HAN CHUAN LEE: Present.

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Thank you, Glen.

Can I ask if there are any amendments or updates to statements of interest, please.

Hearing none --

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Yes, there are.

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Oh, there are.

>>GLEN DE SAINT GERY: Yes. Petter Rindforth, David Cake, Maria Farrell, Magaly Pazello, Jennifer Wolfe have all provided statements of interest.

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Thank you very much, Glen.

And you have links to those on the agenda, for those that want to read them.

So let's move on to item 2. This is the last item for today, and we will be voting for the new GNSO Council chair. Two nominations were received. Jonathan Robinson and Thomas Rickert were both nominated. The Council held a question-and-answer session with the two candidates during our weekend sessions -- and thank you very much for the cake.

And both candidates were given ample opportunity to explain their positions and to interact with the Council as a run-up to this election, so we will now be holding this election.

This will be done as we usually do by closed ballot. You will be given an envelope by Glen. The envelope contains a ballot. Please write the name of the candidate that you wish to vote for on the ballot, and then hand the envelope back to Glen, or, Glen, will you go back and collect it.

So on your ballots you will find three -- three options: Jonathan Robinson, Thomas Rickert, and none of the above.

Please vote for one of those three options. Please keep your votes secret. And please hand your votes back to Glen.

This is the first round. We will see if there is a second round once we have the results.

Thank you.

While we're waiting, can I ask who has got my megaphone.

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Okay. So we have the results of the first round of elections for the Council chair.

The candidate nominated by the contracted parties house got 85% of the votes, 85.71% of the votes from that house.

The candidate nominated by the noncontracted parties house got 14.29% from that party's house.

In the noncontracted parties' house the candidate nominated by the contracted parties' house. This is getting complicated. I might use first names. Jonathan got 23.08% of the votes from the noncontracted parties' house, and Thomas got 76.92% of the votes from the noncontracted parties' house.

Both candidates have reached the required threshold of 60% minimum of one house to be considered for the second round. And the candidate that has the most tallies and goes forward to the second round is Jonathan with 108.79% of the votes.

So we will now re-do a second vote with Jonathan on your ballots.

You will have the choice between Jonathan and none of the above only. Jonathan and none of the above. And we will keep to the same procedure, so you will be given slips of paper by Glen.

Please hand them in to Glen.

Thank you.

>>WENDY SELTZER: Mr. Chair?

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Sorry; who?

>>WENDY SELTZER: Mr. Acting interim chair, I wonder if we might vote by acclamation on this round?

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: If no one objects, we can definitely do that.

Does anyone object?

In that case, Glen -- Wolf. Sorry.

>>WOLF-ULRICH KNOBEN: Well, I just would like to point out my voice -- I just would like to point out my standpoint. I'm in favor of a balloting. So this is my approach here.

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Okay. There's opposition to that proposal, so we'll continue with the ballot. Thank you.

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: So if I can have your attention for just one minute more.

We have the results of the vote. In the contracted parties' house, the vote was unanimous in favor of Jonathan.

In the -- Sorry, did I say noncontracted parties? Sorry. I'll start again.

In the contracted parties' house, the vote was unanimous in favor of Jonathan.

In the noncontracted parties' house, there were two votes for none of the above, which means that Jonathan is your new chair.

[Applause]

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Well done. Congratulations, Jonathan.

I don't know if you want to close the meeting. I'm happy to leave.

>>JONATHAN ROBINSON: I'll leave it in your very capable hands, Stephane.

Thank you.

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Well, there's nothing left to say. Thank you, everyone.

>>THOMAS RICKERT: Stephane am.

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Thomas. Sorry.

>>THOMAS RICKERT: Yeah, I'd like to be the first one to congratulate Jonathan. I wish you all the best for your position as GNSO Council chair, and I am certainly -- certainly slightly disappointed that I didn't make it, but I would like to offer you my support, and I will be working with you to the best of my abilities.

Thank you.

[Applause]

>>JONATHAN ROBINSON: Thank you, Thomas. I very much appreciate that. You definitely gave me a very good run for my money as the debate testified and as the subsequent votes showed.

So really appreciate you saying that.

Thank you to everyone on the Council for your support in voting.

Thank you.

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Thank you.

So if I --

[Applause]

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Just to echo those thanks, echo congratulations to you, Thomas, for running and for being willing to stand.

Congratulations to you, Jonathan, for being elected, and I wish you all the best. I'm sure you'll do a very, very good job.

I just wanted also to note that the contracted parties' house has nominated Mason Cole as its vice chair -- as its vice chair for this term. Mason, well done. Congratulations.

[Applause]

>>STEPHANE VAN GELDER: I haven't received notification from the NCPH, but I believe that is ongoing.

Has there been a vice chair nominated by the NCPH? Not yet. Okay.

So that will be probably happening in the next few days.

So with that, thank you, everyone, and enjoy the gala evening, and the GNSO Council will meet again tomorrow during the wrap up session.

Thank you.