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STEVE CROCKER: Thank you, everybody, let's get started.

NANCY LUPIANO: I'd like to introduce -- would Cristine Flores please go to the lectern.   Cristine Flores will read the names of the departing members and she will begin in just a moment.

Please take your seats so we can start the program.

Cristine, you can start to read the names of the volunteers of the certificate of appreciation group. Thank you.

CRISTINA FLORES: From the ALAC, Aziz Hilali, AFRALO Secretary.

Carlton Samuels, ALAC LAC RALO.

[Applause]

Cheryl Langdon-Orr. ALAC liaison to the ccNSO.

[Applause]

Darlene Thompson, NARALO secretary.

Fatimata Seye Sylla, NARALO chair.

[Applause]

Natalia Enciso, ALAC, LAC RALO.

Rinalia Abdul Rahim, ALAC AFRALO.

[Applause]

Sala Tamanikaiwaimaro, ALAC AFRALO.

[Applause]

Tijani Ben Jemaa, AFRALO vice chair.

[Applause]

Titi Akinsanmi, ALAC, AFRALO.

[Applause]

Yaovi Atohoun, ALAC AFRALO.

[Applause]

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Ladies and gentlemen, if you I have your undivided and absolute attention for a moment. The At-Large Advisory Committee would like to recognize the service of Gareth Shearman who passed away on October 14, 2013. Gareth was an active member of the At-Large Advisory Committee for the North American Regional At-

Large Organization. He was also a member of the ALAC finance and budget subcommittee. Amongst his very many achievements, Gareth was active in ICANN since its very creation 15 years ago and deeply committed to all aspects of community development and digital inclusion through the uses of information and communication technologies.

I ask you to think fondly of him in your heart and may we veil Gareth Shearman.

[Applause]

CRISTINA FLORES: From the ccNSO, Sokol Haxhiu, ccNSO Councillor.

[Applause]

From the GNSO, Jeff Neuman, GNSO Councillor.

[Applause]

Joy Liddicoat, GNSO Councillor.

[Applause]

Lanre Ajayi, GNSO Councillor.

[Applause]

Mason Cole, GNSO Council vice chair and councillor.

[Applause]

Robin Gross, chair noncommercial stakeholder group.

[Applause]

Wendy Seltzer, GNSO Councillor.

[Applause]

Wolfgang Kleinwachter, GNSO Councillor.

[Applause]

Wolf-Ulrich Knoben, GNSO Council vice chair and councillor.

[Applause]

Zahid Jamil, GNSO Councillor.

[Applause]

From the RSSAC, Matt Larson RSSAC co-chair.

[Applause]

From the SSAC, Jeremy Hitchcock, SSAC member.

[Applause]

Vanda Scartezini, SSAC member.

[Applause]

From the 2013 Nominating Committee, Adam Peake, associate chair.

[Applause]

Anthony Harris.

[Applause]

Glenn McKnight.

[Applause]

Hartmut Glaser.

[Applause]

Howard Benn.

J. Scott Evans.

Jian Zhang.

Ken Stubbs.

[Applause]

Mohamed El Bashir.

[Applause]

Ole Jacobsen.

[Applause]

Siranush Vardanyan.

[Applause]

Warren Kumari.

[Applause]

Waudo Siganga.

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER: The ICANN board of directors is in formal session. Let me shine a little bit of attention on Wolfgang Kleinwachter once more. He's now a member of the ICANN board and has been with us for a few days, and has plunged right in.

We have taken care of Item 1 on the agenda, thanking departing community members and members of the 2013 Nominating Committee.

We move to the consent agenda which has several items on it. We'll do a brisk reading of the key points.

One is approval of board minutes for 23 October special meeting of the board. Second one is member reappointments for the Security and Stability Advisory Committee. And these are Roy Arends, Jeffrey Bedser, Sarmad Hussein, Merike Kaeo, Warren Kumari, Matt Larson, Danny McPherson and Shinta Sato. And the

Resolved, the board accepts the recommendations of SSAC, reappoints the following SSAC members to three-year terms beginning 1st of January, 2014, and ending 31 December, 2016. And they were the names I just read.

Next item is DNS Risk Management Framework Report and Implementation. The board directs the President and CEO to proceed with the implementation of the DNS Risk Management Framework and report back to the Board Risk Committee as needed on the risk assessment and proposed mitigation measures.

The fourth item is changes to board standing committees. This is the phasing out of the IANA Committee, the Public Stakeholder Engagement Committee, Board Global Relations Committee. The resolutions are that these are decommissioned, and the President and CEO are directed to develop a regular reporting mechanism to the board on the areas in which these standing board committees are focused. Let me comment that this is a positive evolution in our structure because of the strengthening of the staff functions no longer requiring activity at the board level to oversee these.

The next is the SSAC advisory and NGPC recommendations on name collisions. Resolved -- several resolutions -- board acknowledges the receipt of SSAC Report SAC062 on concerning the mitigation of name collision risk, directs the President and

CEO to have the SAC's advice from this advisory entered into the advice tracking register and confirm with SSAC that the entries accurately capture the advice; directs the ICANN's President and CEO to have the advice provided in SAC062 evaluated, produce a recommendation to the board regarding acceptance of that advice no later than 90 days from the adoption of the resolution.

And Resolved, in instances where ICANN recommends that the advice be accepted, the board directs ICANN's President and CEO to have the feasibility and costs of implementing the advice -- excuse me -- evaluated and to pull out an implementation plan with timelines and high-level milestones with review by the board no later than 120 days from the adoption of this resolution.

And the board adopts NGPC's recommendations, one, that the Board Risk Committee expressly review name collision matters, report back to the board, and continues to review and report at regular intervals; two, the board directs the ICANN President and CEO to develop a long-term place to manage name collision at the root; and, three, the board directs the ICANN President and CEO to work with the community to develop a long-term plan to retain and measure root server data.

Item 6 on the consent agenda is the SSAC advisory on DNSSEC key rollover in the root. And the essence of this that we acknowledge the receipt of SAC063, SSAC's advisory on DNSSEC key rollover in the root zone. We direct the President and CEO to enter the

advice in the tracking register, to have it evaluated, and report back no later than 90 days as before and that for those recommendations which are recommended for adoption to have an implementation plan and timelines, and so forth no later than 120 days exactly as for the previous advice.

The next item is a digital platform contract. This is an item that comes to the board because of the magnitude of the expenditure. This has been reviewed by the Finance Committee and the full board. And the resolution is that the board authorize the President and CEO or his designees to take all actions necessary to contract with NEO Innovations, Incorporated, to facilitate the development of the new digital platform and the icann.org Web site update and to make all disbursements called for under that contract in an amount not to exceed. And the threshold is redacted for negotiation purposes.

The next item, the eighth one thank you to sponsors of this meeting. The Board wishes to thank the following sponsors: IPLAN; Afilias Limited; Public Interest Registry; VeriSign; Community.Asia; Iron Mountain; NeuStar, Incorporated; UniForum SA T/A ZA Central Registry; .CLUB Domains, LLC; LogicBoxes; NCC Group; CentralNIC; Trademark Clearinghouse; Freenom; CORE Association; Architelos; Uniregistry; and ICANNWiki.

[Applause]

So that was pretty good but the next one better be even louder.

The Board wishes to express deepest appreciation to the scribes, interpreters, technical teams and the entire ICANN staff, for their efforts in facilitating the smooth operation of the meeting. We'd also like to thank the management and the staff of the Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel and Convention Center for providing a wonderful facility to hold this event. Special thanks are extended to George Handley, Manager Convention Sales; Silvina Bracco, Banquet Sales Manager; and Fernando Henrichmann, Group Coordinator.

[Applause]

And continuing toward crescendo, the Board wishes to extend its thanks to the local host organizer, NIC Argentina, for its support. Special thanks are extended to Dr. Gustavo Justich, National Director; Carlos Marco Liuzzi, Manager, International Liaison Unit; Marcelo Martinez, International Liaison Unit; and the entire Argentina staff.

The Board also extends thanks to Dr. Juan Manuel Abal Medina, Former Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers of Argentina for his support of and participation in this meeting.

[Applause]

That completes the consent agenda. Let me have an expression, all in favor.

MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

MALE: You need to move?

STEVE CROCKER: No.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I am sorry. I would like to know if I can ask a question. If I don't --
                        If I can't ask a question, I would like to remove one item from the
                        consent agenda. It's up to you, Mr. Chair.

STEVE CROCKER: Go ahead ask your question, please.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: In the resolution about the change of the Board, you made --
                        sorry

                        -- the Board standing committee, you made (indiscernible) that
                        the staff is doing well. Yeah, no problem. I am not sure it was a
                        good way to handle to suppress those committee and the reason
                        to lead to the formation of certain standing committee are still
                        valid. We need to have some, from my point of view, some

oversight. It's -- I know that you say differently, but we also discuss that some other way to do such a thing could be put into place. It's not the case here. And that's my comment for this.

And I would like the Board to take this action in the future to take care of those items.

Thank you very much.

STEVE CROCKER: So as a matter of form, we have a very, very low threshold for removing items from a consent agenda so that we do not move things forward without the appropriate amount of discussion. So I'll take item D off of the consent agenda, ask for consent of this, and we will go back to that immediately after this.

So let me ask, absent item D changes to Board standing committees, if we have consent across the entire Board. All in favor?

MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

STEVE CROCKER: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Thank you. So the consent agenda, absent item 1.d -- or 2.d has passed. Thank you very much.

Let me now move back to that item and have a separate treatment of that.

So I will read the full.

Whereas, the reasons that led to the formation of certain standing Board committees -- namely, the IANA Committee, the Public Stakeholder Engagement Committee, that is PSEC, and the Board Global Relations Committee, BGRC, no longer exists.

Whereas, the Board Governance Committee, BGC, has considered the relevance of maintaining the IANA Committee, PSEC, and BGRC.

Whereas, the BGC, that is the Board Governance Committee, has concluded that the areas in which those committees are focused more properly reside with management and recommends that the Board decommission these standing boards committees.

Resolved, the IANA Committee, the Public Stakeholder Engagement Committee, and the Board Global Relationships Committee are hereby decommissioned.

And, resolved, the President and CEO is directed to develop a regular reporting mechanism to the Board on areas in which these standing Board committees were focused.

Let me ask for somebody to move this.

Ray, thank you. And George would second it.

And let me open the floor for discussion and call on you, Sebastien, to start the discussion.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Chair, but I already made my comments and I have nothing to add. Thank you.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you.

BRUCE TONKIN: hank you, Steve.

I note part of the rationale of this resolution states that the Board shall continue to maintain oversight and governance over the subject matters in which these committees were focused through regular reporting from staff to the Board.

One of the things that Sebastien has helpfully communicated to me some ideas about having some particular board members that would take up some of these particular topics as an area of focus, and that they would work closely with staff in preparing materials for the Board when we consider those matters.

So I'll undertake, as an action on myself, to work with Sebastien and develop those ideas a little further, and bring them to the Board for the next board meeting.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you.

Is there any other discussion?

Let me call the question. All in favor?

Thank you.

Any opposed?

Any abstentions?

Sebastien, you abstain. Would you like to add anything to what you've said for the record?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: No, thank you very much.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you very much.

The motion passes. And I appreciate the discussion.

We'll move to -- I'm juggling paper here. We're down to -- there we go.

We now move to the rest of the main agenda, which has a set of thank yous. A thank you to Francisco Da Silva for his service on the ICANN Board. Whereas, Francisco Da Silva was appointed to

serve as the Technical Liaison Group liaison for the ICANN Board on October 18th, 2012. Whereas, Francisco concludes his term on the ICANN Board on this day, 21 November 2013.

Whereas, Francisco has served as a member of the following committees: New gTLD Program Committee and the Structural Improvements Committee.

Resolved, Francisco Da Silva 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.

Let me have somebody move it.

George. Second, Ray.

Any discussion?

I'll offer that it has been a real pleasure to work with Francisco. We've had the pleasure of working with him not just in the past year but at a couple of junctures in preceding years, and I always treasure his presence and will miss him.

Any other discussion?

Let me ask -- Let me call the question.

All in favor?

[Applause]

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Any opposed?

All right. Thank you.

The next item is a thank you to Judith Duavit Vazquez for her service on the ICANN Board.

Whereas, Judith was appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee -- as a Nominating Committee member to the ICANN Board on 28 October 2011 and concluded her term on 7 October 2013.

Whereas, Judith served as a member of the following committees and working groups: Audit Committee, New gTLD Program Committee, Risk Committee, Structural Improvements Committee, and the Board-GAC recommendations implementation working group.

Resolved, Judith has earned the deep appreciation of the Board for her term of service. The Board wishes her well in her future endeavors within the ICANN community and beyond.

May I have somebody move this? Ray. Second?

Thank you, Fadi.

Any discussion?

Let me ask for approval by acclamation.

[Applause]

And all of this has been done in a speedy way to get to the only important -- no, to get to the following. A thank you to Bertrand De La Chapelle for his service to the ICANN Board. Whereas, Bertrand De La Chapelle was appointed to serve as a Nominating Committee member to the ICANN Board on 10 December 2010. Whereas, Bertrand concludes his term on the ICANN Board on this day, 21 November 2013. And whereas Bertrand has served as a member of the following committees and working group: Governance committee, global relations committee, Structural Improvements Committee, and the Board/GAC recommendations implementation working group.

We solved, Bertrand De La Chapelle has earned the deep appreciation of the Board for his term of service. The Board wishes him well in his future endeavors within the community and beyond.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I want to move it.

STEVE CROCKER: Sebastien moves and Bill seconds. Several seconds.

Any discussion?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Not at all.

STEVE CROCKER: Not at all. Bill?

BILL GRAHAM: Yes, thank you, Steve.

                        Bertrand, in deference to our shared sense of irony, I'll try and keep this short.

                        [Laughter]

                        In the more than ten years that I've known you, Bertrand, you've achieved a grand career arc. When I first met you, you were a civil society activist leading something called the Open WSIS Initiatives. I checked and I see you've wisely kept that domain.

BERTRAND DE LA CHAPELLE: Absolutely.

BILL GRAHAM: You fought a valiant fight around Information Society on an equal footing, including internet governance. You continued in that role until after the second world conference in Tunisia in 2005, and then almost magically, you morphed, emerging as a senior official in the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the French representative in the GAC, eventually becoming the GAC vice chair.

And then as many of us remember, you resigned from the French government so you could join us as a NomCom appointee to the ICANN Board.

Now you've established the Internet and Jurisdiction Project in the International Diplomatic Academy in Paris.

Bertrand, you have been a major and vocal contributor to the Board. You have been a champion of the multistakeholder model in the Board and a strong advocate of taking action based on fundamental principles. Your arguments are always presented in a delicately nuanced way, even though there is no word for "nuance" in French.

[Laughter]

Bertrand, you have introduced several very significant new concepts to Board deliberations, and to honor your classical training by the French establishment, I believe it's appropriate that I highlight three of these important contributions.

STEVE CROCKER: Absolutely.

BILL GRAHAM: The first would be modalities. Usually modalities come in threes, but you refined this concept. You've taught us that three modalities can best be expressed in four different ways.

[Laughter]

The second would be duality, and duality naturally leads me to recognize the many, many things that have two dimensions and can often be best pursued on two tracks.

And finally, Bertrand, you have provided us with the ultimate truth about the number one. There can never be one best answer nor one sole consideration. In fact, even when you agree with me on a single suggestion, you usually do it by taking completely the opposite approach.

[Laughter]

Bertrand, we will miss you on the Board and look forward to your continuing innovation in the ICANN community.

Farewell, my friend.

[Applause]

(standing ovation).

STEVE CROCKER: But wait. There's more. We're not done.

Bruce Tonkin.

BRUCE TONKIN: Thank you, Steve.

I did want to make a couple of remarks. One, as chair of the Board Governance Committee. Bertrand joined our committee this year, and the length of the meetings immediately doubled in length. But I did that knowingly, and I think the other thing I learned from Bertrand is although his native language is French, his vocabulary in English exceeds most of the Board, I think. And certainly as Bill has so well pointed out, I think Bertrand, in all of his topics, thinks through the issue very deeply. Within the Board Governance Committee we had a number of reconsideration requests over the past year, and, you know, Bertrand's depth of analysis of the different nuances of those requests was always very much appreciated. And, you know, we did long deliberate on many of those reconsiderations. And although people, you know, may look at the minutes and they probably seem quite dry in the sense of, you know, accepting or rejecting a request, the reality is the depth of analysis that Bertrand brought to those discussions really improved the overall understanding of the members of the Board Governance Committee in considering those.

So I really thank Bertrand and recognize his definitely different communication style to, say, me, but part of the diversity of the Board is to have these different communication styles and to learn from each other.

So really appreciate your time on the Board, Bertrand.

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER: I, too, want to offer something. Does anyone else want to chime in?

Ray.

RAY PLZAK: Bertrand, it's been a pleasure to both have you as a member of the Structural Improvements Committee for your term of office on the Board, and I would also like to point out that Bertrand can be very precise in his speaking, and no Structural Improvements Committee ever went over time, even though Bertrand had ample opportunity to speak.

Bertrand, I absolutely value our friendship and the times that we have spent talking about a lot of other things to include our common interest in different subjects, the books we shared knowledge about. So I would like to thank you very much, and I always look forward to seeing you again in the future.

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you.

Heather.

HEATHER DRYDEN: Thank you very much. And there's perhaps not a great deal I can add to the comments that my colleagues have made thus far.

I have also known you since the days of WSIS, and certainly in the Governmental Advisory Committee as well as we now find ourselves on the Board at ICANN. But throughout that time, it's very clear to me that there is no better example of someone committed to the work that we do here and multistakeholder approaches. And, really, taking such a great interest and enthusiasm in the future and how this all will impact us and impact the Internet.

So I really think it's important to recognize that. And I really think you are exception jam in that regard.

And we will certainly miss you on the Board, but I have every expectation that you will continue to work in the same circles and pursue those same objectives. And I do hope that we will continue to benefit from your thoughtfulness and from that degree of commitment that is really unparalleled.

So thank you, Bertrand.

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER: Cherine.

CHERINE CHALABY: I, too, would like to say thank you to Bertrand for the wonderful time we spent together on the Board and for the clarity of your thoughts on many issues.

I have to blame you for not being able to sleep for the last two days because you talked about something called government of the Net and government on the Net, and my brain can't cope with that distinction. So I suppose when you go, we'll all wonder whether we're members of the Board or members on the board.

But enough of joking. It's been a real pleasure, a real, real pleasure to serve with you on the Board, and I hope that we will continue to interact and continue our friendship after that.

So thank you so much for your contribution.

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you.

Sebastien?

Oh, I'm sorry. Gonzalo.

GONZALO NAVARRO: So we are going to keep traditions, so I'm going to be really brief and going to the point.

Well, our colleagues are mentioning your intelligence or how eloquent you are. All those things are really true, but in my opinion, what better reflects you is your integrity, and you are a really, really, really decent human being. One of the finest I have met.

So, Bertrand, I have learned a lot from you, and I certainly am going to miss you as a board member, but I am sure that the community is regaining a really valuable asset.

So good luck, my friend. BON chance, and see you soon.

[Applause]

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you. He usually speaks in English and I speak in French. Fortunately, he understands French so that is not a problem. I will be able to express myself in French.

I'm not going to be too lengthy. I think that everybody has stated his opinions.

The board members are going to miss you. And I think that losing a friend from the Board will enable us to have many more occasions outside the Board to continue building our relationship and have dinner in Paris.

Thank you, Bertrand, for everything.

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER: Erika.

ERIKA MANN: I didn't want to say anything, Bertrand, because I hate farewells, but I will miss you, but I'm sure we will stay in contact and work on many occasions together.

All the best to you, and see you soon.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you.

Let me -- Let me bring this to a close with echoing one of the things that I think it comes through is that we've gotten now a sense of the man. Thoroughness in thinking. Loquaciousness, yes. I'll come back to that momentarily. And one of the things that Gonzalo mentioned that I wanted to echo very much is a very strong sense of humanity and decency, not only in his own behavior but applied to the issues that come before us.

As chair, I've occasionally had to exert a bit of force about how we manage our time. One particular episode, I set a 90-second clock for a contribution so we could get everybody in, and I actually

timed you, Bertrand, and you made it, and I was pleasantly surprised.

But even more memorable was watching you have to chair a meeting at the Internet Governance Forum in Nairobi, and you had to manage the clock and everybody in the audience appreciated the extreme irony of watching you manage that and struggle with that.

It's been an absolute pleasure. I have learned new depths of analysis and exposition, and it's been a treasure to work with you.

Do you have anything you want to say?

[Laughter]

>>   Maybe we should vote first.

STEVE CROCKER: I asked him for a budget for this before we started.

BERTRAND DE LA CHAPELLE: Thank you. Thank you so much. For those words that touch upon things that I do value as well, so the fact that you see that in me is a great compliment.

I want to thank you, the people who have the patience to come until now and to wait for this. The quality obviously palliates the number. And I see in the audience a lot of familiar faces, people that I've walked along this road for the last few years and also the people around the board that I have appreciated very much and I do appreciate very much.

For those of you who care about reading my emails, because I also do produce emails, the signature is a quote from Saint Supery that basically says There's no greater mission for humans than uniting humans.

It is something I believe deeply in and the reason I like this community is because this is what we are doing here. In terms of human quality, I must confess that when I watch the people who have given us the Internet -- and I have now had the privilege as many of you to have known closely and worked closely with Vint and with Steve more than others -- I'm amazed at the depth of humility and kindness that these people who have contributed tremendously to humanity exhibit in every aspect of their life and their professional career. So this is an amazing lesson, and the first one I want to keep from this journey.

The second thing is I've spent six years actually directly inside the environment of ICANN, first, as Heather mentioned, within the GAC that I saw grow and afterwards inside the board.

I attach a great importance to things that you do at one point in time that have long-term consequences. We don't always have the opportunity to do this in our lives, and this is an environment where we all do this. Among all the things I've done in the GAC, there's one that I am extremely happy and proud of, is to have participated in the IDN ccTLD fast-track for two reasons. One, because the impact is going to be long lasting but also it was an opportunity to really interact with Chris who has not only become a great friend but who has made me understand that although in Paris I'm considered as an awful Americanized person, I'm actually very French.

[Laughter]

So there are many other things from the GAC, but I don't want to get into details, and very nice memories with a lot of friends who have actually migrated within this community. I see some in the room. And I salute them.

In the board, I would like to do the same. I have wonderful memories of interactions of the depth of collegiality around the table. On a human level, the most fascinating thing for me is to pick a word that Suzanne Woolf used with me the other day and that I would return to most of you. It is fascinating to learn how to learn from someone.

Beyond that, there were two things that I am particularly proud to have participated in. One is the thing that we have all in common,

not only the board but also the community. When in Singapore, we voted for the launch of the new gTLD program. I do not know what the economic impact, the technical impact of the new gTLD program will be. But I know the political impact of the new gTLDs. It is something that has been accomplished in a way that no other management of global common resources has ever been done.

The second thing is to have been able to be part of the CEO search committee that was chaired by George. And beyond the capacity of the chair that I have been very impressed with, I do not think that there is anything in my life so far -- sorry -- that I have done that I am more proud of and will have a more long-lasting effect.

[Applause]

Thank you.

(Standing ovation).

Okay. Thank you. Thank you. It gives -- it gives the pause I needed.

[Laughter]

Thank you. That allows me to finish. I've come to ICANN from the outside. I spent several years, as Bill said, in the WSIS, in the trenches of defending civil society, and the right of the individual to participate in the governance processes.

It dates back to 2000. And I met a lot of people who are actually still in this environment, in this community. It is actually very intriguing and great that Bruno Lanvin was going to join the board now as somebody that I met in 2000 in the G8 which was the moment I was converted to the multistakeholder approach. I have met a lot of people during the WSIS. And as I've often joked, it took two summits gathering 15,000 people to get me to meet Ayesha which has been my partner for nine years and that's the basic best result of the WSIS process by far.

[Applause]

So now we are getting -- we're getting into a new phase. And all transitions in professional careers are an opportunity to look back at the people and what you have accomplished. I want to -- I don't know if it's to reassure you that I'm not leaving this environment. I have already plunged my fingers in the working group on implementation and policy which is scaring the bejesus of everybody.   But I also have this program on Internet & Jurisdiction. But what I want to say is we have embarked on the last few months in a transformation of the external landscape that is without comparison in the last ten years that I have followed this topic.

What you have produced, what we have produced, and what we are demonstrating is that the multistakeholder model or the approach works for topics. And, believe me, the world is looking

at this organization and with all its difficulties, all its flaws, all the hobbling along, we are a community that demonstrates a very simple thing -- or two things. One, when you put people around the table, they actually want to work together. And, second, there is a right for anybody, any individual to contribute to the definition of the global public interest.

And with that, the last word is that we have a lot of work ahead of us together. And I'm actually looking forward very much to continuing in this community.

[Applause]

(Standing ovation).

Now you can have the...

[Laughter]

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you. As a matter of form, I ask that completes that particular transaction.

Any other business? Sorry? We have to vote? I think by acclamation here.

[Applause]

It is possible when listening to Bertrand to lose track actually.

[Laughter]

That completes that resolution.

Any other business?

This concludes this meeting of the ICANN board of directors. We will have another meeting momentarily which will be an organizational meeting as we seat the new board. This is the form at the annual general meeting. So with that, we will do a brief scene change. Thank you again, Bertrand.

And in your seat, we welcome Bruno Lanvin.

[Applause]

[END OF TRANSCRIPT]