>> YANNIS LI: The first shuttle bus left already. But if you would like to have to get a taxi, you can go to the registration counter and they will help you. And the next shuttle bus will be at 7:40 this evening, after the MSG meeting. Thank you.

>> YANNIS LI: I just want to know if Cheryl is remote with us online.

>> PAUL WILSON: Okay. So let's start this MSG meeting with a review of the agenda.

>> YANNIS LI: Okay. This is Yannis Li speaking for the transcript record. So I guess for the transcript record, could maybe the MSG members state your name, to do a roll call before we start the meeting, so that we can have the attendants noted. Maybe we will go through the agenda afterwards, and if Paul would speak closer to the mic, that would be good.

>> PAUL WILSON: So it's Paul Wilson, for the roll call. Yannis, can we just go through the agenda, please.

>> YANNIS LI: Okay. So actually, from last discussion we have three agenda items. The first one is the election procedure, which is important that we should try to finalize and adopt it today. And the second is review of RFP for 20157. And the last one is review of Macao 2015.

>> PAUL WILSON: We will start with the election procedure, and this belongs to Thip.

>> DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: So there are only three new entries reflecting the comments that were made by Peng Hwa. I think it was
only Peng Hwa that made the comment on the additional text. If you check your e-mail, if you have access to it, you'll see it, but I'm going to read the new entry.

The first one is right to abstain. The full text is "MSG who is eligible to vote may also choose to abstain from voting by choosing the quote open quote abstaining vote choice when casting. Abstaining will not result of future voting rights for MSG." That's it. Full stop. Is that okay?

>> PAUL WILSON: Yes.
>> DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: Next would be is eligibility as election candidate.

So point 5, the new text, "In the event of conflict of interest, MSG must declare his or her status at the earliest to the MSG Chair and Committee as an act of good faith."

Was that the right text that you wanted to be shown, Peng Hwa?

Okay. And the last entry is 11.5 election committee. The text is, it's an additional text from the original -- from the main text. The main text is, "However, candidates for leadership in the current election year are automatically disqualified from volunteering or being appointed. When such conflict of interest arises, it is advised that the respective election Committee member to declare to the Chair of MSG and Committee at the earliest in good faith."

So this is for those who are appointed as the election Committee. There will be three. So if there is a conflict of interest, that they should basically self declare to the Chair.

Is that okay? Yes?

>> JIARONG LOW: (Off microphone.) This is Jiarong. Just for grammar, the 2 after "Committee member" can be deleted. "It is advised that the respective election Committee member declare to the chair of MSG and Committee at earliest in good faith."

>> SIVASUBRAMANIAN M: What type of conflicts of interest are we talking about? What are the different types of conflict that we list in this context?

>> JIARONG LOW: Frankly, I don't know. But we put things in to prevent the issues arising. Then we say it's not biased, or anything like that. So we put in these clauses to avoid bad scenarios.

>> KUO WEI WU: This is Kuo Wei.

I think you are asking the right questions. If you want to put in a contradiction here, I think you have some kind of scenario, you have to describe, or it's very difficult or very possible how people would use it in the future. Again, the MSG Chair. So it's tough.

For example, right now the Chair is Paul Wilson. And then if somebody says well, Paul is the DG of APNIC. I think he has a conflict of interest.

I think that unless we really have some kind of a scenario, I will suggest not put that in at this moment.

>> SIVASUBRAMANIAN M: Another point I want to make is that in a multistakeholder group, the concept of conflict of interest is irrelevant. So because a person with a conflict, from a business background, automatically fits into the business stakeholder group. And a person with a Government interest automatically fits into the Government stakeholder group. So, how are we to say that a particular
interest amounts to conflict of interest? I don't know.
Because a multistakeholder group is all inclusive. And any
person with any interest fits into one category or another.
>> PAUL WILSON: It's Paul here.
Thip, you mentioned, you used some words in the section relating
to good faith.
>> DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: In good faith.
>> PAUL WILSON: I think it's possible to over think this and to
be too prescriptive. I think a conflict of interest, a genuine
conflict of interest is something that we need to avoid. If those who
are running for or involved with this process can self declare in good
faith a conflict of interest, and be prepared to answer questions
about a possible conflict of interest, then I think that is surely
eough.
>> DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: It's just a duty, right?
>> PAUL WILSON: Right. So if the words aren't clear enough to
say this is a self declaration in good faith.
>> DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: Originally, I wrote "self declaration"
on the original text, but seeing that the recommendation was to make
it kind of more generic, so I did not put "self declaration." But the
original text was "self declaration."
>> There is an understanding of what it is -- can you go back.
So the conflict of interest refers to conflict of interest of the
Election Committee, vis-a-vis the election candidates.
So if, for example, Paul is running and if you have somebody on
APNIC who is also on the election committee, that is a conflict of
interest. But we don't have an conflict right now.
So we put the MSG Committee and the candidates.
>> SIVASUBRAMANIAN M: That I agree. I was referring to conflict
of interest of candidates, not the election committee versus the
candidate.
>> DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: Maybe I could also expand it also to
explain that the election committee has one duty, which is to also
identify candidates that are not appropriate or rather, actually,
every MSG is supposed to actually identify -- if you recall the
responsibility of MSGs, everyone, you probably don't remember. Okay.
>> Is this point that you mention, is it inside? Good faith?
Like what Paul had mentioned, is it inside?
>> DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: Actually, no. I'm supporting what
you're say, it's point two, it's role and responsibilities pertaining
to the election. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of MSG, which is
all of us here, based on the election period of the secretariat.
Okay.
Also, identifying potential nonvalid nominations if any. So it's
kind of pertaining to if there's any, you know, inappropriate
candidates, which may, to some extent, relate to conflict of interest.
That's all.
>> SIVASUBRAMANIAM M: It probably doesn't mean conflict of
interest. It's different. So the question is there --
>> DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: Right. Yes it is.
>> HONG XUE: Hi. Hello. Can I make a wording suggestion? This
is --
PAUL WILSON: Your name.

HONG XUE: My name is Hong Xue. Can I make a wording suggestion? This is a good design. We just change the expression. Look at the first part. The blue character, when such a conflict of interest arises, it assumes that something has been confirmed. We're not sure if this is a conflict of interest.

So I suggest that we remove this to the second part. We begin with, let's begin, it's wise the respective election Committee member declares the potential conflict of interest to his belief. Right. So he believes he could have a conflict of interest. But he declares in good faith.

PAUL WILSON: Could you repeat that?

HONG XUE: It is advised that the respective committee member declares --

You have to declare. Not advise. You have to declare.

HONG XUE: He has to declare in good faith. It is in good faith, anyway. But declare his potential conflict of interest to his belief, to his belief and knowledge. He knows, he was aware that there is a conflict --

It cannot be potential. It has to be real. I mean, working for Paul in the future, it's a potential conflict of interest.

(Pauses)

PAUL WILSON: I think we must be close enough to a final wording on this clause. Was there anything else, Thip? Any other point in the --

DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: The other thing is, Yannis needs us to approve the dates of the election calendar, which has the different dates.

PAUL WILSON: Before we do that, are we not -- are we not dealing with the procedure itself first?

DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: The procedure, that's it. That was the only outstanding, the text.

PAUL WILSON: And we did resolve the issue of a definition of an active member of the MSG.

DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: "The active member of the MSG," I have taken out of active dot dot dot. I don't know if Yannis can move up the document to 11.1. So that's taken out. We don't need an active. But that still remains. "Involved in at least two MSG meetings or APrIGF activities in the last six months prior to the election date and has been an MSG for at least one year." Is that still valid or would you like to change it?

PAUL WILSON: My suggestion was to strike out the second part. So it's not -- I mean, the -- the membership for at least one year doesn't particularly matter if they have been active in the last six months.

DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: Agreed. So it stops at "election date."

PAUL WILSON: Okay. So that seems -- it seems that we have all of the changes now reviewed, and so what we need to do is approve this process.

So is there anyone who objects to approving the election process?

A comment.

PAUL WILSON: Please.
JAHANGIR HOSSAIN: Jahangir from (inaudible). There is the ability to go to the point where one is involved in two -- at least two meetings. Physically or remotely?

DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: Both.

JAHANGIR HOSSAIN: Okay. Thank you.

DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: We're keeping it easy.

PAUL WILSON: Okay. Thank you. So again, is there anyone who would not agree approving these and adopting these election procedures? In that case, let's declare them adopted.

(Applause)

Thank you very much, Thip. And others who --

DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: A lot of blood and sweat in there.

PAUL WILSON: Okay. The next question was about the dates. So let's confirm those.

DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: The dates are up there, in there.

Sorry. You have to give the e-mail. Yes, the e-mailed one. Not the...

The proposed dates, so we're starting off with -- no. It can't be from my document. It has to come from the e-mail, honey.

YANNIS LI: All right. Just a minute.

DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: So the dates are adopt the election procedure, which we did on July 2.

Next is open call for committees, which will effectively start today until July 16. So it's based on this operating procedure. You may self nominate, volunteer and self nominate yourself to Paul. And within that time, if no one comes forward, Paul, you have the right to appoint three persons to the election Committee.

The next one is open nomination period, three weeks. So we basically make an announcement on our website on July 20. So basically, until August 10, which is the deadline for nominations for potential candidates for leadership.

And the next one is announce candidates, voting members and voting period, one week duration. It will be announced on August 20.

And, basically, this is where we will find out who can vote. And also confirming the list of candidates which the election Committee has basically confirmed.

And the voting period basically, when we cast our ballots, is September 7 to 13. So that's seven working days.

And the results to be announced by the election committee 48 hours at the end of 13 September. So that should be September 15 is the date of the announcement.

That's it.

Do we agree on these dates, which means that we kick off today the process and we will have a new leadership announced on September 15th. Workable?

PAUL WILSON: Any comments? Concerns?

JIARONG LOW: There is a comment on the chat.

PAUL WILSON: Imran Shah said "although you have calculated a set of dates, schedule proposed. However, I would suggest skip the dates one to two weeks ahead, especially the nomination period."

Why?
>> PAUL WILSON: To start the process in one or two weeks, rather than right now.

>> DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: Well, to Imran's question at this point, we actually don't do anything apart from nominating yourself as an election committee. Everything else will be done by the Secretariat in terms of the announcement for candidacy and just kick-starting the election process.

>> EDMON CHUNG: Edmon here. So I just want to clarify that the first process is to get the election Committee seated. And so immediately start, you know, that process is to get the election committee started. And then a little bit later, the nomination for the actual candidates for the leadership position happens.

So just to let Imran know that, you know, that there is a little bit of time before the actual nomination for the candidate itself.

>> PAUL WILSON: Okay. He seems to be happy with that explanation.

Okay. Is there any other comment or question, or can we adopt these dates? Okay.

>> DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: (Off microphone.) This is the term for the Chairmanship is coming to term. And so this applies to Chairman -- Chair.

The Vice Chair is a different cycle. Vice Chair is not part of this at all, right?

>> YANNIS LI: Yes. This is Yannis speaking. Yes. So it is -- I guess this is the same applied for all actions for both Chairs and Vice Chairs. And at this time we will have YJ and Paul expiring the term, because the two Vice Chairs they are in staggering terms.

Yes.

>> Are there any rules concerning how many terms that a Vice Chair or a Chair could serve?

>> DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: Yes, each term is only two years.

>> Why is it so limited?

>> DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: Because we want to encourage as many new blood into the leadership.

>> Okay.

>> DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: But, again, a current leader may choose to actually nominate himself again for the next election. But there is a limitation of what you can do. I think it's in the document as well. But no more than two terms. Yes. Two consecutive terms. And a break of one term. Then you can come back again.

>> There is a maximum of two terms that a candidate could serve, is that what you are saying?

>> DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: Yes, with a break of one term after that and then you can come back again.

>> Okay.

>> Are you interested?

>> PAUL WILSON: My understanding is that that makes me ineligible to nominate again this time. Can you reassure me about that?

>> YANNIS LI: Paul, you are serving only for one term. So you are eligible to be re-elected.
>> PAUL WILSON: I'm ineligible.
>> YANNIS LI: You are eligible.
>> PAUL WILSON: I've been here for more than one term. Don't try -- I don't believe you.
>> YANNIS LI: We love you so we want to have you.
>> PAUL WILSON: I'm not bending the rules.
>> DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: Since we have the current Chair already, how do we count him? Do we count him as zero now and we start from -- and that way you do qualify? Paul? You don't count as zero? We have only had six of these. And the first year --
>> DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: This is a very rigid point. But whether the document can be applied retrospeculatively, or we are applying only to the future. So your term does not count. Right? It's zero. Let's do zero. This is new document. This is a new procedure. So it's zero. Okay. Yes.
>> EDMON CHUNG: Edmon here. So the joking aside, I think the initiative is now six years old, in a way. And I guess the first three years were kind of Peng Hwa was helping us through. So, to Paul, if we counted, I think if we count it, then that gives you one particular term into it, right now. So that is the -- just to clear it.

    It seems like a long time because we did a lot of stuff, right?
>> PAUL WILSON: Yes.
    >> Yes, I agree with Edmon. It's the spirit of the things. If you want the change of leadership, not that he is corrupt or all powerful. You are very benevolent, but still we want to change it. We love you, Paul.
    >> PAUL WILSON: Thank you.
    So I think we adopted our procedures and the dates. And we have one more item on the agenda, right? Two more?
>> YANNIS LI: Yes. But I guess the second item, actually, the second item is about the RFP for 2017 and the other one is review of Macao. We can go quickly for 2017. I don't think we can review the RFP. But I suggest that we try to aim to open the RFP before Dublin so we can promote it. And then we try to revise the RFP between now and then.
>> PAUL WILSON: Okay. Any remarks on that? Kuo-Wei?
>> KUO-WEI WU: I'd like to comment about, you know, when we are talking about IP for the 2017, you know, for those people, everyone in the APrIGF who are thinking about it, at least for the IP, I receive for the type of meeting. I think it's a two -- it's too much asking for the local host to look at Macao the same problem. We tried to go and let -- the level of the standard. But actually it's difficult to meet. So I would suggest really seriously look at IP. Promote the thing in the option is there as a requirement. Because it's difficult to do it.
    You know, for example, like I said, interpretation, you know, it's very costly, to be honest, very costly. And so I suggest that we have to really see the IP. What is a really good one and which one might be optional. And then for the people who want to operate it in 2017, it's much easier to have a more application come in.
>> DON HOLLANDER: I think that's a very valid point. And my
suggestion is to have a look at the RFP for the 2015 APrIGF, which is where we are at right now. And compare that with reality. Once this is done and once the accounts have come in, and work with MONIC and the Macao organization, just to see how reality compared with, A, their proposal and the RFP from the time.

So my concern is putting one of these on in the Pacific and just finding the resources to do something like this in the Pacific is going to be, as presented in the RFP, it's going to be a challenge.

>> PAUL WILSON: Thanks, Don.
Okay.
>> (Off microphone.)
>> PAUL WILSON: Apparently so, according to the rules. Is that right?
Okay. Imran, we are just looking at your question. It seems that that scenario that you mention is not ruled out by the rules. So the answer is yes.

The VC can move on and stand as Chair, even if they have served two terms.
Okay.

So our next agenda item is review of Macao.

>> YANNIS LI: Yes. But I just wanted to add, I think Imran raised a question as to whether if a VC served for one term and then he chooses to run for the Chair candidacy, does he count a second term already or do we count it as the first term? Does the consecutive term count for the position or --

>> PAUL WILSON: If he or she wishes to run again, I'm not sure. We'd have to look at fine print of the procedures which we have adopted.

>> (Off microphone.)
>> PAUL WILSON: Exactly. So the answer should be yes.

Edmon?

>> EDMON CHUNG: So the way that we kind of interpreted it is that the procedures apply to each position. So when you change the position, then the whole thing should apply again. So if you serve for one year as Vice Chair, the next year -- the next term, sorry, not "year," the next term you become Chair. Then that is the first term for the Chair.

>> PAUL WILSON: Then you could be elected as the Vice Chair and the Chair and the --

>> EDMON CHUNG: Forever and ever.

>> PAUL WILSON: And that is acceptable under the rules. And if anyone wants to change the rules, then I suggest that we move that to the next meeting.

(Laughter)

>> PAUL WILSON: And also I'll make sure that we have gender neutral language in the procedures. And if there isn't, then I'll move a change to that as well.

Siva?

>> SIVASUBRAMANIAN M: Apart from the idea of having a Vice Chair, is it possible that we can elect a Chair a year in advance and designate him as chair elect. So that he gets trained in the process of being a Chair?
And also the Chair who leaves would continue for a year as chair emeritus. No. No. It makes a lot of sense. Because someone completely new would not know how to run things. And it is a good practice to have someone to look up to.

>> PAUL WILSON: I'm sure that it is. I think let's talk about it -- let's -- if you wish to raise it or if we wish to talk about it, let's do it for the next meeting. And we can at least put these procedures to bed for one intermeeting period before we start more changes.

But they are good points, Siva, I'm not belittling that. A fine-toothed comb is apparently being applied.

So let's move on. To what extent can we review Macao? It seems premature to me. Was there some particular review question?

>> DUANGTHIP CHOMPRANG: We're over the half -- not half day, but half program already, right? This is now the second day. So... It doesn't hurt, does it?

>> SIVASUBRAMANIAN M: Okay. I think the choice of Macao is the first plus point. It's very good. It's very good. And overall arrangements, the hotel and the venue, are perfect. And the participation also this time is very good. And judging from the impressions in my case during the last for us, it's quite successful.

>> I would suggest that when we're talking about a review of Macao, we should have a number, you know. For example, how many people registered. And then -- I don't know, did we check it for each session, how many people participate? You know, maybe we don't. But in the future, we have to do that.

So when we are talking about it's good or bad and then we have a number to support it. And not just based on the feeling. I agree, the hotel and the venue, at least they are walkable. I walk every day. So I feel fine for that.

But I think I would suggest that if we have a number to tell us, then it's a much better way to evaluate.

>> EDMON CHUNG: I thought you were going to lower the requirements for the host.

(Laughter)

>> I can talk to you about it.

>> EDMON CHUNG: No, no. So next time you have somebody count the rooms.

(Laughter)

That's a very good suggestion.

>> You do that.

>> EDMON CHUNG: No. I think it's -- joking aside, I think it's a good suggestion. We should start to get a sense of how the participation, which sessions attract more people, too. I mean, and think about that in that way.

>> I raised the wrong question at a wrong time.

(Laughter)

>> PAUL WILSON: Although I think it's a little premature to be jumping to conclusions, and my own rating, my own appraisal would be "so far, so good." It's like so far.

But one thing we might consider, and it's probably too late, but we should be asking participants for their views. It's probably too
late to launch a survey now.
   >> No. Send one out at the end --
   >> PAUL WILSON: But to design and place one online it may be too
   late. I mean, the idea of a good survey needs to be launched at the
   time, and not too far afterwards. So I think it should be ready at
   the close of the event.
   >> YANNIS LI: Yes, we can circulate. You want the survey to be
   circulated now or after the event?
   >> PAUL WILSON: It would need to be ready at the close of the
   event, at the latest. Not a week later. I don't think even a few
   days later is a good thing.
   >> I have a template for a survey for another conference that
   I've been involved in. A template. I can send it to you.
   >> YANNIS LI: Send it to me.
   >> It's another conference, but we can use it as the template.
   >> PAUL WILSON: Is that something that the Secretariat can do?
   >> YANNIS LI: Is that a survey just about rating what sections
   they like most? Or --
   >> They can do all of it.
   >> We can still do it. We still have tomorrow.
   >> Okay. Great then.
   >> EDMON CHUNG: So I think the first year or first and second,
   we do have a template that we did a survey. I think the last couple
   years we did not do it. But let us dig up that template.
   >> YANNIS LI: I think we did it for Delhi.
   >> EDMON CHUNG: Good. We did it for Delhi? Then let's use the
   template and probably circulate and then we can push it out the end of
   tomorrow.
   >> PAUL WILSON: Fantastic. Imran just suggested a very good
   suggestion to add in a survey of the remote participation as well.
   Thank you, Imran.
   Thank you, Secretariat.
   (Applause)
   >> YANNIS LI: There is one last item. It's about the closing
   plenary, which previously we discussed this. We will have the summary
   reports from the Rapporteurs, and then I guess the YIGF will provide
   summaries as well. So I know we will have the discussions and Q and
   A.
   And I wonder if we still talk about the outcome document right
   now in the closing, just to present -- I mean the summaries of the
   discussions that we have and a way forward?
   And then we will have details the 2016 co-host presentation. And
   then we will have the closing remarks, which is pretty much the
   Secretariat and Paul, and then Holmes will speak.
   Any thoughts about that?
   >> PAUL WILSON: Any remarks?
   >> EDMON CHUNG: Edmon here. So in terms of outcome document,
   probably not a presentation. Maybe a summary or something like that.
   I feel, with the session that we just had, I feel somewhat
   confident that tomorrow we can at least come to an agreement that in a
   month's time the thing will be produced in some way, shape or form.
   But I think it would be useful for us to summarize the main items, and
then to, you know, is it -- is it anticipated that there will be Q and A discussions after the outcome document? Because if that is the case, then I think it will be useful to summarize.

Because right before that, we would have had a session, right? So we will give -- we will give us a few minutes to just summarize a few key points, which will lead into the looking like month long finalization of the thing.

>> YANNIS LI: This is just a reminder about the shuttle schedule. It will arrive at 7:40. So we have to end on time, pretty much now.

>> PAUL WILSON: So we have a schedule for the closing plenary. If there are no other comments, then that's what it will be.

>> How many minutes are you giving here?

>> YANNIS LI: I guess for the summary reports, it will be about 45 to 50 minutes that we are anticipating. For discussions, actually, the schedule is pretty short right now.

I mean, are there any suggestions or any time that you want? Because the whole closing plenary is one and a half hours.

>> (Off microphone)

>> EDMON CHUNG: Edmon Here. So Hong was asking whether we should combine the two Q and A?

>> PAUL WILSON: Yes.

>> EDMON CHUNG: Okay.

>> PAUL WILSON: Done. Done.

>> Maybe we should include like some introduction from the next host, from Taipei?

>> PAUL WILSON: Yes, excellent. So do we have any final remarks on the closing plenary? Going, going, gone.

Any other business?

>> KUO-WEI WU: We are planning for 2016 already. So we actually have to reserve the venue as soon as possible. So we have to maybe -- when is the next time for our meeting? Because at least at the moment we are trying to ask the venue to give us the last week of July. And if you have any questions about it, the end of July, please let us know so we can adjust the schedules.

You know, the reason is I look at it, the ICANN meeting is in June. And the next -- the next 2016 APNIC meeting is earlier in September.

>> PAUL WILSON: Yes.

>> KUO-WEI WU: And so I think that there is --

>> PAUL WILSON: It's like this time. Late September, actually.

>> KUO-WEI WU: So anything in between the July event that we have to avoid? Let us know anyway. Let us know.

So I might be in the next MSG meeting I will send it out, the proposal date, and you can comment.

>> PAUL WILSON: If you could send that to the list before the next MSG meeting, then we would all have a chance to see if we agree.

>> KUO-WEI WU: And then you will let us know what kind of venue we have to be careful of.

Meeting is adjourned. Thanks.
(Applause)
>> YANNIS LI: So we have to pack quickly and then we have to go to the entrance to take the shuttle bus back to the Holiday Inn.
>> There is a bus?
>> YANNIS LI: Yes, there is a bus for us.
(End of meeting, 19:30)

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