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STEVE CROCKER: Good morning, everybody. This part of the program usually comes on the last part of the last day, and it's found its way into the first part of the next-to-last day.

The plan for this morning is the public board meeting, and because this is the annual general meeting, there's actually two distinct board meetings. One in which we carry out the regular business in the accumulated agenda with the current board and then we will have said goodbye to the departing board members. We'll dissolve the current board and new board members are seated and then we have a very short organizational meeting of the new board electing officers and so forth and I'll cover more of that when we get there.

All of this will be followed by the public forum, Part 2.

I want to start this morning by asking Stephane Van Gelder to talk about the NomCom process.

Stephane?

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STEPHANE VAN GELDER: Thank you very much, Steve. My name is Stephane Van Gelder. I'm the chair of the 2016 nominating committee. A bit closer to the mic. Can I be heard? Good. So I'll start again.

My name Stephane Van Gelder. I'm the chair of the 2016 nominating committee and this is my report to the community following the completion of this year's cycle, and if I can work the slides, this year we had the following open positions that we were recruiting to: three seats on the ICANN board; one on the GNSO Council; two seats at the -- on the At-Large Advisory Committee, one for Europe and one for North America. We always recruit by regions to the ALAC. And one seat on the ccNSO council.

The NomCom this year received 105 completed applications for these seven leadership positions. You have the breakdown of the applications in front of you. I want to stress that 20 of those 105 completed applications that we received were female. That means that we were faced with a difficult task in trying to achieve some sort of gender diversity because we were recruiting from a lower number of female applicants and we continue to strive to encourage female applicants to apply and go through our process because obviously the NomCom can only recruit from the pool of applications that it receives.

So diversity of all kinds is both a requisite of our process and also something that we look to with a lot of care, and through our outreach efforts, we strive to achieve the maximum diversity we can. But we can only encourage more applicants from various regions and more female applicants to go through our process, so that we have greater choice and are able to make more diverse selections.

Just to compare this year's selections and statistics to last year's, I had the honor of chairing both NomCom 2015 and NomCom 2016, so I'm not going to make anyone else unhappy by comparing those two statistics, but this year we had slightly less in terms of the leadership positions that we were selecting, but we received more applications. So last year we had 81 complete applications. This year we had 105, as I've just said. Once again, the breakdown favors the board, as it always does. More people apply to the board than to the other positions that we recruit to. And oftentimes we feel that's a pity because people are missing out on the expertise and the work that they could be doing at the GNSO, ccNSO, and ALAC level, and a lot of the times those groups are also good training grounds for people that want to serve on the ICANN board as well.

So we continue to encourage people to look at those positions with great interest as well.

And on the gender diversity issue, last year in 2015, 12 applicants were female out of the 81 applications that we received. So if you work out the percentages, last year we had 14.8% of applicants that were female. This year we had 19%. So we're doing better, but we're not quite there yet.

The NomCom worked hard to continue to be accountable and transparent, accountable and transparent for -- to and for the ICANN community. We have a whistleblower email that allows people to inform on possible problems with the NomCom process. We have continued to increase our interaction with the Board Governance Committee, and I want to thank Chris Disspain and the Board Governance Committee for providing us with excellent support and for ensuring that we have extremely productive and useful dialogue. The leadership team which is a three-man team -- the chair, the chair-elect, and the associate chair -- once again committed to external reviews and to publishing those reviews. So we were peer-reviewed during our term and we did publish those reviews. The full account of what happened this year in the NomCom is published on the NomCom Web site, nomcom.icann.org in the final report that I, as chair, drafted for this year.

NomCom members also committed to being reviewed. It was an internal process, but they also published those reviews, so we hope that by doing this, we are giving the community a full and

comprehensive picture of the way we as NomCom members were seen to perform.

We operated a number of subcommittees. These are subgroups that help us do our work. I won't go into extensive detail on them. Once again, they are described in the final report and on the NomCom Web site, so sufficient detail can be found there.

Just a few links.

I got feedback there.

Just a few links on the nominating committee to complete my presentation. The nominating committee Web site itself, the final report that I've just referenced. And also, in our -- in our constant drive towards transparency, we do publish regular report cards which are drafted by the NomCom and which are an account of our work as it goes on.

With that, I end my report, Steve.

STEVE CROCKER:

Thank you, Stephane.

One small thing. Would you say what you can say now about the deadline for applications, so that the community is apprised of roughly what the cycle is going to be for finding candidates and maybe also how much time candidates should plan to put in,

both calendar time and hours -- not too detailed -- on the SOIs, which are fairly substantial.

STEPHANE VAN GELDER: So on the first question, the 2017 nominating committee will be seated later on today. It's having its kickoff meetings for two days today and tomorrow. And the practice, the norm, has been to open the application period around the end of the year or the beginning of next year, so around December or January time, and to go on until the end of March.

So that would mean -- the dates are set -- the dates won't be set quite yet because there are things that the new NomCom that will be chaired by Hans Petter Holen has to decide, but those are the approximate time periods that potential applicants should be looking at to send in their SOIs.

The SOI process itself is a two-phase process. People send in their statement of interest, which is what "SOI" means, and will then be asked by our ICANN support staff -- Joette and Jia -- to fill in a complete application form. The time should not be too long. The forms have been standardized and we've worked quite hard to make it possible for people to go into the online form, save their progress, go back to it if they need to.

There is obviously a fair amount of detail that candidates are expected to provide the NomCom so that it can evaluate them, but the process itself has now been made a lot smoother, thanks to the work of recent nominating committees.

STEVE CROCKER:

Thank you. I asked about the time people should plan to put in because I was reflecting back on the few times that I've had to do it, and it was a substantial experience and people should not decide the night before the deadline that they'll think about it and take a look at the application. Thanks.

[Applause]

Go out to your communities, your friends, and people that you think you would like to see in any of these leadership positions or in multiple opportunities and encourage people to take a look and apply if they're willing to work seven by 24 for three years with no pay, very little pay in the case of the board. Thank you.

CHRIS DISSPAIN:

Good morning, everybody. It's Chris Disspain. If I could also say speaking for myself and I'm sure for most other board members, if you have -- if you yourself or you have friends who you think might want to put their names forward to stand for the board, I think all of us individually would be perfectly happy to be

approached and asked what it's like and provide information and input to people who might -- who might be interested. So please feel free to put people in contact for information purposes. Thank you.

STEVE CROCKER:

Very good point, Chris. Absolutely right. All of us, I'm sure, are easily approachable and happy to tell you our personal experiences or give you pointers or share things. But don't be bashful at all.

Thank you.

With that, we'll move into the board meeting. Call the meeting to order and the first thing is to take roll and check that we have a quorum. Looks like we do. But I'll just ask Thomas -- we'll just announce ourselves.

THOMAS SCHNEIDER:

Thomas Schneider.

JONNE SOININEN:

Jonne Soininen.

MARKUS KUMMER:

Markus Kummer.

GEORGE SADOWSKY: George Sadowsky.

GORAN MARBY: Goran Marby.

ASHA HEMRAJANI: Asha Hemrajani.

BRUCE TONKIN: Bruce Tonkin.

STEVE CROCKER: Steve Crocker.

CHERINE CHALABY: Cherine Chalaby.

CHRIS DISSPAIN: Chris Disspain.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Rinalia Abdul Rahim.

LOUSEWIES VAN der LAAN: Lousewies Van der Laan.

RAM MOHAN: Ram Mohan.

KUO-WEI WU: Kuo-Wei Wu.

RON da SILVA: Ron da Silva.

LITO IBARRA: Lito Ibarra.

SUZANNE WOOLF: Suzanne Woolf.

MIKE SILBER: Mike Silber.

STEVE CROCKER: And do we have anybody on the phone? We're missing Erika Mann and Bruno Lanvin, I believe.

Counsel -- where is J.J.?

JOHN JEFFREY: I'm behind you.

CHERINE CHALABY: Behind you on the left there.

STEVE CROCKER: Hi, good morning. We have a quorum?

JOHN JEFFREY: Yes, we do, Mr. Chairman.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you. All right. First item on the agenda is what we call our consent agenda, a collection of hopefully non-controversial items that are all published. I'll just read off the titles of them. Our rules for the consent agenda are, as I said, the ones that we judge to be non-controversial. It is the unquestionable prerogative of each member of the board to designate one of these -- to identify one of these or more and take them off the consent agenda. And they automatically move to the main agenda if there's even the slightest concern, and that gives us the opportunity to have full discussion.

So the consent agenda consists of, looks like -- let me be sure -- 11 items. I'll try to be quick about this. Approval of the minutes from 9 August, 15 August, 17 September, and 30 September. Security and Stability Advisory Committee member appointment, and reappointment is the third one. And appointment of a root server operator representatives to RSSAC is the fourth. Investment of auction proceeds is five. ICANN's delegation of authority guidelines that is codifying some of the interaction between the CEO and the board. Seventh item is renewal of the .TEL Registry Agreement. The eighth is thank you to community members, and they will be formally recognized after the public board meeting. Thank you to the local host of this meeting. Thank you to the sponsors of this meeting. Thank you to the interpreters, staff, event, and hotel teams of ICANN57 meeting.

Let me just call the question. All in favor.

[Chorus of Ayes.]

Any opposed?

[No verbal response.]

Any abstentions?

[No verbal response.]

The consent agenda has passed. We now move to the main agenda. And we have items 2a through 2i, nine items. The first one is two-character domain names in the new gTLD namespace. I'll ask Bruce Tonkin to take us through this.

BRUCE TONKIN:

Excellent. Thank you, Steve.

Certainly the topic of two-character domain names has been pretty heavily examined over the past two years. I think we've had no less than five public comment periods on this topic. I think we've discussed it with the GAC at pretty much every meeting we've had with the GAC over the past two years.

In considering this issue, the board has looked at it in the context to our mission, commitments, and core values. And so if we just tie it back initially to the mission, our mission is really quite simple. It's to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifiers. And then as part of executing that mission, we made a commitment to the community, and that commitment is for the benefit of the community as a whole, we carry out activities in conformity with relevant principles of international law and international conventions and applicable local law and through open and transparent processes that enable competition and open entry into the Internet-related markets.

We've heard this week, and pretty much every time this topic comes up, we hear people talk about, you know, who owns a particular string of characters. And the reality is that no one has exclusive ownership of any string of characters, whether it's one character, two characters, three characters, or 63 characters.

But under various laws, there are rights to use strings of characters for specific purposes. And we've certainly extensively researched the laws and things that may apply in this situation.

We've also carefully reviewed the advice that we've received from the GAC and interacted with the GAC over several meetings. And under our mission of ensuring secure and stable operation of the identifiers and also understanding that we are operating these identifiers for the public benefit, we share the GAC's concerns that any use of names should not be done in such a way to deceive or confuse consumers. And, in particular, we would want to avoid situations where consumers may be deceived into entering private information into a website that may have the appearance that it is a government website in some form. So certainly we're very aware of that.

And in the solution to this issue, this must be taken into account and mechanisms in place to prevent abuse. And there's an ability for people to raise issues with the registrar, registry and then, if they can't resolve those, to raise them with ICANN.

So, I'll now go on to read the actual resolution we've developed after this work and also note that it is our belief that our resolution is consistent with GAC advice.

So starting the resolution, the first Whereas clause:

Whereas, Specification 5, Section 2 of the New gTLD Registry Agreement requires registry operators to reserve two-character ASCII labels within the TLD at the second level. The reserved two-character labels may be released to the extent that the registry operator reaches agreement with the relevant government and country code manager of the string as specified in the ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 standard. The registry operator may also propose the release of these reservations based on its implementation of measures to avoid confusion with the corresponding country codes, subject to approval by ICANN.

Whereas, the GAC has issued advice to the board in various communiqués on second -- on two-character domains. The Los Angeles communiqué of 15th of October, 2014, stated, "The GAC recognized that two-character second level domain names are in wide use across existing TLDs, and have not been the cause of any security, stability, technical, or competition concerns. The GAC is not in a position to offer consensus advice on the use of two-character second level domain names in new gTLD registry

operations, including those combinations of letters that are also on the ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 list.

The GAC also issued advice in the Singapore communique, the 11th of February, 2015, and the Dublin communique of the 21st of October, 2015.

Whereas, on the 16th of October, 2014, the board directed ICANN to develop and implement an efficient procedure for the release of two-character domain names currently required to be reserved in the New gTLD Registry Agreement, taking into account the GAC's advice in the Los Angeles communique on the matter. ICANN launched this procedure, the "authorization process," on 1st of December, 2014.

Whereas, as part of the authorization process, ICANN launched a community consultation process to help develop a standard set of proposed measures to avoid confusion with country codes. The measures were intended to be mandatory for new gTLD registries seeking to release reserved letter/letter two-character labels.

Whereas, in the GAC's Helsinki communique of the 30th of June, 2016, the GAC advised the board to "urge the relevant registry or the registrar to engage with the relevant GAC member when a risk is identified in order to come to an agreement on how to

manage it or to have a third-party assessment of the situation if the name is already registered."

This advice was incorporated in the proposed measures to avoid confusion.

Whereas, on the 8th of July 2016 ICANN published for public comment the proposed measures for letter two-character ASCII labels to avoid confusion with corresponding country codes, which listed measures registry operators could adopt to avoid confusion with corresponding country codes. The measures incorporated the GAC's advice issued in the Helsinki communique. 43 comments were submitted by individuals, governments, and groups.

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Whereas, the board considered the public comments, the staff summary, and analysis report of public comments, and GAC advice. The proposed measures were updated to take into account the public comments and GAC advice relating to the proposed measures and two-character labels.

So it is now resolved, the measures for letter/letter two-character ASCII labels to avoid confusion with corresponding country codes as revised are approved, and the president and CEO, or his designee, is authorized to take such actions as

appropriate to authorize registry operators to release at the second level the reserved letter/letter two-character ASCII labels not otherwise reserved pursuant to specification 5, section 6 of the Registry Agreement, subject to these measures.

So over to you, Steve, if we want to have a second for the motion.

STEVE CROCKER:

Thank you very much, Bruce. I'll consider that you have moved it. Can I have a second? Kuo. Thank you. Moved and seconded. Any discussion? Call the motion. All in favor say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Opposed?

[No verbal response.]

Any abstentions?

[No verbal response.]

Lito. Let me ask you to -- if you wish, to make a statement for the record with respect to your abstention.

LITO IBARRA:

Yes. Thank you, Steve. Some months ago LACTLD, the association of ccTLDs registries for Latin American, the

Caribbean, made public a declaration on this issue. I, being a member of LACTLD, endorse publicly this declaration. And although it -- it is not that different from the resolution, I would rather abstain in this opportunity. Thank you.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you very much. Noted and appropriate -- Thomas. Sorry. Thank you.

THOMAS SCHNEIDER: Sorry, Steve. Since I have no voting right I cannot -- I will not -- just I wanted to refer to the GAC advice, recall the discussion that we had in the meeting with the board, and just remember that several countries have severe issues, sensitivities with this, just for the record. Thank you.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you, Thomas. Noted. And I guess I'm obliged to say, we, of course, understood and have taken all of that into consideration and it's one of the reasons why the -- the process has taken a while. And we hope that the measures that we've built in here are responsive to those sensitivities. In any case, the motion has carried, and we move on to next item on our agenda. Item number 2b, consideration of the Corn Lake, LLC

versus ICANN Independent Review Process final declaration.
John Jeffrey, can I ask you to introduce this for us?

JOHN JEFFREY: I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman. I didn't expect to be introducing this today. We have -- this has been a -- this is the review of the independent -- this is a consideration by the board of the Corn Lake versus ICANN Independent Review Process. And this is a step we're taking in order to show the community that the board is reviewing these and moving these -- this process forward. So we have the resolution in front of us now. Would you like me to read out the resolution?

STEVE CROCKER: Yes, please.

JOHN JEFFREY: Whereas, on 19 October 2016, ICANN received the Independent Review Process final declaration in the IRP filed by Corn Lake against ICANN.

Whereas, the IRP declared that Corn Lake's challenges to the determination rendered by the expert panelist sustaining the independent objector's community objection against Corn Lake's application for .CHARITY and the Board Governance

Committee's denial of Corn Lake's reconsideration request 14-3 challenging the expert determination were time-barred, ii, the board acted without conflict of interest and iii, the board members exercised independent judgment believed to be in the best interests of the community.

Whereas, the panel further declared that the board action of omitting .CHARITY from the -- the review mechanism to address perceived inconsistent or unreasonable string confusion objection determinations final review procedure, was inconsistent with the articles of incorporation and bylaws.

Whereas, the panel further declared that claimant Corn Lake is the prevailing party and that no costs shall be allocated to the prevailing party.

Whereas, the panel recommended that i, the board extend the final review procedure to include review of Corn Lake's .CHARITY expert determination and ii, the board continue to stay any action or decision in relation to Spring Registry Limited's .CHARITY application until such time as the board reviews and acts upon the opinion of the IRP panel.

Whereas, in accordance with article IV, section 3.21 of ICANN's bylaws, the board has considered the final declaration.

And now the resolutions. Resolved, the board accepts the following findings of the final declaration, i, Corn Lake is the prevailing party to the Corn Lake LLC versus ICANN IRP, ii, Corn Lake's challenges to the expert determination and the BGC's denial of Corn Lake's reconsideration request 14-3 were time-barred, iii, the board acted without conflict of interest, iv, the board members exercised independent judgment believed to be in the best interests of the community, v, the board action of omitting .CHARITY from the final review procedure was inconsistent with the articles of incorporation and bylaws and vi, the parties shall each bear their own costs.

Second resolution, the board directs the president and CEO, or his designees, to take all steps necessary to implement the panel's recommendation that, quote, the board extends the final review procedure to include review of Corn Lake's .CHARITY expert determination.

Third resolution, the board directs the president and CEO, or his designees, to refrain from taking any further action or decision in relation to the Spring Registry Limited's .CHARITY application until after the results of the final review procedure are known and then to proceed pursuant to established processes with the processing of both Corn Lake's and Spring Registry Limited's applications in accordance with the results of the final review procedure.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you very much, John Jeffrey.

I'll move this and ask for a second.

Chris, thank you very much.

Any discussion?

This is related obviously to -- in a way -- it's one of the IRP decisions, and there's a possibility of comment here more broadly on our treatment of IRP decisions.

CHRIS DISSPAIN: Steve? Thank you, Steve.

Yes, just to say that the BGC is looking at several of these IRP decisions, especially those in respect to applications that have been through the community priority evaluation, and we're in the process of collecting more information. A bit more detail on that is in the minutes of the BGC which are published. So we're busy working on it. Thank you.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you. Any further discussion?

Let me call the question. All in favor say aye.

[Chorus of ayes]

Any opposed?

[No response]

Any abstentions?

[No response]

Thank you. The motion carries and the board has now hereby directed the president and CEO to refrain from taking any further action or decision with respect to this until after the results of the final review procedure are known, and then to proceed pursuant to established processes with processing of both Corn Lake's and Spring Registry Limited's applications in accordance with the final review procedure. Thank you.

We now move on Item 2c on our agenda, thank you to the global multistakeholder community in support of the transition.

This one is mine.

Got it.

Okay. We've been through this extensive 2 1/2-year process on the transition and now we're in the pleasant part of the process.

Thank you to -- for the enormous amount of work that has been expended by everybody.

Whereas, on 14 March 2014, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration -- that is, NTIA -- of the United States Department of Commerce announced its intention to transition the stewardship of the IANA functions to the global multistakeholder community.

And whereas, NTIA asked ICANN to convene global stakeholders to develop a proposal to transition the current role, played by NTIA, in the accordance of the Internet's domain name system. NTIA required that the proposal for transition must have broad community support and uphold the following principles: Support and enhance the multistakeholder model; maintain the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet DNS; meet the needs and expectations of the global customers and partners of the IANA services; and, maintain the openness of the Internet.

NTIA also stated that it would not accept a proposal that replaces the NTIA role with a government-led or an intergovernmental organizational solution.

Whereas, in the board resolutions of 2016.03.10.12-15, the ICANN board resolved to accept the IANA stewardship transition coordination group's IANA stewardship transition proposal reflecting the proposals developed by CRISP, IANA plan, and the CWG stewardship, and approve the transmittal of the proposal

to NTIA of the United States Department of Commerce in response to NTIA's 14 March 2014 announcement.

Whereas, the board further resolved that the president and CEO, or his designee, was directed to plan for the implementation of the proposal so that ICANN is operationally ready to implement in the event NTIA approves the proposal and the IANA functions contract expires.

Whereas, in the board resolution 2016.03.10.16-19, the ICANN board resolved to accept the cross-community working group on enhancing ICANN accountability Work Stream 1 report and approve the transmittal of the report to NTIA to accompany the IANA stewardship transition proposal developed by the ICG.

Whereas, the board further resolved that the president and CEO, or his designee, is directed to plan for the implementation of the report so that ICANN is operationally ready to implement in the event NTIA approves the IANA stewardship transition proposal and the IANA functions contract expires.

Whereas, on 27 May, the board adopted Resolution 2016.05.27.01-04 resolving that the new ICANN bylaws will be deemed effective upon the expiration of the IANA functions contract between ICANN and NTIA, and directed the president and CEO, or his designee, to plan for the implementation of the bylaws so that ICANN is operationally ready to meet its

obligations in the event NTIA approves of the IANA stewardship transition proposal and the IANA functions contract expires.

Whereas, on 9 June NTIA informed ICANN that NTIA had indeed completed its review of the IANA stewardship proposal along with other U.S. agencies and determined that the proposal meets the criteria set out by NTIA in March 2014 when it announced its intent to transition the NTIA's stewardship of key Internet domain name functions to the global multistakeholder community. NTIA noted and outlined in their report that there was still some work to be done before the IANA functions stewardship transition could occur, and requested that ICANN provide NTIA with an implementation planning status report by August 12th, 2016.

Whereas, on August 12th, NTIA [sic] provided NTIA with the implementation planning status report noting that: "ICANN, working with the multistakeholder community, confirms that all required IANA functions stewardship transition tasks specified in the NTIA's June 9th, 2016 letter are complete, and that all other tasks in support of the IANA stewardship transition are either in a final review stage or awaiting approval, which will be complete in advance of September 30th, 2016 to allow the IANA functions contract to expire."

Whereas, on 1 October, the NTIA advised ICANN and the global multistakeholder community that the IANA functions contract had expired.

Resolved, the board expresses its deep appreciation for the tireless efforts of the global multistakeholder community, including the leadership of the various community-led efforts contributing to the proposals, the development of the coordinated proposals across the global community that met the criteria set out by NTIA, and the work to achieve the implementation to allow the contract to lapse on 30 September 2016 is unprecedented and serves as an historical record of the success of the work of the community to achieve a long-standing goal.

Resolved, the board expresses its deep appreciation to the U.S. Department of Commerce for standing by the long-standing commitment to end the IANA functions contract, and for its dedication and tireless efforts as a partner with ICANN and the community to achieving -- in achieving this historical goal. It should be "historic," not "historical."

[Laughter]

It becomes historical shortly.

CHRIS DISSPAIN: Hysterical.

STEVE CROCKER: No. Well...

This has taken us all back repeating the last 2 1/2 years. We've now relived this. I move this and I'm moved by it. Who wants to second this?

Lito. Thank you.

Any discussion?

I call the question.

All in favor say aye.

[Chorus of ayes]

Any opposed?

[No response]

Any abstentions?

[No response]

The motion is carried and I will make a comment that it is truly heartfelt, I think, on the part of all of us, and the thank yous go to everybody. I ask for a round of applause from the board to honor the community.

[Applause]

We now move to a series of thank yous for departing board members. We have one for each of the five departing board members, two of whom are not here.

We have refined and trimmed our practice over the years. We've had tributes to the board members in other settings. We will limit the celebration and acknowledgments and accolades at this point and provide an opportunity for each of the board members who is here to make a statement, but not have additional comments or statements from board members or -- or others, all of which, I think, have been already conveyed.

So the first is on behalf of Bruno Lanvin for his service to the board.

Whereas, Bruno was -- Bruno Lanvin was appointed by the nominating committee to serve as a member of the board on 21 November, 2013.

Whereas, Bruno Lanvin concluded his term on the ICANN board on 8 November 2016.

Whereas, Bruno served as a member of the following committees: Audit committee, finance committee, new gTLD program committee, organizational effectiveness committee, which was formerly the structural improvements committee.

Resolved, Bruno Lanvin 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 -- you want to -- somebody want to move this?
Thank you, Rinalia.

Second?

Cherine, thank you.

Any discussion?

I call the question.

All in favor say aye.

[Chorus of ayes]

Any opposed?

[No response]

Any abstentions?

[No response]

Thank you. The motion is carried and we -- we wish Bruno well and hope to continue seeing him in the community.

I move on to a thank you to Erika Mann for her service to the ICANN board.

Whereas, Erika Mann was appointed to serve by the nominating committee as a member of the ICANN board on 10 December 2010.

Whereas, Erika concludes her term on the ICANN board on 8 November 2016.

Whereas Erika has served as a member of the following committees and working groups: Audit committee, compensation committee, global relationships committee, governance committee, new gTLD program committee, Board/GAC recommendation implementation working group, and board working group on Internet governance, board working group on registration directory services, and the ICANN board liaison to the charter drafting team for the cross-community working group on new gTLD auction proceeds.

Resolved, Erika Mann has earned the deep appreciation of the board for her term of service, and the board wishes her well in her future endeavors in the ICANN community and beyond.

Who wants to second it?

Rinalia, thank you.

Lousewies seconds. Thank you very much.

All in favor.

[Chorus of ayes]

Any opposed?

[No response]

Any abstentions?

[No response]

Thank you. The motion carries.

We now thank Kuo-Wei Wu for his service to the ICANN board. Whereas, Kuo-Wei Wu was appointed by the Address Supporting Organization to serve as a member of the ICANN board on 22 April 2010.

Whereas, Kuo-Wei concluded his term on the board on 8 November 2016.

Whereas, Kuo-Wei served as a member of the following board committees and working groups: Global relationships committee, IANA committee, new gTLD program committee, organizational effectiveness committee, which was formerly the structural improvements committee, public participation committee, risk committee, and IDN variants working group.

Resolved, Kuo-Wei Wu 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.

Ron, thank you very much.

And Lito.

Lito is faster than you guys.

I will offer just one minor thing. If you roll back to the period of time that he -- on the board. Can we roll back the text for Kuo-Wei?

Right there.

Notice that he joined the board on 22 April and is leaving the board now.

Back then, the appointees by the supporting organizations and ALAC joined the board at six months after the previous annual general meeting. We had a bylaws change that aligned all of the terms to start and end on annual general meeting, and for those people who were currently serving, we extended their service by the roughly six months to align.

So in case anybody caught that, that's the explanation there.

Any other discussion?

I'm going to call the question. All in favor say aye.

[Chorus of ayes]

Any opposed?

[No response]

Any abstentions?

[No response]

And let me ask Kuo if he'd like to say a few remarks.

KUO-WEI WU:

Steve, thanks. First of all, I have to say thanks to the ASO, who appoint me to the ICANN board for two terms, and at the same time, actually the number community give me a lot of support and trust so I can do my job well.

And at the same time, I'd also like to say -- thank all the colleagues. It's a very happy time for me working with you. And of course the staff, they give me wonderful support. Thank you very much and goodbye.

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER:

You'll be gone but not forgotten, for sure.

Move on to 2g. Thank you to Suzanne Woolf for her service on the ICANN board.

Whereas, she was appointed to serve by the Root-Server System Advisory Committee as a member of the ICANN board on 5 December 2004.

Whereas, Suzanne concludes her term on the ICANN board on 8 November 2016.

Whereas, Suzanne has served as a member of the following committees and working groups: Governance committee, risk committee, IANA committee, IDN variants working group.

Resolved, Suzanne Woolf has earned the deep appreciation of the board for her term of service, and the board wishes her well in her future endeavors within the ICANN community and beyond.

CHERINE CHALABY: Look on your left.

STEVE CROCKER: Yeah.

CHERINE CHALABY: Or from the --

STEVE CROCKER: I'll take Ram's and George's as moving and seconding. It's a race. We need some technology here for banging buzzers, whatever.

Any discussion?

I'll offer one comment.

Note that Suzanne joined the board back in 2004. This is now 2016. That is a very long time. She has been on the board as the liaison from the Root-Server System Advisory Committee. We have term limits for voting board members. There's no structure in the bylaws, at least not yet, for term limits on liaisons, and so it has worked out that some liaisons, and particularly Suzanne -- and I also took advantage of this myself -- are able to stay on the board for a period of time not bounded by the usual cycle.

We have made a point within the board, under not only my tenure but going back many years, of treating liaisons as close as possible to the same as voting board members. That has worked out extremely well in terms of the cohesiveness and functioning of the board, and we are able to extract a great deal more work from them than I think the framers of the original bylaws on this had ever anticipated.

So I've gone on perhaps more about this than I should, but it's been a personal pleasure to work with Suzanne over all this period of time.

Let me call the question. And anybody else want to chime in?
Let me call the question.

All in favor say aye.

[Chorus of ayes]

Any opposed?

[No response]

Any abstentions?

[No response]

Thank you. The motion carries.

Suzanne, would you like to say a few words?

SUZANNE WOOLF:

Sure. Thank you very much, Steve.

As I think we've discussed before, I'm not particularly -- as an engineer, I'm never very comfortable with references to how long it takes for me to do things, whether it's a project like being -- in my service on the ICANN board or saying farewell to this

role, but I will say that the best career advice I ever got 20 years ago when I worked for -- when I had the privilege of working for Dr. Jon Postel, he told me as a young engineer, "You should always be trying to work your way out of a job because that's the only way you get to do the next interesting thing."

So I appear to have successfully worked my way out of this one, and I just want to thank all of you. It's been a tremendous experience and I'll always be glad for what we accomplished together. Thanks, and I can't wait to see what's next.

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER:

Thank you.

We move to thanking Bruce Tonkin for his service on the ICANN board.

Whereas, Bruce Tonkin was appointed by the Generic Names Supporting Organization, the GNSO, to serve as a member of the ICANN board on 29 June, 2007.

Whereas, Bruce Tonkin concluded his term on the ICANN board on 8 November, 2016.

Whereas, Bruce served as a member of the following committees: Audit Committee, Governance Committee,

Compensation Committee, Executive Committee, Risk Committee, Board Working Group on Registration Data Directory Services, ICANN board liaison to the cross-community working group on enhancing ICANN accountability. And I will add that he served as vice chair of this board for several years.

Bruce Tonkin has earned -- Resolved, Bruce Tonkin 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.

Asha. George. Thank you. Moved and seconded respectively.

Any discussion? Let me call the question. All those in favor say aye.

[Chorus of Ayes.]

Any opposed?

[No verbal response.]

Any abstentions?

[No verbal response.]

Thank you very much. The motion carries.

Bruce, do you want to say a few words?

BRUCE TONKIN: Yeah, thanks, Steve.

It's been a strange week for me from an Australian culture point of view because in Australia people only say nice things about you after you're dead.

[Laughter]

The normal process when you leave a role is that each person basically tells a story of something -- some mistake you've made, and the more outrageous the story about the mistakes you made in the past, the more people like you. So I'm more used to what's referred to as a roasting when you leave rather than a thank you process. So it's been very unusual for me, and I'm still getting my head around it. But I do appreciate all the words of thanks, particularly those that have come up and spoken to me personally. I've really appreciated it.

Another comment I'd like to make, I'd like to commend the work of the community on improving the accountability processes. And I'm going to start using those as soon as I get off the board.

[Laughter]

I think in terms of the next challenge for the community -- and I think it's going to be efficient decision-making. I think we -- if you look at some of the topics we've been talking about this week, they've been floating around for years. A lot of them are

basically examples of where we've created a new policy and naturally there are new issues that arise as a new policy gets implemented. And I think as a community, we need to work better at actually how do we get the right stakeholders together to quickly find solutions to problems as they arise and move more to an agile decision-making organization and, hence, be able to provide benefits to end users on a much faster cycle.

So thank you, Steve.

STEVE CROCKER:

Thank you very much, Bruce.

This brings us to the end of the agenda for this board meeting. I'll ask if there's any other business to be conducted? Seeing none, I bring this meeting of the board to an end. And this is the end of the terms of all of us on the board for this year, and we move immediately to a fresh board meeting, an organizational meeting of the new board.

And so with a degree of wistfulness, I ask for the departing board members to make space for the arriving board members.

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER:

I'm reminded that in particular because of the sequencing of events here that with the public forum coming up, we are keeping our hooks in the departing board members just for -- essentially for the remainder of this week and the departing board members will be included in the proceedings coming up after this at the public board meeting. Thank you.

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