**Minutes and Actions – BC Members Call May 18th 2011**

**Attendees:**

Marilyn Cade

Chris Chaplow

John Berard

Benedetta Rossi

Jim Baskin

Mike O’Connor

Berry Cobb

Tero Mustala

Fred Feldman

Ron Andruff

Lane Mortensen

Philip Corwin

David Fares

Elisa Cooper

John Nevett

Michael Palage

Neil Blair

Apologies: Sarah Deutsch and Steve DelBianco

1. **Introduction and Roll Call**

Benedetta Rossi, BC Secretariat, did the roll call for members (shown above), some members joined during the call.

Marilyn Cade, Chair: review of agenda items: council decisions and agenda discussion, BC public comment processes and news and planning for Singapore.

1. **Council Agenda**

John Berard, Councilor: only one motion on the council agenda for Thursday: the GNSO approval of the Joint Applicant Support Workgroup. There are currently concerns over the question and answer between the board, the GAC and the working group and since the ALAC passed the report to the board without the GNSO having seen it. This situation is triggering a larger conversation about the role of cross constituency working groups.

Marilyn Cade, Chair: Having been on the council for several years, the Chair witnessed that this topic on the council agenda several times, but the council has not actually tackled the processes for joint working groups, but left aside a particular highly loaded working group where different constituency counselors and different constituencies have highly developed oppositional opinions. When the topic on what rules would be for such working groups previously came up it was not addressed on the council.

Marilyn Cade, Chair: the issue of establishing a set of rules that are then taken out to the constituencies and agreed on how to establish cross community working groups, should be the priority project for the business constituency, rather than the JAS.

John Berard, Councilor: any plan or process that has the hope of being successful is going to have to be instigated at the constituency level. John Berard believes that the motion will pass and that the outcome of Item 6 (community working groups) will be to take the discussion from the council back to the constituencies for input.

Marilyn Cade, Chair: brought the discussion to the BC interest in the rules of how working groups are established, what status individuals have on working groups and who they speak for and whether or not they’re bound if the council were to establish rules about across community working group.

Marilyn Cade, Chair: Preferred position for member discussion: the BC supports the idea that creation, population and accountability of such cross groups need to be determined by the constituencies.

The Chair asked for members to comment on this proposed position: members on the call agree with this position.

**ACTION:** Ask Steve DelBianco, Vice Chair Policy Coordination, to direct a potential BC Position regarding how unaffiliated parties participate: aim is to have this position before the Singapore meeting.

1. **Report on Ron Andruff’s and Andrew Mack’s initiative**

Ron Andruff: Explained the purpose of their initiative: within specific communities in the world multiple languages are used every day and to break down the domain name system into multiple operators for the same string just in different languages or different character sets.

Ron Andruff and Andrew Mack believe this can create collisions in the attempt to expand an intuitive Internet. They sent a letter to Peter and Rod and added it to the public comment. The BC was also reached and the broader community for signatures. Result: over 30 signatures.

**ACTION:** Ron Andruff will send a link to the BC list with the correspondence that was sent to Rod and Peter on this regard.

Marilyn Cade, Chair: proposed that individual companies who share concern about the principles that underlie it should contact Ron, not that the BC endorse it. Ron can then issue an updated list of signatures.

1. **Update on progress of discussions between the GAC and the board related to the DAG**

Marilyn Cade, Chair: Expected: Public comments submission, followed by an exchange between the board and the GAC on May 20th via a conference call. In the meantime there has been a formal communication from the GAC to the board. The Chair asked members to discuss any information on this subject.

Michael Palage: Letter has not yet been posted on ICANN Website.

Marilyn Cade: GAC and individual members are deferring to the subject matter experts.

Biggest issue: sensitive strings, auctions and how the GAC input will be treated going forward.

The Chair asked for members from a regulated industry to comment. No comments were received.

**ACTION:** BC needs to get a copy of the letter and figure out whether or not the BC has a position on the five topics. Steve DelBianco, Vice Chair Policy Coordination and a group of members should work on the letter and see if the BC needs to develop a position.

1. **Election Process Update**

Marilyn Cade, Chair: reviewed the election process and announced Bill Graham winning the election. Turned the discussion to John Berard, Councilor for some political updates regarding the process.

John Berard, Councilor: Satisfied with the election results and Bill Graham’s election. He emerged as a candidate primarily because the BC and the commercial stakeholder group understood the need for finding a candidate who could speak to all members of the house.

In the aftermath: post-election lobbying on two matters with the nominating committee: 1. The need for diversity on the Board. 2. There should be a baseline of capabilities, requirements and experience that could guide those who have to vote on Board members.

Marilyn Cade, Chair: There was also a post-election discussion based on the idea that Bill Graham wasn’t suitable for the position because of his previous work in the government.

1. **Public Comments**

Marilyn Cade, Chair: open public comment document: Budget and Operating Plan: Chris Chaplow, Vice Chair Finance and Operations, will be organizing a discussion about the follow up and input of the BC on the budget and operating plan. Comments were previously filed and suggested edits and requested specific funding were added.

Chris Chaplow, Vice Chair Finance and Operations: Hasn’t had any feedback from previous comments nor on the toolkit. The toolkit was postponed from the Council meeting.

John Berard: Toolkit discussion was postponed due to lack of time on the Council, but equally because it is not perceived as urgent.

**ACTION**: Chris Chaplow will group the finance committee and take up that particular issue of why the toolkit support to the constituencies would have to devolve to the policy council versus remaining a budget issue.

1. **Planning for Singapore**

Marilyn Cade, Chair: discussed the proposed schedule for Singapore and what the members should expect from the meeting.

* Meeting with WHOIS working group.
* Update from Jeff Brueggeman on the SSR working group.
* One-hour CSG face-to-face discussion between the CSG and the Board. Topics: yet to be determined because we don't know where the DAG is. The Chair will be posting requests for suggested comments to the BC members as soon as the meeting is confirmed. If the DAG is done, focus will be on governance and other issues. If the DAG isn't done, then it’ll be factored in the discussion.
* Social event with the Board: new process: Board will no longer will have breakfast with constituencies, and all of their events are staggered so that one constituency gets an event at each meeting. The BC is supposed to have a social event with the Board in Singapore. Chair asked for Monday evening as first choice and Tuesday evening as second choice. No confirmation has yet been received from Diane.
* Tuesday morning breakfast will be a joint breakfast with the ALAC and the other two constituencies .Topic: ICANN’s role in the public interest and trust and confidence. This topic is a joint topic development between the ALAC and the BC.
* Chair is discussing the possibility of having a separate private social event with the GAC as a backup if the BC social event with the Board doesn’t take place. Right now that backup time is Monday. Several BC members have offered to help with the sponsorship of this event.
* Wednesday BC lunch: the Chair has invited the new VP of Security, Patrick Jones. He is the former head of Black Hat so he's a fairly well known hacker. And this would be a get acquainted session, not a effort to negotiate with him what the BC views are on security.

Benedetta Rossi, BC Secretariat: Updated the BC members on confirmed attendees for the Singapore meeting.

Marilyn Cade, Chair: In Singapore the BC will have a members only discussion with the members of the Nominating Committee. Topic: the nominating committee process and the views of the business constituency about whether the nominating committee process broadly is effective.

1. **Conclusion**

Marilyn Cade, Chair: concluded the call reminding BC members that the next call will take place on Thursday, June 2nd. The Chair mentioned that two Board members will be retiring: Rita Rodin and Peter Dengate Thrush. The Chair asked members to think about what the BC can say at the public forum as a recognition to retiring Board members, in particular to Peter Dengate Thrush, to thank him for his commitment to the BC.