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DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Welcome, everyone. This is the RZERC Monthly Teleconference held Tuesday, the 18th of April, 2023, at 19:30 UTC. I will go ahead and start the roll call. Representing the IETF, Tim April.

TIM APRIL: Present.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: ASO, Carlos Martinez I note is not on the call yet or at this time. ccNSO, Peter Koch.

PETER KOCH: Yes, present.

DANIEL RUTHERFORD: Thank you. ICANN Board, Wes Hardaker.

WES HARDAKER: Present.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: PTI, Kim Davies.

KIM DAVIES: Present.

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DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Registry Stakeholder Group, Kalina Ostsalka.

KALINA OSTALKA: Present.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: RSSAC, Daniel Migault.

DANIEL MIGAULT: Present.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: SSAC, Geoff Huston.

GEOFF HUSTON: Good day.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Verisign as the Root Zone Maintainer, Duane Wessels.

DUANE WESSELS: Present.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Alright. Thank you. Tim, over to you.

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TIM APRIL: Thanks, Danielle.

So, it should be fairly quick today. It's just the charter review and the chair election stuff. I don't have much of the statement on charter review process, so I hope Danielle can give us the update on that?

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Yeah. Just a brief update. We've held two feedback sessions. One was a brief update during a regular ccNSO Council Meeting. The second was a feedback session in early April, last week actually, with Verisign. The initial report on the RZERC Charter review is out for public comment right now, and that closes for submissions May 8th. Everything is kind of going according to plan. Once the public comment closes, I will work with Tim and the rest of the committee to produce a final report from the RZERC, and that will go to the ICANN Board Technical Committee for review, so things are progressing nicely there.

I also have the next agenda item which is the Chair Election Procedure. So, just going to walk briefly through this. During this call, candidates will either accept or reject their nomination, and they will each have an opportunity to address the committee regarding their candidacy. I'll do a quick review of voting procedures, then just kind of a brief thank you to Tim April for serving the past two years as Chair.

Are there any questions on this agenda? Alright. I don't see any hands. Listed alphabetically by name, Tim April, do you accept or reject your nomination?

TIM APRIL: Accept.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Thank you. Geoff Huston, do you accept or reject your nomination?

GEOFF HUSTON: Accept.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Thank you. Similarly, alphabetically by last name – Tim April, I'll give you a couple minutes to address the committee.

TIM APRIL: Thanks, Danielle. It's been a pleasure to serve as the Chair of the committee for the last two years. Hopefully it won't be as much work going forward after the charter review is completed. I would be happy to continue on or leave the committee in the capable hands of Geoff. I don't have much more to say on that.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Alright. Geoff Huston, now is your chance to address the committee.

GEOFF HUSTON: I think Tim's done an amazingly good job on that rather challenging area of charter review, and I think he steered us very, very well. I think Tim

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would be a fine choice. But I also feel that choice is important for all of us. I'm putting forward my name to simply give other members of the RZERC a choice. Quite frankly, I think Tim would be an excellent candidate, and I commend him to you. But, nevertheless, I'm willing, if elected, to devote my time and energy to it as necessary to help us move forward on this. I think that's about all I have to say. Thank you.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Alright. Thank you both. Are there any questions for either of the candidates at this time? I'm not seeing any hands. No one is unmuting. Thank you, everyone.

Tomorrow, I will kick off an online vote as there is more than one candidate. ICANN Org, for those of you who have been around and were around for the last election, we used BigPulse, but this time we will be using a service called Tally. I will be distributing the unique survey links tomorrow, on the 19th of April. Each member may vote only once. You will not be able to see how others vote, and I will not be able to see the contents of the vote until the vote closes. So, the poll will start the 19th of April, at 23:59 UTC. It will close one week later on the 26th of April at 23:59 UTC.

Declaring winner according to the current RZERC Operational Procedures, a simple majority of five votes will confirm the winner. If a majority is not reached, we repeat the process until one nominee achieves a simple majority. In the event of a tie, candidates will get some time on the next call to address the group. Another vote occurs, and a subsequent tie initiates an immediate coin toss. Just to make sure

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that the voting procedures, in the case of a coin toss should it need to occur, are transparent at the beginning of the process, these are the procedures as defined in the RZERC Operational Procedures. So, I will toss three distinct coins which will be US quarters marked for each candidate. The candidate with the odd flip wins the coin toss. So we have candidate A and C – this part might need to be updated for only two candidates. I will flip the coins on camera. Here's the technical definition of a coin toss. We'll see how this goes. I apologize, I think this EG – this was defined last year when we had three candidates for Chair, so I'll put out an updated process before the poll starts so that we have a two-person coin toss definition before we get going.

Last but not least, just a time to say thank you to Tim April for two years of service as the RZERC Chair.

Are there any comments, questions or concerns about the RZERC Chair election procedures that will begin this week. Alright. I'm not seeing anyone unmute or anyone raise hands, so I will return to the agenda.

Tim, did you want to address the feedback invitation you received?

TIM APRIL:

Sure. As the Chair, I got a message from one of the ICANN staff. The content of the email is on the screen now. It's just looking for feedback and comments on the Chair of a CEO search. I assume basically everyone here has gotten this through one other channel or more. I wanted to just call it to everyone's attention. I don't know if there's anything that we actually want to say. Wes?

WES HARDAKER: Certainly I'm here if you have any questions. But the current board is doing in my opinion a very good job of trying to make sure that all opinions and thoughts for what people think the next CEO of ICANN should have. You have an opportunity to voice your needs if you think they need some attribute in their profile, whether it's technical or political or whatever, you have the opportunity to give the board feedback for what you think is important and why. We're here to listen. Thanks.

TIM APRIL: Thanks, Wes. If anyone wants me to forward the email in the event anyone didn't get it, let me know. I'd be happy to send it along. I think that was it.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Alright. Any other business items from anyone else on the committee?

DUANE WESSELS: Meeting next month?

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Sorry, Kalina. Did you have a question?

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KALINA OSTALKA: Yes. So my question was I didn't look at the public comment document. Did we receive any comments?

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: So far, there has been one comment submitted. If you'd like to review...

KALINA OSTALKA: Does it require our work?

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: I can't make that determination right now. I will put that out to the committee to decide, but I did put the link to the public comment proceeding, and you can review that and make that determination.

Duane, did you have a question? Or Tim?

TIM APRIL: I was just going to say I looked at it quickly. I haven't done a thorough review of the one comment that came in yet, but it didn't look like there was an action item out of that for us. Once the public comments closed, I was going to go take a more in-depth look at anything else that came in.

KALINA OSTALKA: Sounds good.



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TIM APRIL: Were you going to say something, Duane?

DUANE WESSELS: No, I was just going to ask the obvious question about meeting next month. I guess for now we'll plan to have that, right?

TIM APRIL: I think so. Depending on what we get for feedback from the public comment, we may have one of the charter review meetings come up. Possibly do that at the monthly meeting.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: I will put out a call for agenda items on May 2nd to see if anyone has anything else to deal with. The monthly call does take place about a week after the public comment closes. It might be that time is also used as a charter review session to approve any final outputs coming out of the public comment proceedings.

DUANE WESSELS: Sounds good.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Alright. Tim, anything else you want to do?

TIM APRIL: No, I think that's it.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD:        Alright.

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