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Paul Diaz - Registrar Stakeholder Group
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Coordinator: The recordings have been started. Please go ahead.

Jeff Neuman: Okay. Welcome to the PDP Work Team Call on April 1, 2010. Glen, if you could just do a roll of who is on the call.

Glen de Saint Gery: Yeah. Okay. Thank you. On the call we have Alex Gakuru, Jeff Neuman, Tatiana Khramtsova, James Bladel and David Maher. And for staff we have Liz Gasster and Glen de Saint Gery. Thank you Jeff. Over to you.

Jeff Neuman: Thank you. This is Jeff Neuman. So we have a very low turnout today. We have a couple of registries - registrars and a noncommercial representative, which is I think a little bit low to actually hold a meaningful call although I'm sure we could have a good discussion between the few of us.

So what I am discussing are the topics that we were planning on covering today. And I think what's going to happen is we will plan on covering those topics next week. I will be actually in a plane at the time of the call next week so I have asked James Bladel if he could step in for next week and cover these topics.

So the topics that we were going to cover today that we will cover next week are on foreign translations. We have talked about on the last call when foreign translations should be or must be done.

And the question that still remains on foreign translations is how to ensure that we can do these without delaying the PDP process, and how that fits in for example if there is a public commentary that is opened up for 20 days but it turns out it's going to take us 5-10 days to get the translation of the executive summary for example or the policy recommendations done.

How do we sync up the time periods to make sure that all the comments are considered or A, that we get all the comments and B, that the comments are all considered? So James has that's a good point - James has put on the wiki chat that we shouldn't call them foreign translations because while they may be foreign to me they are not foreign to everyone else.

So translations - thank you James. So translations of the documents so that's one topic. And then the second topic is to just basically go over the different thresholds that we have decided through this entire process, the voting thresholds. And I will send around a document. I'll run it by ICANN staff first to make sure to do a check.

But I believe the only areas for the PDP that we have come up with voting thresholds are for when an issue can be raised, the council can vote, when initiating a PDP and there are thresholds with that. There is voting on approving the charter and then a question that remains of does that same voting threshold apply when you're modifying the charter?

So if the working group comes back and then says we want to change part of the charter, which actually is something we're going through now with the VI, the vertical integration working group, what is the standard or what is the voting threshold for the council to modify a charter?

So that's one thing we need to talk about, which may be the same as the standard for voting to approve a charter. But again, that's a topic to discuss. The next area is a final vote. So when the board must adopt a policy and a subset of that is what do we recommend the board does with a majority vote as opposed to a super majority?

Or let's say one house wants a certain policy and the other house votes it down. What are the obligations on the board? And then finally just to confirm that what we mean by super majority vote, which is currently 66% of the members present at a meeting.

I'm sorry, it shouldn't be - it's basically 66% - actually never mind. I took the old threshold. There is a super majority threshold, which is a majority of both houses. So anyway, it's defined actually of both houses. I'll put that definition in. I'm blanking right now on what that definition is right now but I will make sure we have the right definition to make sure that it is still the current definition.

So James, I think those are the topics for next week. Does that sound like a plan for the people that actually came to this call?

Liz Gasster: And Jeff, this is Liz. If I could just point out that on the document that the most recent document on the overarching issues and the one that's on the Adobe Connect, Marika has highlighted the threshold sections in green.

Jeff Neuman: Yeah. What I didn't see in that though was charter stuff because that's not in the bylaws currently.

Liz Gasster: Okay. That's right.

Jeff Neuman: So I've added that. Liz, I'll send you this list that I have and then you can look at it and make sure that covers everything and send that out to the group.

Liz Gasster: Sure.

Jeff Neuman: So and then once the voting thresholds are decided is whether those should go in the bylaws or in the rules is another question. So given that, James, do you have any questions on that for next week?

James Bladel: No Jeff. I think that's pretty clear. There just may be a couple of boundary cases that we probably can discuss on the call next week regarding things like how to - what the different voting scenarios are versus those that are occurring about the PDP versus those occurring on the PDP.

I just want to make sure we're keeping those straight because the latter I think is covered under the other PPSG group, the working team working group.

Jeff Neuman: Right. So and that is something that is an overall threshold that we need to examine as well. I'm not sure we'll get to it next week but that is the recommendations on determining if I'm listening to you or hearing you right.

You're talking about when a working group share determines that there is consensus versus rough consensus versus the other categories that are in there. Is that what you're referring to?

James Bladel: Right. What the different levels mean.

Jeff Neuman: Right. We do need to discuss that. If you can get to that on the next call that would be great. If time runs out I would understand because that is kind of a large topic. But yeah so if you can get to that, that would be fantastic.

James Bladel: Otherwise I think this is probably a full load for the hour and a half next week.

Jeff Neuman: Great. Well, I apologize for everyone. I'm going to send around notes to the groups to get more people on for next week and I don't want to delay the schedule. So Glen, we are going to have the call next week at the regular time?

Glen de Saint Gery: Thank you, Jeff. I'll speak to you then.

Jeff Neuman: Okay. And I appreciate everyone for coming on. I'm sorry again. I really feel bad for you all being on the call and then having to cancel.

Liz Gasster: But I got up early just for you guys.

Jeff Neuman: Yeah.

Liz Gasster: James, just so you know, it's Liz. Marika will still be on vacation next week so I'll be pitching in for her and trying to live up to her high standards.

Jeff Neuman: Hopefully she's having fun. And again I feel really bad that you all got up. Well, some of you it's the afternoon. Alex, I know you're driving home. So let's (hope you're safe) out there driving safely. Okay everyone, thank you very much.

Glen de Saint Gery: Thanks Jeff.

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