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NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everybody. Welcome to the GNSO Council meeting, Part 2, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September, 2021.

Would you please acknowledge your name when I call it? Thank you ever so much.

Antonia Chu?

ANTONIA CHU: I'm here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you. Incoming registry councilor, Nacho Amadoz.

NACHO AMADOZ: Here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Sebastien Ducos.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS: Here.

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NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Kurt Pritz.

KURT PRITZ: Here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Greg DiBiase.

GREG DIBIASE: Here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Theo Geurts.

THEOR GEURTS: Present.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Desiree Miloshevic.

DESIREE MILOSHEVIC: Here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Marie Pattullo.

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MARIE PATTULLO: Still here. Thanks, Nathalie.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thanks, Marie. Mark Datysgeld.

MARK DATYSGELD: Present.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: John McElwaine.

JOHN MCELWAINE: I'm here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: In coming IPC councilor, Susan Payne.

SUSAN PAYNE: Here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Incoming ISPCP councilor, Osvaldo Novoa.

OSVALDO NOVOA: Here. Thank you.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you. Thomas Rickert.

THOMAS RICKERT: Present.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Wisdom Donkor.

WISDOM DONKOR: Present.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Stephanie Perrin.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Present.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Farell Folly.

FARELL FOLLY: Present.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Tomslin Samme-Nlar?

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TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Present.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Manju Chen.

MANJU CHEN: Here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Bruna Santos, incoming NCSG councilor.

BRUNA SANTOS: Here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Paul McGrady.

PAUL MGRADY: Here. On time for a change.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Appreciate it, Paul. Incoming non-voting NomCom appointee, Anne Aikman-Scalese.

ANNE AIKMAN-SCALESE: Present.

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NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Jeff Neuman.

JEFF NEUMAN: 87% present.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: It's getting better. Justine Chew.

JUSTINE CHEW: Still present. Thank you, Nathalie.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you. Maarten Simon?

MAARTEN SIMON: Present.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: And we also have GNSO support staff in the meeting room and participating virtually.

I'd like to remind everyone here to remember to state your name before speaking for recording purposes. We're in a Zoom webinar room. Councilors or panelists can activate their microphones and participate in the chat once they have set their chat to Everyone for all to be able to read the exchanges.

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Thanks every so much, Philippe. And it's now over to you.

PHILIPPE FOUQUART:

Thank you, Nathalie. Philippe Fouquart speaking here, outgoing ISPCP councilor. So we'll now move on with our agenda.

Any updates to statements of interest in case yours has not been updated?

Okay. Thank you.

Any change you'd like to make to the agenda?

Okay. Seeing no—oh, Nathalie?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE:

Thank you, Philippe. If I may, it be the opportunity for the incoming councilors to say a few words about themselves under the Statements of Interest item.

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PHILIPPE FOUQUART: That's right. I intended to go through that list, but you're right. I didn't read the screen. It's under 1.2. My apologies. So in that spirit, it's the tradition for us to introduce ourselves when we sit on Council. So we'll go through the list that you have on the screen.

And we'll start with Anne, who's with us remotely, incoming non-voting NomCom appointee. Anne, would you like to say a few words about yourself?

ANNE AIKMAN-SCALESE: Sure. Thank you, Philippe. And please excuse my voice. I'm being treated for a cold that my doctor assures me is not COVID and not strep.

But I appreciate the opportunity to serve on Council. I'm very thankful to the NomCom and my references. And I'm very excited about getting to work with all of you on the projects that are upcoming. There's this huge workload. I'm kind of a nut on procedure. My original ICANN work was with the Standing Committee on Improvements with GNSO Council back in 2010. Since then, I've worked in the Policy and Improvement Working Group and the Accountability Work Stream 2 Framework of Interpretation for Human Rights. I spent a number of years with Jeff and others on SubPro and also was appointed by the CSG to Auction Proceeds when Marilyn Cade stepped down and am currently working on the discussion group for the Name Collision Analysis Project, as well as the writing team for the Name Collision Analysis Project.



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Yes, I'm an attorney. I hope nobody is going to say, "Oh no, not another trademark lawyer!" because ... I don't know. I enjoy learning new things. I've had nine lives as a lawyer. My undergraduate degree is French. I made living as a television writer. I was a telecommunications commissioner. And so I hopefully can bring some of the background to this process.

Importantly, I'd like to mention that I have no clients who have financial interests in new gTLDs. And I'm also on a rapid road to retirement, which is why I went ahead and applied for this: because I'll have more time to devote. I do have interesting clients, like Indian tribes, non-profit organizations, artists, authors, and quite a varied list of clients with very different backgrounds in lots of different industries.

So thank you again for this opportunity. I look forward to working with all of you, especially to that strategic planning meeting, the SPS session, in L.A. I love Desiree's idea about naming your animal. So I think that'd be a great ice breaker in L.A. Thank you.

PHILIPPE FOUQUART:

Thanks, Anne. And I think it's like a number of the incoming councilors, I'm always astonished of the experience you have when people get to Council, which is a good sign, given the topics that are on the table. So I should say thanks for joining. Thanks, Anne.

ANNE AIKMAN-SCALESE:

Thank you.

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PHILIPPE FOUQUART: Next is Bruna Martins dos Santos for the NCSG.

BRUNA SANTOS: Hi, everyone. Yes, as Anne said, it's indeed a pleasure to be here and to be joining Council. I really look forward to learning from all of you and also working together with all of you. And it's a huge pleasure for me as well to be representing NCSG here. So it's kind of a milestone in the ICANN journey kind of thing.

So in terms of background, I'm Brazilian, a little bit lost in translation because I'm living in Germany now until the beginning of next year. I'm also a lawyer and working also in Internet stuff, but more on the platform governance side.

So I guess that's it from me. And it's a pleasure to be here.

PHILIPPE FOUQUART: Thank you, Bruna.

Nacho Amadoz from the Registries Stakeholder Group. Welcome, Nacho.

NACHO AMADOZ: Thank you. My name is Nacho Amadoz. I'm also a lawyer, but in order to counteract that, I'm also a philosopher. So as every lawyer, I need to provide some context of where I come from.

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I've been involved with ICANN since the launch of the DotCat TLD in 2007, and I have to say that I am very, very happy to join the GNSO. I think it's about time. And I'm very, very happy to do that.

PHILIPPE FOUQUART:

Thank, Nacho. Likewise, I'm sure, for the seating councilors.

So next is ... I think we need an engineer now. We got one attorney, one lawyer, so that's just timely. Next is Osvaldo Novoa from the ISPCP.

OSVALDO NOVOA:

Hello, all. It's pleasure to be here. Again, this is my third-and-a-half period in the GNSO Council. And I've been attending to ICANN meetings since, I think, 2000, more or less. And then in 2012 on, I was in the Council until 2015. Then I was in the NomCom for two years, one year more in the Council. And I was up until very recently in the Standing Selection Committee. So I've been around quite a lot here. I'm really honored that the ISPCP decided to select me again for the Council, and I hope to work with you in the next year and have some fruitful results at the end of it. Thank you.

PHILIPPE FOUQUART:

Thank you, Osvaldo. And speaking personally, I'm really happy that the ISPCP chose Osvaldo for joining Council. I think this will be a great addition to the team.

Next and finally is Susan Payne for the IPC. Where is Susan? Oh, I'm sorry. You changed seats.

SUSAN PAYNE:

Yeah. Hi there, everyone. It's Susan Payne here. Like everyone else has been saying, I'm really delighted to here and to have joined the Council. And I'm really looking forward to working with you all and building some good and positive relationships, I think, and together fixing some of the issues that we all know we need to take forward and fix. So I'm really looking forward to it.

Apologies. Like everyone else, by background I'm a lawyer. I'm based in London in the U.K. And as I say, by background I'm an IP and trademark lawyer. I was previously employed at the British Broadcasting Corporation, and that's where I become involved in ICANN, particularly when we were looking at the plans for new gTLDs. And then my company applied for a new gTLD, and I thought, "This is all really interesting. What are the rules surrounding this? It would be great to be involved in developing them." So I moved to my current employer, who is Com Laude, which is a corporate domain name registrar and a consultancy business that works with mostly new gTLD applicants.

So I do have clients who are involved and interested in the new gTLDs, both the current round—existing—and potentially in the future, but our company also has clients who are brand owners and who are very interested in the protection of their brands at the second level. So I can see not all sides of the argument, certainly, but a number of sides of the argument in relation to a number of the issues that we're dealing with in this space.

And I think I'll wrap up there. Thanks.

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PHILIPPE FOUQUART: Thank you, Susan. [inaudible] from this I think are all great additions to Council in terms of a variety of expertise for next year.

So with this, I think—and I hope that I get it right—Nathalie, we can move on to the next item, which is the election of the chair. There was one nomination for this position, Sebastien Ducos of the Contracted Party House. Sebastien circulated his statement on the Council list on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. So we will proceed with the election. And I believe that, Nathalie, you will do that.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: That is correct, Philippe.

PHILIPPE FOUQUART: Thank you.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: So as a reminder to everyone, this will be a roll call vote. And the options are available to you are Sebastien Ducos or none of the above. So the vote will commence.

Wisdom Donkor?

WISDOM DONKOR: Sebastien Ducos.

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NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Marie Pattullo?

MARIE PATTULLO: Sebastien Ducos.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Theo Geurts?

THEO GEURTS: Sebastien Ducos.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Manju Chen?

MANJU CHEN: Sebastien Ducos.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: John McElwaine?

JOHN MCELWAINE: Sebastien Ducos.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Desiree Miloshevic?

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DESIREE MILOSHEVIC: Sebastien Ducos.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Paul McGrady?

PAUL MGRADY: I have a voting statement—I’m just kidding. Seb.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Osvaldo Novoa?

OSVALDO NOVOA: Sebastien Ducos.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Farell Folly?

FARELL FOLLY: Sebastien Ducos.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Bruna Martins dos Santos?

BRUNA SANTOS: Sebastien Ducos.

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NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Kurt Pritz?

KURT PRITZ: Sebastien Ducos.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Antonia Chu?

ANTONIA CHU: Sebastien Ducos.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Susan Payne?

SUSAN PAYNE: Sebastien Ducos.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Tomslin Samme-Nlar?

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Sebastien.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Greg DiBiase?



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GREG DIBIASE:                    Sebastien Ducos.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE:        Mark Datysgeld.

MARK DATYSGELD:            [I mean ...]

NATHALIE PEREGRINE:        I'm sorry.

MARK DATYSGELD:            No, no. Sebastien, of course. Of course.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE:        Thank you. Nacho Amadoz?

NACHO AMADOZ:                Yeah, Sebastien Ducos.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE:        Sebastien Ducos?

SEBASTIEN DUCOS:            Myself.

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NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you. Thomas Rickert?

THOMAS RICKERT: Sebastien Ducos.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Stephanie Perrin?

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Sebastien Ducos.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you ever so much. For the Contracted Party House, seven votes in favor. The Non-Contracted Party House, twelve votes. So 13 votes in favor. Sebastien Ducos is now elected unanimously as GNSO Chair for the 2022-2023 term. Thank you ever so much.

Back over to you, Sebastien.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS: Thank you very much. It's been a tense moment. Thank you very much, everybody. I haven't prepared anything in particular, but I wanted to—well, first of all, thank everybody—thank in particular Philippe, who for the last year has taken me onboard as Vice-Chair and showed me the ropes. And hopefully I'll be able to run with this efficiently and

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immediately. And I thank my Co-Vice-Chair and mate, Tomslin. It's been great to work with you both in the last year.

Just a quick word for the incoming councilors. Obviously, everybody has noted four lawyers out of five.

I note also a number of people that I have worked with in the past, either in ICANN or outside. For full disclosure, Susan happens to be a client of mine, or we share clients together. Also, full disclosure—and I've noted it in my statement—that all my clients are interested in the New gTLD Program. I have not entirely but I have a few still in the ccTLD world that they're all TLDs and all very much in that world.

Last time, when Philippe stepped in, I think that he made a statement saying that about half of the Council could have done this in French. I see that we multiplied by three the number of people that can do this in Portuguese, too. And I love the diversity. People that know me personally know that, aside from TLDs and all we do here, my absolute passion is languages. And I'm looking forward to the next in-person meeting that I will be attending to juggle with all those different languages and different people all at once. I'm absolutely [inaudible].

With this, unless anybody has anything to say, I wanted to get back shortly onto our agenda that I see in front of me. And that is the election of our vice-chairs, the nomination of vice-chairs. And I'll give it back to Nathalie because I have to be very honest: I don't know quite how we're doing this.

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NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Sebastien, this is Nathalie. The Vice-Chairs were nominated by the individual houses. So apart from announcing the names officially of the new leadership team, there is nothing less to do. So back to you.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS: Okay. Well, then, that's perfect. So indeed we had, a few weeks back, Greg's nomination. And congratulations. And this week, we had confirmation of John as the second Vice-Chair for the Non-Contracted Party. So first of all, congratulations to you both. And for everybody else—John and I worked on the SCBO earlier this year. I worked with Greg on the DNS Abuse Small Team. I have all confidence that we'll be a great team working together. Thank you both for having stepped up. And it's going to be great. And we've started actually this morning already scheduling and splitting work for tomorrow. So good cooperation.

Item 4. We have Any Other Business. Let's deal with this first, the confirmation of the GNSO Chair—[so myself as interim]—GNSO decisional participant representative to the Empowered Community. So we in the past, in the last few years—because this is obviously a new role, it has been the GNSO Chair that filled that seat. I want to make absolutely clear—but I'll discuss that with our leadership—that that's the way it has been, but it doesn't have to be. So I'd like to offer this, and we'll discuss it. But in the interim, because the seat needs to be filled, I will take that role. And again, more to come on this once we've been able to gather as a leadership team and see who we appoint to this role going on.

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The other AOB item that we have is the one that we carried over from the previous meeting, and it's more of a heads-up than anything. We have been with staff, with Berry and Steve in particular, revisiting the SCBO make-up [inaudible]. We are still working on it. Full disclosure: I've reached out to John, who has been chairing it the past two years or three years. John, keep me honest. So we had, last year, agreed with John that I would step in as the Vice-Chair for John to basically show me the ropes and that we would swap this year. But we're looking into a new way of doing this. John has—I'm thankful—volunteered to stay in as Chair for this year, but it's the same thing. We will get to you soon on the plans for this.

Immediately, though, we have a deadline to get back on comments on the PTI. We have decided—previous leadership—that we would not submit any comment this time. There was nothing for us to comment on. And so I will, the next few days—I can't remember when the deadline is, but [inaudible]—send a letter back to them, thanking them for the opportunity but saying that basically we won't have any comment on this. And I'm looking to particularly Berry to make sure that this is all accurate.

Finally, the last item that we had on our call was—I'm getting the signal that we're out of time—was an open mic, but obviously we're out of time for that. So I guess that we'll have to skip this time. Sorry about it.

And I will see you all tomorrow for the wrap-up session. Thank you very much.

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NATHALIE PEREGRINE:            Sebastien, this is Nathalie.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS:                Yeah?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE:            Sebastien, if I may, just a reminder that there is the joint GNSO Council and ALAC meeting in 26 minutes. For those of you on-site, it will be in Conference Hall 2. So the next meeting is with the ALAC and is not the wrap-up. So please be there. Thank you very much.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS:                Absolutely. Thank you very much.

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