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>> SRINIVAS CHENDI: Hello, everyone. Welcome back from lunch. The APNIC EC election voting is now closed and the results will be announced at 3 or 3:30 p.m. Thank you. Over to you, Chair.

>> KENNY HUANG: Okay. The elections are already closed. The results will be announced at 3:30. It will be announced.

So let's resume the meeting. And the next one will be the Policy SIG report. Can I have the Policy SIG Chair come to the stage? Thank you.

>> BERTRAND CHERRIER: Good afternoon, everyone. So hopefully the slides are the last version. So Policy SIG reports, we had two OPM sessions yesterday. So a quick reminder, for the charter of the Policy SIG is to develop policies dealing with numbers, resource allocation, recovery and transfer, registration, always reverse DNS, RPKI and all the related services.

So we had prop-157, temporary IPv4 transfers. The current transfer policy considers only permanent IPv4 transfers. This suggests to change, to allow for temporary transfers. This proposal did not reach consensus at the OPM. And has been sent back to the mailing list.

Prop-158, allocation for each IPv4 request, the proposal suggested a delegating IPv6 address space to new and initial IPv4 requests. This proposal did not reach consensus at the OPM and was sent back to the mailing list.

Prop-154 resizing of IPv4 assignment for the IXPs. This proposal suggests changing the default size of IPv4 assigned for IXP from a slash 23 to a slash 26 which can be replaced up to a maximum of a slash 22 if the IXP returns the IPv4 address space previously assigned to them. This proposal will reach consensus at the OPM. Here is a summary of the proposal changes. You, of course, can get the full text on the APNIC website.

So the idea is to remove the slash 23 maximum and put a slash 26 instead. And it has been demonstrated that it will allow for more IXP to expand. The maximum now reaches a slash 22 instead of a slash 23. And the resources under this policy are not transferrable. And APNIC should reserve a slash 24 IXP under this policy.

Chair, can you note -- your turn now to call for consensus.

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you, thank you, for your introduction. So we have two possible proposals reached consensus at Policy SIG yesterday. So we would like to reconfirm the consensus according -- in your general meeting according to any APNIC policy process. I would like to move to the first proposal, it is 158 --

>> BERTRAND CHERRIER: 154.

>> KENNY HUANG: 154. It is the first proposal that we are going to confirm, whether we reach consensus or not. For the proposal 154, resizing of IPv4 assignment for the IXP, and if any of you who strongly support the proposal, please raise your hand. And also we have Confer, please show on the screen.

Okay. For any of you who supported the proposal 154, please raise your hand. Okay. For any of you who are neutral to the proposal, please raise your hand. Okay. Thank you. Any of you who oppose this proposal, please raise your hand. And -- sorry.

>> BERTRAND CHERRIER: Not working.

>> AKINORI MAEMURA: Akinori Maemura. I'm not so sure what you are doing because Policy SIG reached the consensus to some proposal, and not reach the consensus to other proposal. And then here AGM is just endorsing the consensus, then what we are doing right now?

>> KENNY HUANG: Yeah, we try to reconfirm the consensus to ensure the consensus. The member didn't go to the Policy SIG. They probably participate in different meetings.

>> AKINORI MAEMURA: Then I would do the same, raising the hand with the Policy SIG, is that okay?

>> KENNY HUANG: Yes. That's the traditional way to do that. Yeah. Just try to clarify. That's the standard way to doing

that. Okay.

Last choice, any of you who strongly oppose the proposal, please raise your hand higher. Okay. I conclude proposal reach consensus. Thank you. Moving to the next one.

>> BERTRAND CHERRIER: Prop-156, assignment of temporary IP resources. The objective of this proposal is to suggest reserving a slash 21 IXP V4 prefix as well as slash 19 IPv6 in 8 ASN to evaluation such as conference and any other reason that APNIC deem appropriate and for which long-term assignment would not be feasible. This proposal reached consensus at the OPM. I will now present the modification text. And again you can have the full content of the text on the APNIC website. So the idea is to propose short-term assignments, not lasting more than six months.

The goal is to provide a way of organization to access resources on a temporary basis for the benefit of organization members and a wider Internet community.

It describes how to address this temporary assignment. And with specifics for conference workshop, Special Interest Groups, and any other special purposes.

Most of the time no greater than a slash 24 and a slash 32 with a single ASN should be assigned.

And the assignee will have to credit APNIC for this. Assignment time period, any assignment made will have to be made through someone that is registered as an APNIC member. Update U.S. database, et cetera. And it details what is considered commercial and not commercial. Talking about fees, that will be for the EC to deal with. And that's it.

>> KENNY HUANG: Okay. Thank you, Bertrand. Right now we would like to reconfirm the consensus, whether reached in AGM or not. For the proposal 156, if you strongly support a proposal, please raise your hand.

Okay. Thank you. If you support the proposal, please raise your hand. Okay. Thank you. If you are neutral to the policy proposal, please raise your hand. Okay. Thank you. If you oppose this proposal, please raise your hand.

Okay. If you strongly oppose this proposal, please raise your hand. Okay. Can I invite any of you who oppose this proposal come to the mic to explain why you oppose the proposal?

>> AUDIENCE: Hi. I raised my hand for, you know --

>> BERTRAND CHERRIER: Can you please state your name and affiliation?

>> AUDIENCE: My name is Yatanot. The reason I oppose this proposal is because the advantage is marginal or minimal. And with the -- like the cost of the -- the operation cost is pretty much high. So I don't think that's necessary to make such laborious process to make this policy as well as to implement

it. Because, you know, the master is in the detail. It seems kind of straightforward, but when it comes to the operation to implementation, that will be a huge labor, not only for the applicant of the IP addresses but also for APNIC itself. So that's the reason I oppose.

>> KENNY HUANG: Okay. Thank you. Please your name and affiliation?

>> Karl, I just wanted to clarify what you mean by burdensome operational cost. Can you give some examples to that?

>> TAN YALING: As regard to the operational cost, I mean first if applicant would like to apply for the temporary assignment of the IP address, the applicant is supposed to become the -- everything, in the first place. That's the first thing for the applicant. And when it comes to the assignment or determination of who is eligible for the application and how long the process will be, it will take the -- at least one or two APNIC staff to make kind of decisions. And at this moment, I don't see any, you know, clear standard or any clear process to process the whole application.

For example, at this moment, I don't know how long the application process will be. And what criteria it will be used to grant or, you know, deny the application. So I mean there is still a lot of details to figure it out.

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you. Okay.

>> AUDIENCE: Karl from Reset Data again. I do want to clarify one thing, there is precedent in other RIRs who have implemented this. As far as I'm aware not been any reports of burdensome processes as a result.

Or anything over financial strain to the people applying or to the RIR. Just my opinion.

>> KENNY HUANG: Okay. Right. I believe --

>> AUDIENCE: I want to respond to that. I attended yesterday's SIG meeting which is my first time to attend the SIG meetings. I do notice that there are other RIRs who has similar policies. But, you know, I didn't see if there is any applicable use case or any pros and cons analysis from other RIRs, you know, some reference for us to make this kind of decision. So it is still unclear to me as yet.

>> KENNY HUANG: Okay. Thank you. We didn't go to the details. So I believe all the consensus has been well received by all the audience. And can I quickly ask all of you just to finalize the decision right now? For any of you who strongly support the proposal, including support the proposal, please raise your hand, including support the proposal, please raise your hand higher.

Okay. Thank you. For any of you who are neutral to the proposal, please raise your hand. Neutral. For any of you who

oppose the proposal, including strongly oppose the proposal, please raise your hand.

Okay. Two. I conclude, the proposal reached consensus in AGM. We still have the policy development process. They need to go through the mailing list of four weeks for public comment. So if any one of you who has any opinion, you still have four weeks' public comment period to comment on the proposal.

Okay. Thank you.

>> BERTRAND CHERRIER: I'm finished. One last thing, especially for prop-157 and 158, who did not reach consensus during the Policy SIG meeting, there was good comments, especially opposing these proposals. And it would be very nice if all the people that commented actually put their comments on the mailing list so that the authors can improve their proposal and maybe reach consensus at the next OPM. Thank you very much. That's it for me.

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for your participation. Especially that's very important policy development process. So moving to the next one, I would like to invite a speaker to introduce the Routing Security SIG by Di Ma. Thank you.

>> DI MA: Hello, everyone. This is Di Ma, the Acting co-Chair of the Routing Security SIG of APNIC.

Okay. So I would like to say since RPKI has been a very hot topic for more than a decade, so our Forum is intended to be a place where you can find what is going on with the routing security in terms of innovations, standards, solutions as well as some best current practices.

Okay. So for this Forum, we have four presentations. One is from Cable Labs, Priya from Cable Labs introduced framework to improving Internet routing security based on some standardized technologies and current practices as well as some deployment Guidelines. Phil from Vocus shared some RPKI deployment and operations in Vocus and lessons learned from the perspective of ISP. And Terry Sweetser once again introduced his research and explanation of RPKI uptake and ROV deployment within the Asia-Pacific regions. And Chris Hawker from the Internet Society provided some recent results regarding letters of authorities and discussed whether ROA from the RPKI can replace LOA, to which extent. That's it for me.

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you. So moving to --

(Applause.)

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you. Moving to the next one will be the APIDT report presented by Richard Brown. I believe he is joined online. Can we move over to Richard?

>> RICHARD BROWN: Hi. Thank you, Kenny. Can you hear me okay?

>> KENNY HUANG: Yes. Fine. Excellent.

>> RICHARD BROWN: Okay. Hello, everyone. I hope that everyone is enjoying the meeting. And those who are attending are having a great time in Bangkok. I'm sorry I can't be there with you. I welcome the opportunity to give you an update on APIDT over the last year. So I will share my slides now.

Okay. So just for background, some of you may not be aware, the APIDT was established to fund Internet development initiatives in the Asia-Pacific Region to improve critical infrastructures, supporting research and development, and improving the community's capability to build an open, global, stable and secure Internet.

So how does it work or so? RIPE and APNIC are the members of the trust. And essentially, the trust invests funds to fund two primary activities, which are ARENA-PAC activities and the APNIC Foundation. Information can be found at our website if you want more information.

In this presentation I will be going through a number of areas. I will, first of all, just give you an overview of the investment activities and the performance of the fund.

We will talk about the funding activities during the last year. So that's funding ARENA-PAC Foundation and also talk a little bit about the APIDT property that you would have heard about earlier this week.

And also just an update on the operations, the resourcing and the activities under way. And just finish off by sharing the 2023 financial performance numbers. So the Investment Advisory Council operates as an advisory body, doesn't make decisions. But it makes recommendations to the APIDT board. So it's chaired by Oke Matsumoto and supported by Andrew Paige who is an investment advisor in Sydney and included in that Advisory Council is the APIDT board of trustees. You would have seen in my report last year, since the trust was set up, we really set up a default portfolio to get the funds invested while we worked on a really comprehensive review and development of an investment portfolio.

So that portfolio is managed by an investment policy statement, which is published on our website. Essentially, it is split in to two funds; the endowment fund, which is the long-term fund. It really has a much more longer term view. So the strategic asset allocation for that has a much less weighting to cache fixed income is around 25 and a half percent. Benchmark equity is 28 and a half. Hedge funds, private equity, real estate is targeted around 43%. And that's to get much stronger, longer term returns for the endowment part of the portfolio.

The liquidity fund is really set and that generally

represents around 20% of the total funds. That's really set aside as more of a yield fund which is there so that we are putting funds aside for our shorter term funding requirements. So that's for the annual funding of ARENA-PAC activities but to fund APNIC Foundation activities. The transition of that policy happened in 2023. And we are filling out that endowment fund as time goes by. It will take a number of years just based on the number of alternative investments that are available that meet our criteria.

The fund at the end of 2023 was at 347 million U.S. dollars. The IAAC meets formally on a quarterly basis with interim meetings as required. So here's a map of the performance. So this is really over 13 months. And it was an interesting year. Coming off a very tough 2022. We ended up for those 13 months about 8.3% return. If we look at the 12 months, January to December, it is closer to 9%.

And a lot of that came about really in the last half to really mostly focused in the last quarter of the year. And that really is signalling to the market that particularly in the U.S. the CPI seems, inflation seems to be under control and potentially interest rate, next movement in interest rates are likely to be downwards. So obviously that adds a lot of potential upside to those bond investments that make up a large part of the portfolio at the moment.

Sorry. This year is a waterfall slide which just maps out the movement of funds in investment portfolio during the year. So we started at 355 million. We got a net of about 29 million USD market returns. And capital growth in the investment portfolio, which was a very strong performance.

We did early in the year. And I will update you on the building project further in the PAC. We pulled out 25 million U.S. dollars out of the USD investment portfolio and moved it across to our AUD operating funds just to hedge our future exposure for the likely building costs. At the end of 2023, we had spent about 3 million of that. So there is still 22 million U.S. dollars sitting in our AUD term deposits, which we can utilize for funding commitments in 2024. And potentially return some of those funds back into the investment portfolio.

We had our 13 million roughly funds transferred to support the APNIC Foundation as well. So that shows the flow of funds. But there is 22 million U.S. dollars shows coming out of the investment portfolio that hasn't been spent.

Just update ARENA-PAC. If you have seen my presentations before, just an update. Guam/Singapore went live January '22. They did a -- during 2023 they did a remote surgery trial between Tokyo and Singapore. That was very successful. And that's really showing how the technology can really be used in

that research environment and what it means in the real world.

The IAU between Guam and Indonesia went live February '23. And there was a trial in August last year of 8K uncompressed video and that, too, was very successful.

The IAU between Guam and the Philippines went live in April '23 and in December they held an inauguration ceremony in the Philippines. We, of course, continue to investigate other options to increase the ARENA-PAC infrastructure. We are installing equipment in these sites. Equipment in Tokyo, Singapore, Guam. I would like to report that the equipment is installed in the Philippines, but it actually is still on the port. But we are getting very close. It has been installed in Indonesia as well. We set up a research company in early 2023. And that was really to give on the ground operational support for the ARENA-PAC activities and that's working very well.

And the results incorporated in the APIDT consolidated accounts and included in our annual audit which is currently in progress.

And, of course, their budget for 2024 we have -- that would be incorporated into our full APIDT consolidated budget.

So spending, in ARENA-PAC the upfront costs, generally the upfront costs related to a 15-year IAU agreement, those costs amortized over 15 years for the life of the IAU. We have ongoing L&M costs generated on an annual basis over that 15-year period.

So those values there, the 3.4 million represents the upfront and ongoing maintenance costs. The new ARENA-PAC operations in Japan, that didn't get underway as early as we anticipated in the budget. So we made a provision in the budget for equipment purchases and office setup and staffing. The equipment wasn't purchased in 2023. That will move to 2024. But the operating expenses are well established now and that should be well under way for 2024.

So all up about 3.6 million compared to our budget of 4.8. This is all in U.S. dollars. So well below our budget for 2023.

Just looking at the APNIC Foundation, at a high level, the grant request for 2023 that was approved was 12.6 U.S. dollars. We transferred 60% of those funds under the grant agreement early in the year. And that's the 7.6 billion which transferred in March. When we receive the interim report media, that includes a forecast. And we provide that second transfer funding which was 5 million dollars. And that was transferred in October.

They're currently working on the final report for 2023. But we -- our latest advice is that overall they are coming about 200K USD below the grant request. The Foundation grant for 2024 has been approved for 11 million dollars. You may have heard

and I think Paul talked about this in his presentation before, we have had a bit of a change of course from the APIDT building project. I think a recent review by APNIC of the future requirements showed that post-COVID and the way they have established their operations going forward in their plan, I didn't see that they really need -- there was a really compelling case to make a move for this new building. And they filtered the current building at 6 Cordelia Street to meet their medium-term requirements. We are seeing continuing escalation and cost during this project. If the trust, if it wasn't important to build is for APNIC, we couldn't see a compelling case to push forward giving some risks still involved in that project. So at this stage the project has been -- has been deferred indefinitely. And the trust will consider, you know, what the next options may be. So we are in the process of actually winding all that down at the moment.

From an operations side, so just an update since the last meeting, there have been two new appointments to the APIDT Board of Trustees. They are in the process of being formalized. Professor and Craig will be the new members of the Board of Trustees. That adds some redundancy and support into that board which is very good.

We have a new Internet development project lead which commenced in November 2023. That role is moving to Brisbane at the end of March. We will continue to engage professional services as required. We are not trying to build a huge organization. We are trying to keep it as sleek as possible. We have, of course, ongoing support from APNIC. From a finance perspective, we are currently in our third annual external order. This is the first time that we have full alignment with the calendar year. So that aligns with APNIC. It aligns with APNIC Foundation. And it aligns with the Australian charities and not-for-profits commission reporting period.

Our audited reports will be available in AUD and USD when complete. We could have ongoing financial services arrangements with Ernest & Young who provide the statutory and ASC reporting. Budget for 2024 was 96% complete. We are working back on the impact of change on the building. We will be putting that back up to the board for approval for the next meeting. We have the commitments for the building in place. Just at a high level, the income statement as I said, the investment portfolio really came in strongly at the end of the year.

So beat our budget estimates. So we came in with a strong income of really 31 million U.S. dollars against a budget of 18. Funding expenses across the Foundation ARENA-PAC and APIDT structure activities came in below budget. Some of that has to do with the timing of those IOUs became live, when those links

became live. Operating expenses generally track well below budget. So I think a good performance obviously boosted by that extra income that came in higher than we anticipated.

Just looking at the end of the year financial position compared to where it was last year.

Our assets sit at about 392 million. We have as I said some large amount of funds sitting in our bank, the USD funds that we transferred across for the building project. So we will look hard at how we utilize those and what we can put back in the investment portfolio. We have built up some asset base in our investment portfolio that includes the purchase of the land and building to date. Overall, trust funds up from where they were last year. And I think, you know, a good strong performance. That negative liability count as just GST, VAT refund that were due to the first quarter. So that's my report.

Happy to answer any questions at the end of the session or when question time.

>> KENNY HUANG: Okay. Thank you, Richard. He is happy to offer for any questions, if you have questions to APIDT.

Hearing none, thank you, Richard. Thank you for the introduction.

>> RICHARD BROWN: Thank you.

(Applause.)

>> KENNY HUANG: So next one will be APIX report presented by Katsuyasu Toyamasan. Is he here?

>> KATSUYASU TOYAMA: Hello.

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you.

>> KATSUYASU TOYAMA: Yeah. Thank you. Thank you. So I was in Bangkok Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, but I have to go back to Japan. So I'm now in Tokyo. So apologies for remote presentation. Okay. So I would like to share my slides.

Okay. Can you see my slides?

>> KENNY HUANG: Yes.

>> KATSUYASU TOYAMA: Thank you. APIX is an Internet Exchange Association in the APAC region. And for the first -- first of all, I would like to say thanks to APNIC always support the APIX meeting and thinks about activity of an API. Thank you very much.

So first, the current APIX members as described in this page, the -- 42 IXPs from 20 countries and economies. This year, we got four IXPs. And that includes economy and country. So that new economy/country is in Borneo. And the new members are described here. The Borneo, IX, NIX, these are the new commerce of that APIX members.

Okay. And APIX is run by this steering committee members, five.

So the activities from that September 2023, last APIX

meeting was held we did hold new challenges. Usually the APIX meeting is coordinated to APRICOT or APNIC meeting. But this year we had an APIX was collocated to here in Asia. Instead of coordinated to APNIC, we had an APIX workshop. Usually APIX meeting is close to Internet exchanges. But at this time not close to IXPs but networks, conference. We had a very good discussion about collaboration among the content, CDNs and IXPs. So this was in the Forum of APIX Working Group.

The next one we did an exhibition at an IGF. Maybe you know that IGF 2023 was held in Kyoto, Japan. And, of course, the Japanese Government we get a booth at the IGF. And there we explain about what is Internet exchanges and how that then help quality improvement and cost reduction of the local area. And what is APIX Association.

And then there are a lot of visitors, like in the high layer people, from the Government, local Government. And also had a lot of the policymakers from Internet community, and also regulators.

So we had a very good discussion with them and we -- I believe we could repeat that Internet exchange helped the Internet infrastructure.

Yeah. The regular meeting collocated to a peering in Asia. We had these kind of presentations and also the discussion.

Okay. So this time, we had an APIX meeting this Monday. And this time the main topic is usually the agenda is made by our Steering Committee. But then we -- this time we called for volunteers to make a program.

So these volunteers made a program. So this time the Narelle from IX Australia and Naveed from ISOC made the programs. Thank you for the contributions. We had a discussion like these topics. So regulations for the promotion of -- and APIX itself, their future, where we should go. And also our usual presentation, like Guam exchange, M-root, DNS plate. Yep.

And this time, also we had a very fruitful discussion. And the other one is in the result of the election. This time two members of the Steering Committee has been finished, finished a term of office. But these two members, Arnold and me, are re-elected as a Steering Committee member. This year, 2024, the same members will run the APIX.

Yeah. This is a group photo. So many -- still 70 people joined. Remotely so people joined. So a very big audience. And we had a good discussion.

And also we had a very good dinner with the APIX people. Thank you for the Thailand IX and very populous Thailand restaurant. And this was sponsored by this Internet exchange, not only in Japan but from China. Yeah, like this. Thank you. So this is my talk. Thank you. Any questions or comments?

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you. Katsuyasu Toyama also offered a Q and A if you have any questions to APIX. Okay. Hearing none, thank you, Katsuyasu Toyama. Thank you for your presentation.

>> KATSUYASU TOYAMA: Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

>> KENNY HUANG: The next one will be introduced APNIC 58 by Jon. Please go to the stage.

>> JON BREWER: I'm Jon Brewer. And I'm not here to talk about submarine cables or the Internet of Things or space lasers. I'm here as a member of Internet New Zealand, the host for the next APNIC meeting in September.

Internet New Zealand is the country's independent Internet Society. And also the ccTLD manager for dot NZ. I joined the society just around 20 years ago. And I have seen it grown from a handful of very technical engineers to a mature organization with dozens of employees. Today they operate the registry research, the use of the Internet, lobby the government, and consistently engage in good works to produce safe and equitable access to the Internet. I would like to say (speaking in a non-English language) or welcome to Wellington. Do I have slides? Oh, good. Can I control the slides? Yeah. There we go.

Wellington has been my home for 17 of the past 20 odd years. I truly love the place. We have got a compact walkable city built around a harbor, surrounded by tree covered mountains. These are off my phone. I pulled this together off my phone this morning. We have a significant film industry. We have got more restaurants, beer, wine and coffee than you can absolutely believe.

So I'm excited to think that many of you will BE visiting my home in just a few months. And now we have got a one minute teaser video of Wellington to show you now. Then I will hand over to Kanchana Kanchanasut to present the election results. Can we have a video now?

>> KENNY HUANG: Yeah.

>> JON BREWER: Awesome. See you later.

(Video).

>> Conference actually.

>> Down under.

>> To Wellington.

>> New Zealand.

>> Somewhere where I always wanted to go.

>> They have got some really engaging speakers lined up.

>> I think there is going to be an opportunity to make a lot of new connections.

>> The events are within walking distance.

>> I did bring my shoes.

>> Yes, I did.
>> The facilities are state of the art, world class.
>> It is going to be so good to get like a complete change of scenery. See new things. Be exposed to different ways of thinking.
>> Check out some different experiences.
>> And Wellington is so central. It is the perfect springboard to see the rest of New Zealand.
>> I can't wait.
>> They're calling my flight now.
>> Safe journey.
(Applause.)
>> KENNY HUANG: Very fantastic video. Thank you for your introduction, Jon. We still have around 15 minutes to announce the election results. With that I would like to have another section for open mic for 15 minutes. If anyone who are interested to share your soul, please go to in front of the mic. And your name and affiliation. Thank you.
>> AKINORI MAEMURA: Hello. I'm from JPNIC. Still we are waiting for the results of the election. I would like to express my appreciation for the Executive Council, for the reinforcement of the governing mechanism of APNIC.
I was -- I came up to the microphone in one year ago. And then I requested you to work on that. And then we certainly -- you certainly welcomed that. And then the membership vote for the historic event, membership vote support the bylaw change. And then the election mechanism was reinforced. I am pleased to have served as the Electoral Committee. I actually had anticipated some hard work in the Electoral Committee but it was not the case. It is really peaceful because of the revised bylaws, has, you know, realized a really peaceful election. So I would like to congratulate the Executive Council and then APNIC membership for their -- for our achievement. Thank you very much.
>> KENNY HUANG: Okay. Thank you, Akinorisan. The value of your contribution belongs to the community. That's a great achievement as well. Thank you for your contribution for the Electoral Committee.
>> KARL KLOPPENBERG: Karl. I'm talking in my personal capacity. First of all, thank you, Thailand, Bangkok, fantastic. Thank you. I had a great time.
I'm going to raise a serious issue that concerns the Committee. An insidious group that is known as the NRS has been continuously working to undermine the APNIC processes and other RIRs. They pose a very serious risk to us in the RIR operational integrity. Serving no benefit to the community. Instead we believe that they serve a very small member base for

the sole purpose of commercialization of remaining assets. The group has spent considerable time developing propaganda against AfriNIC and now turned their focus to APNIC. I'm so over this.

Having asked them ad nauseam to explain themselves and have meetings and bring forward members to legitimatize themselves they have done nothing. They spent their time making unfounded propaganda and attempting to undermine the RIR functions. I'm here to say that we have had enough. The community overwhelmingly dislikes the NRS and wants nothing to do with them.

They continue to hide behind e-mails and who funds them, they have got no apparent transparency. And no apparent members have come forward to their defense. The NRS sit on the sidelines interfering in processes without providing any meaningful input. In particular Paul Wilson, they label him a dictator and continue to tow the line that APNIC is a -- APNIC staff tirelessly undertake. NRS has labeled APNIC's EC processes un-Democratic and that members don't get their say when the EC makes a decision that they don't like. This couldn't be further from the truth.

Most recently prop-155 reached consensus, and was formally endorsed by the EC. Several members quickly pointed out that the implementation wasn't consistent with the intent of the policy. Several members reached out to the mailing list and took comments. This is direct proof that the current system works and that the NRS professed complaints are unfounded. So there are so many other examples that I can use but I don't think that we need anymore. Even as recently as today the NRS continues to muddy the waters via our mailing list. I'm sure you are all familiar with me now. And only appears to come up when elections are under way. They don't contribute to any policies or any meaningful discourse. The whole point of this is that members want to get back to real policy making. We're sick of it. Tackling important Internet decisions and not this diatribe. Again the community has had enough. We asked the RIRs to take action either through exploring legal avenues or policy changes to the RIRs to limit or stop this group from continuing propaganda or harassment.

The NRS cannot continue unchecked and the financial support needs to come forward or stop this Cold War like behavior. One suggestion that has been floated to me by a few APNIC members, making a members only mailing list where profiles must be verified and meaningful discourse should take place. I'm sure other policies will come up. I ask community members to come forward and second this or to speak to me after. And hopefully we can allow the EC to see the community wishes to take action. Thank you.

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you. I have your announcement and recommendation well received by all of us. And as I mentioned in the EC record actually we do have a lot of official channel to collect input. Especially we welcome the input from members. And you can go to -- talk to the EC or go through the different official channels. We are happy to go through that, get input to improve the APNIC governance. And I believe anything goes to the official channel will be recorded. And we will definitely explain and go through the proper due process and the decision. Any other feedback from any EC or would you like to comment on anything?

>> No.

>> KENNY HUANG: Okay. Thank you.

>> One comment on Zoom. From a remote participant, Gaurab, quoting him, I in my personal capacity seconded Karl's opinion.

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you. We definitely take it into consideration. Next one.

>> AUDIENCE: Hi. Liam Stevens, talking in my own capacity. Thanks to Karl for your statement today and your efforts over the last 12 or more months.

Change of mood slightly, I would like to provide some feedback to APNIC and the EC and offer a perspective of APNIC from extra large member in Australia. I'm aware that many of us are technical folk here and we love detail. But I think it is important that we take a step back, take a breathe and look at why APNIC is integral to the Internet ecosystem in the Asia-Pacific Region.

I would like to briefly share some of my experiences with APNIC. In my current role at Telestra I have had a working relationship with APNIC for nearly 12 years. During this time, I consumed many of the services offered by APNIC. And interacted with APNIC at different levels via many of its touch points. On that note, for those that attended the APNIC products and services session on Wednesday, you would have seen that APNIC has over 30 different touch points. Having that many ways to interact with an organization suggests to me that that organization is keen to communicate, interact with, and assist members in any way possible.

From memory every interaction I have had with APNIC during that time and there have been a lot, has resulted in a positive outcome. However regardless of the outcome it is APNIC's demonstrated integrity and constant desire to assist members that strikes me most.

APNIC is a truly membership driven organization with a heavy focus on providing the best service through transparent conversation with its members. The majority of people at this and every other APNIC event are here to make the Internet a

better place, a better place for your customers. A better place for you to work. And APNIC helps guide all of us in that direction. Yes, most of us are here to represent our organizations. We have our own commercial interests, but we are a community, a very strong community. The open and robust conversations probably contribute quite a bit to that strength.

We are all part of the APNIC community even though it is from different regions, from other RIRs. We are a community that has built trust through years of conversations with each other at conferences, like APRICOT. I would like to genuinely thank APNIC and the EC for their ongoing support of myself and all members.

APNIC is part of the complex puzzle that is the Internet, an important part of the puzzle and a part I would like to see continuing to assist and guide all of us in building a better Internet for everyone. Thank you.

(Applause.)

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you. Some very positive feedback. Thank you very much. So we still have two minutes to go. So anyone is welcome. Please go to in front of the mic.

Jon.

>> JON BREWER: Jon Brewer in my personal capacity. I would like to say I'm very happy with the restructuring of APNIC. I think the new board situation is great. I think that after our diversity and inclusion panel yesterday that the board might be complimented by the appointment of independent directors to help round out the diversity of the board. Thank you.

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you. I think that's very important. Especially we are all male in the EC. I think that's a very good recommendation. We take into consideration. Any other feedback?

I think the election results are ready to be closed. And we can invite them to announce it. Thank you, Professor Kanchana.

>> KANCHANA KANCHANASUT: Okay. Okay. Exciting time. I'm very happy to say that the election results are here with me. Happy to say that there have been no disputes brought up. I have also been advised by the scrutineers, Alfredo Rosa from LACNIC and John Sweeting from ARIN. You would like to comment on? You can go to the mic.

>> JOHN SWEETING: Yes. John Sweeting from ARIN. Myself and Alfredo, we observed the download of the election results. And we observed no anomalies during the download of the results.

>> KANCHANA KANCHANASUT: I have with me the results in my hand. I'm going to announce the results. I will read out carefully. APNIC Executive Council election 2024 as -- poll closed on Friday, 1st of March 2024, 1730 Australian time. Vote counting method is V1FPTP. First pass the post. Ranked by

votes. The first rank is Sumon Ahmed Sabir, 3020 votes.
(Applause.)
>> KANCHANA KANCHANASUT: The second rank is Vincent Achie Atienza, 3008.
(Applause.)
>> KANCHANA KANCHANASUT: Thank you. The third rank is Kam Sze Yeung, 2030 votes.
(Applause.)
>> KANCHANA KANCHANASUT: The fourth is Rob Thomas, 1355. And the fourth --
(Applause.)
>> KANCHANA KANCHANASUT: The fourth -- and the fifth is Thomas Ranko, 182. So total votes is 9604. So our -- this is signed. So this means that the nominees who are successfully elected into the APNIC Executive Council are Sumon Ahmed Sabir, Vincent Achie Atienza, Kam Sze Yeung. Congratulations.
(Applause.)
>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you. And congratulations to the elected EC. Thank you very much. And thank you for your continued contribution to the community.
Okay. Here I would like to move to the last one, vote for thanks. Move over to Paul.
>> PAUL WILSON: Thank you, Kenny. Okay. We are coming to the end of the APNIC AGM. Not quite yet to the end of the APRICOT. For AGM and the APNIC proceedings at this conference. Now is the time to acknowledge the help, the contribution of quite a number of folks. We had three sponsors for this AGM. As usual actually CNNIC and JPNIC and TWNIC came to the party and helped with the cost of this event. I would like to thank them very much again for an important contribution to this event. Thank you.
(Applause.)
>> PAUL WILSON: Now a lot of volunteers. The SIG Chairs, Policy SIG Chair and co-Chairs, Bertrand, Anupam and Shaila, the NIR SIG Chair and co-Chair, Oanh and Guarav and Cooperation SIG Chair and co-Chair, Joy and Bikram and Routing Security SIG Chair and co-Chair, Jocelyn and Di ma. Thank you.
(Applause.)
>> PAUL WILSON: We have the new structure of the Electoral Committee. Thanks very much for the efforts of Donna, Amrita, Akinori and Keiko and Aftab. Thanks so much.
(Applause.)
>> PAUL WILSON: Also on the election, the election Chair Professor Kanchana Kanchanasut, the elections scrutineers, Jon and Alfredo and election nominees and participants, congratulations to the elected EC members elect.
(Applause.)

>> PAUL WILSON: Thanks to all the speakers and Moderators who helped with the APNIC program during this week. It seems to have been a successful event. We would love to hear feedback from everyone who came, but I think, I hope that you would all recognize the efforts of those who spoke and moderated the broad content and helped to make the sessions a success. We had a Hackathon this week. Facilitators and participants deserve thanks. And also the APNIC EC, staff, RIR colleagues, guests, of course, our friends and colleagues at APRICOT. And last but not least everyone who is here in person or who has attended remotely.

Thanks so much for helping to make the event a success.

(Applause.)

>> PAUL WILSON: So I'm just moving on into at least my announcement now, the fellowships for 2024 for 50 -- APNIC 58 are now open. Please think about either applying yourselves or suggesting colleagues or friends or others apply to join. APNIC 58 received quite a bit of support in this process. Mentoring, training, briefings, and if you go through all of that successfully a certificate of achievement. Please do spread the word. And by the end of this month approximately we will have received probably several hundred applications for fellows who be given that support to come and join us in Wellington.

And to the APNIC community stay in touch and stay safe. Not quite the end of the event yet. Because we have got the closing session of APRICOT but that's for APNIC membership and community in particular. Thanks again.

(Applause.)

>> PAUL WILSON: And we'll see you at APNIC 58. Okay. This is just some gifts for the AGM sponsors. So if we could have representatives from CNNIC, JPNIC and TWNIC, then I would like to present a certificate and a gift to you. CNNIC? And we will be looking for JPNIC and TWNIC in quick succession. Thanks.

(Applause.)

>> PAUL WILSON: Is there someone from JPNIC?

(Applause.)

>> PAUL WILSON: Thank you.

(Applause.)

>> PAUL WILSON: Those gifts by the way are sort of a carry bag recycled from the banners from APRICOT 2020 in Melbourne.

Now I have got an announcement to make of my own. So please bear with me for a few minutes. But this is about something that has been on my mind on and off for at least the last ten years or so.

A line of thought, I think probably it started to occur to me around the time of APNIC's 20th birthday in China in 2013 and when I hit my own 20 year anniversary at APNIC, yeah, I hit 20

years working for APNIC in 2018. And then again we had a 30th birthday just last year. So every five years I have had thoughts about what's next.

I have been at APNIC for most of its 30 year history, since 1998 when I was 34 years old and I applied for the job. During my interview one panelist wrote a note in the margin of her paperwork, which said simply too young. So I think that was true actually back then.

But it is not true anymore. So it has led me to a series of decisions. We had a four-year strategic planning. And I mentioned that I didn't think I would be around to the end of that four-year period. Last November I spoke to the EC and said, you know, furthermore, that I thought I would be out of -- stepping down from APNIC during 2024. They noted that but then I shocked them again last week by giving them a date. So I made a decision, purely a personal decision, to finish my role as APNIC DG on the 30th of June this year.

So I guess some people think it is about time for this. And I do agree. But it is entirely my decision. And it has been a few years in the making, maybe 10, 15 years in the making. It is much more important how I have appreciated the opportunity to serve APNIC and the community. It has been a really incredible challenge, personally and for the organization. And I have in that process made many, many friends, a few -- and a few others as well.

But I have just -- I have been very, very grateful and in fact, absolutely reliant on the support that I have received from the start, continually, right up to this day from the community, from successive generations of APNIC EC members, from likewise a long list of fantastic APNIC staff. I actually don't have another engagement to go to. So I have made myself available to support the transition to the new DG until the end of 2024, perhaps. Or thereabouts or more if needed. But that choice is up to the EC and the new DG and staff.

But that's where I am now. And I'll be around, not going too far away. I'll hand it back to Kenny for a few words on that question. But I really do look forward to seeing all of you as normal for the next few months. And then after that, at least as Vint Cerf says really on the Internet. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Standing ovation).

>> KENNY HUANG: Okay. Thank you, everyone. I apologize, Gaurab, do you want to go open mic first?

>> AUDIENCE: You go ahead and then I will take after that.

>> KENNY HUANG: You can go first. It is okay.

>> AUDIENCE: Thank you, Paul. I think that's the thing that

I will say. As I have known you for 25 years or so before APNIC and now. Worked very closely for the last seven, eight years as the Chair and before that the EC. And then before that as a community member.

We have talked about this as you said many times. And I have not said too much but still very much thank you. The community is going to miss you. Your leadership, you brought APNIC from 7% or 5%, I remember that photo of you and Connie and Paul Gamp and Ann. I forget the name. Like five people. All the way to what we have today by the photo we had before lunch, back up there on the screen.

You are instrumental in creating the Foundation and getting the trust set up. And you also saved the community a lot of times that, you know, the community may not realize. You are one of the first proponents in the RIR and the Internet industry who said we should work with the ITU rather than push them away. One of my fun experiences working with Paul was when I was very young, compared with Paul obviously, and we went around lobbying the Asian governments in Tokyo at the ASN IGF -- not IGF. It was WSIS prep com way back. And then ever since you have led this community and the Internet community in general towards not just big numbers, but also engaging with different stakeholders outside of our close community. With ITU, the UN, similarly with development agencies, all across the globe.

I also know that you saved the IGF once. And has continued to be one of the premiere multi-stakeholder Forums for the whole of the Internet. And people related to it to come and work with each other.

And, you know, all of these things, thank you so much. Because you saw that we can be broader and we can include a lot more and get a lot more done when you have the drive and when you have the desire to get things done.

So it is just not the numbers but the entire Internet community on their behalf. Thank you very much, Paul.

(Applause.)

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you.

>> AFTAB SIDDIQUI: Hi. I'm Aftab Siddiqui. I want to comment on Paul's decision. His own decision on his own accord. But as a person, Paul as a person, not as a DG of APNIC. I have known him since 2008. The first time I ever attended an APNIC meeting, a young 26, 27-year-old engineer, who came to the first APNIC meeting and the DG of the APNIC, sat down with him during the dinner time asking what do you not understand here. And how can I help you. And tell you how to engage more. That was the starting point for me since 2008. I haven't missed a lot of meetings since then unless my Visa was denied. So the commitment Paul has shown to this community, the amount of

willpower he has shown he has listened to us, had got a lot of criticism, I criticize him a lot. And not because for as a person, but on policies we discuss aggressively let's do this, do that. He was always positive; yep, I understand your point. Please hear me out first. And then we came to a very positive conclusion every single time.

That shows a lot. I worked with him when I was on the NRO NC position. He was the Chair. I was the Chair on the LC. I saw a different Paul over there. A different commitment to the global community, not just for the APNIC community. It showed me a lot. I have learned a lot from him. And I would just like to say at the end, when Akinori has left the EC Chair it was very hard. It hurt a lot when he decided to step down. When Gaurab left we were all hurt, that we lost a leader. And trust me, this time it hurts a lot as well. I can't say thank you enough. I hope you stay with us, connected with us. It is a small community. We want you to be part of this community, the one you formed. I wouldn't be here out Akinori or Gaurab or you. Some of our very good mentors have moved on. I don't want you to leave this community. As Gaurab is connected, stay with us and stay connected. Thank you all so much for what you have done. I really can't say thank you enough

(Applause.)

>> AUDIENCE: Thank you. Akinori. I was serving as an EC Chair for a long time. The DG contract is a term contract. I periodically need to renew the contract. And then periodically I was forced to ask one question, Paul, do you continue it. Or Paul, do you have any intent to leave. I never want to lose you. You made a great job for this long years. Actually my involvement in APNIC is really, really, you know, a joy of mine. Because every time I observed the APNIC's planning, and report it is really beautifully put. And then periodically made a great substantial improvement.

And then APNIC and now it is really grown up. Finally, we had the historic bylaw change. So everything is quite without Paul; there is no such great achievement by the APNIC community. Thank you very much. And then stay with us. Even you step down from the DG position. I love you. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you. Thank you.

>> AUDIENCE: Yes. I'm Oanh from VNNIC. Just I remember when the first time -- yes. Sorry.

>> KENNY HUANG: It's okay.

>> AUDIENCE: Just, okay. I remember the first time I come to -- I came to a meeting. Then also around ten years ago, yeah, in Brisbane. And also I was very nervous because my announce is not good at that time. And it is now it is better.

Also I am very interested to work in VNNIC Viet Nam. I know that it is a tedious goal. And sometimes, at that time I not be free to talk to you because my reaching -- not reaching out at this time. However, in this time I'm very happy if any coordination with you. And I saw in for a long time that you support VNNIC and also APNIC community very well.

And it is my -- not only in myself, but also on behalf of VNNIC I would like to thank you so much for your support for the Viet Nam community. And also APNIC community as well. And I hope that you -- that you give the -- and also I would like -- I wish you have a map for the future, yeah. Also to give support to Internet in the region and also in the world. And thank you so much again.

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you.

(Applause.)

>> KENNY HUANG: Next one.

>> AUDIENCE: Paul, I still remember 2009 when we had just formed the Internet Society chapter. And you and Sunny flew down there on my request to start some IPv6 training program. We signed a MoU to that effect. And I stand here today representing 180 network engineers from my region, Kolkata in India to thank you for your services. Thank you.

(Applause.)

>> AUDIENCE: Speaking in a very personal capacity. The others have spoken quite a bit of what I was going to say. I won't repeat all of that. Very recently Paul and I were having a consideration and trying to figure out when we met each other the first time. And we concluded that that was probably in the year 2000. So we have known each other for maybe a quarter of a century.

A couple of things as observations in that time; I have known Paul in many hats. I'm part of the APNIC family. One -- a couple of observations; one, Paul is always curious and always interested to have a chat and always interested to know, share his ideas and thoughts. But as well ensure that people are being steered in the right direction. I think that's something that perhaps people don't recognize him enough for. He has always had time for people. And he has guided not just APNIC but I think the larger Internet through some stormy waters. Here at APNIC we have had a few of those. The challenges over the 30 years you have been around for APNIC. Thank you for your service. The first inning is over but I think there is another inning to come. Thank you. Cheers.

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you.

>> BILL SANDIFORD: Bill Sandiford, Chairman of ARIN board of trustees. Paul, you have been a strong and steady voice for not only APNIC, members of your region but for the entire RIR

community in all regions around the world. So simply on behalf of the ARIN Board of Trustees, staff, Advisory Council and all members in the ARIN region I would like to congratulate you on a fantastic career as DG at APNIC. And wish you the utmost success in whatever your future endeavors look for you. And I look forward for our paths crossing in the future. Thank you.

>> AUDIENCE: On behalf of the Internet Service Providers Association of India, I would wish to thank Paul for all these services he has done for the APNIC community and the industry. I still remember the first day when I met Paul and I think that year was 2005 or '06. It was Bali, the APNIC meeting was there. And I had recently been elected to the board of ISI. It fell on me to come down to Bali, and present to the API board. It was the board at the time where you had to go to bid for holding, whether it was APRICOT or APNIC meetings. And in India nothing like that had been done until then and it was going to be the very first time. I remember -- I did not know Paul, who he was. I just crossed him in the corridors. And I commented to Bridget, who is this tall, lanky looking thin regal looking guy, it seems to be someone important here.

So and sure enough when we went into the room where we had to give the presentation there he was sitting. So anyway, the board including Paul, they were convinced with our arguments. And the very next meeting was held in India, and we held it quite successfully which gave us a lot of confidence to hold then multiple meetings. It is thereafter and a lot of support and interaction from him that ISPI got totally immeshed with the APNIC community, all of us, well, we are all here. A large part of the credit goes to Paul for being that rock solid support that whenever we approached him or we asked him for anything, he was always there. And we just can't forget it. And personally, Paul, you have been a very good guide and mentor. I was pretty new to the surroundings here. And well, we got a lot of support. A lot of encouragement. And I think I just can't forget it. I think you are a great guy. Thank you.

(Applause.)

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you, Perhar.

>> AUDIENCE: Ropesh. Thank you, Paul, for your leadership in APNIC and what you have done for -- for my community in South Asia. I would like to thank you on behalf of Sanok and my whole South Asian community. Thank you very much from Sanok and South Asia.

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you.

>> JOY CHAN: Hi. This is Joy Chan from TWNIC. Paul, I want to say thank you very much. I get to know you better as I was elected to be the Chair for the Cooperation SIG. Whenever I talk to you I can almost remember all the conversations that you

have been giving to me. It was inspiring and encouraging. Even this morning when you met you said to me that another cooperation session has been done. Let's think about the next one. And then you start brainstorming some of the good topics and introduce me to the possible, potential, wonderful candidates for the next round. With your support, with your encouragement I just want to say thank you very much. It has been a pleasure to know you and know you better as I have been working closely with the community and knowing you as the APNIC wonderful leader. Thank you.

>> KENNY HUANG: Okay. Thank you.

>> AUDIENCE: Just to say thank you, Paul. And I still remember the Beijing meeting, Paul and myself, we are going to the closing dinner. And I sat behind Paul and he had asked me, so during that -- from that time onwards, he has been supporting us. And he told me that in Nepal, any kind of support, please let me know. So leaders are not only, you know, making a follows. So Paul has already proven that he made leaders in our community. So thank you very much, Paul.

(Applause.)

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you. Next.

>> AUDIENCE: Thanks, Paul. I think it has been quite a while, back in was it the '90s sometime doing Internet stuff in Australia. You have made this thing this was built over the last 30 years look easy. It has been great to look at the other side of the room and the wonderful places in the world, working on the IANA transition, to have somebody else in the room that had a steady head about and work things through in a crisis and make it look easy and calm while the rest of us were having meltdowns on the side freaking out. It is great to see you not leaving out on innings. So congratulations for great innings. Well done. Keep it going. Don't be a stranger, mate.

>> KENNY HUANG: Thank you. Don't cry.

>> AUDIENCE: I hope not. I -- I have a lot to say, but I can't. The only thing that I would like to share here is the importance of leadership, and how much weight Paul has carried during such a long time to the degree, like all of us being very comfortable. I think something that we need to accept is how much responsibility it is now on us to carry on the EC to decide on the next steps. And again the importance of leadership that Paul has kept at levels of excellence that we have never seen. Everything else I cannot discuss now.

(Applause.)

>> KENNY HUANG: Okay. Thank you. Pablo. I would like to, if you wish I would like to close the open mic because we are serious delay from the schedule. I'm sorry.

>> PAUL WILSON: I'd just like to say how incredibly honored

I am to hear all of that. Really it is an amazing experience. It is an incredible way to end the day today and to end a lot of other things which aren't over quite. But look, it is incredibly, it is an incredible honor but I want to say at no point have I done anything I have done alone really. At no point at all. Even if I appear to have been acting alone and appear to have, you know, even acted recklessly or unilaterally, it is always with a knowledge, sometimes taken for granted, the fact that I have had so many people behind me. And really that's been -- that's been essential. It has been just -- I mean I could not have done everything over this last period without an incredible community of people around APNIC. And so again, thank you so much.

(Applause.)

>> KENNY HUANG: Okay. Thank you. Supposed to be a happy closing. You will be -- I have known Paul for years. Basically Paul has shown his intention about his idea for years. And officially his intention, he advised the EC his intention in November last year. And the EC fully recognized his decision. And that's why we have EC approval of his resignation during the EC meeting in Bangkok. Thank you for your continued support in the community.

There is some conjunction tasks that we need to perform. For example, like the EC will begin the recruiting process for a new Director-General immediately. And also more information will be made available to the community to -- for any interested applicant in this coming weeks, that information will be shown in the APNIC website.

On behalf of the EC I would like to thank Paul for his 25 years of membership and EC and DG and Secretariat. He has made an immense contribution to the transition and steward of the APNIC registry and advanced the version of an open, global, stable and secure Internet. His unwavering support and commitment to Internet development in the Asia-Pacific Region will leave a lasting legacy.

Hereby I sincerely invite everyone to give Paul a big round of applause.

(Applause.)

(Standing ovation).

>> KENNY HUANG: Okay. A farewell for Paul will be hosted in the APNIC 58 in, Wellington New Zealand, in September '24. I hope you can join us there to celebrate Paul's farewell party. With that I conclude the -- that will be the end of our session. We covered everything in our AGM meeting. And I leave some logistics to our Emcee. Do you need to announce anything? Okay. Thank you very much.

>> SRINIVAS CHENDI: Thank you, Chair. Emotions are flowing.

But it is not the end of the conference. It is not the end of the session. This one, and we have a closing social next door. Please join that. But we also have a closing social. And if you can't make it to APNIC 58 to toast with Paul, this is a perfect opportunity to join the closing social and have a drink with him. But do not leave the room, we will take a massive group photo with Paul. I would like to request the EC members and Paul to join. If you could stand up and join Paul, we will take a massive big photo with him. I forgot to say this idea came from Archie.

(Laughter)

(Applause.)

(Applause.)

>> Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

>> SRINIVAS CHENDI: Thank you all. Thank you, EC members. So the social event will start at 7 o'clock tonight. But there is a closing social next door. There is no buses provided. So you have to make your own way to the museum of CM. The details are on the website, on the conference website. And you will find the transportation details as well there. Thank you so much.

(Session concluded at 4:11 P.M. ICT )

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