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CHRISTIAN BOPE:
On this note, I would like to move to the next slide.

As you have been doing, the purpose meeting is for the board to listen and hear from the community at large. Just to get feedback from you, what are your thoughts on what we're doing, what is the role of AFRINIC. We can provide feedback. The purpose of the session is for us to hear from you. But before the discussion I would like to give you some update of what we have been doing in the past. A year ago we had a discussion which was led by ISOC, we also had the webinar and out of all this discussion, the board has created what we call a reform committee, which is composed of most of the key or senior players within our ecosystem.

We have these members. The community, they are a fully formed committee, their working and have a report to the board but what is important to highlight for this particular case, most of the committee created by the board as the board set a frame of reference but for this particular case we are trying to tackle all aspects of AFRINIC, management, board and committee, the form committee will have their own demographic which they have done and they are working according to that.

Those are the updates and on this note I will open the floor for discussion. The floor is open, if you want to speak just raise your hand and I will recognise you. Thank you.

I know it is always difficult to break the ice. I recognise the professor, you have the floor.

I can't hear.

SPEAKER:
Do you hear me?? Now it's fine, go ahead.

SPEAKER:
I said I'm sorry to open with this message, but since nobody was anxious to go I will try to do my best. I have some concerns about what's happening, which has never been seen in the last 15 years. To me it appears the openness of our PDP is being abused.

People are showing up first time on these meetings without receiving responses to their enquiries, yet proceed to oppose important policies that improve networks in Africa. This is happening with impunity, and also procedural impropriety, to (inaudible) Afrinic resources. They say for businesses not network, so I'm worried.

Meanwhile members are silent and not participating in discussions. The evidence is well documented in the archives. The beneficiaries of this PDP manipulation remind me that PDP is by individual participation. Hence what they are doing is violating rules of PDP.

The beneficiaries themselves will be held complicit in their attempt to hijack resources, and deny Africa resources and Afrinic resources. It also would irritate those who founded this organisation. That includes African countries who founded Afrinic, and the community who donated personal money to start Afrinic. I'm sure they would contest this capture.

The reminded, these resources offer services and not (inaudible), we must act in public interest and not personal interest. We will eventually have to account for this. At a turbulent time like this I find it odd that we are anxious with our need to revise bylaws. Strangely, the resolution (inaudible) appears, wants to become staff. Was that the motivation for changing bylaws, the board will also be held accountable. I really wish we could reclaim to the selfless hero. Thank you very much.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. I saw Joshua, you have the floor.

SPEAKER:
Thank you very much. My name is Joshua, I hope you can hear me.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Very well, please go ahead.

SPEAKER:
My name is Joshua, and I'm from Nigeria. Now, what I've noticed in Afrinic is there is no proper understanding of some of the policies that are being proposed. And in that aspect a lot of people think to contribute out of context in

finding ways forward with these policies.

So I know Afrinic is an organisation is trying as much as it can to organise webinars that make people understand these policies, but if there's going to be away whereby these webinars will be enforced on members to attend, and then probably subsequent meetings just to make sure these policies are properly understood, members will be allowed to attend the meetings should at least present some form of certification to show they attended these webinars and have a good understanding of these policies. Just to make sure that their views are not out of context when opposing and supporting a policy. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you Joshua. As I say, the purpose of this meeting is we are collating feedback and feedback to use, and other opinions from the community at large. And then the board will discuss and see what will be the only way forward, based on what we are collating in this session.

Is there anyone else? Alain, you have the floor.

SPEAKER:
Hello. Thank you for giving me the opportunity. This is Alain, I just wanted to follow up what the Professor Nii and Joshua just said. We need to rethink how we do things. And also not forget the history.

I've been saying this for many meetings now. Our PDP is based on the working group, so people should ask themselves why it is that we attach the PDP to a working group. And how the working group operates. We call it the working group, that means the working group can be a subgroup of people to go and look at some of the things when they think it's too technical. We can have a mini anterior group working meeting, so we can all come to make sure everybody understands what is on the table.

That is what we mean by working group, that's why we have it. Otherwise the staff support the coaches. And the best way to do it, and it happens everywhere where there is a working group, we are used to it.

So the best way to do these things within the PDP context is that when the policy is proposed the coach and policy staff, policy liaison, should first make sure they understand what the authors mean. So once the staff and coaches understand, we won't see lots of clarification questions.

And once they understand what the policy is about it should avoid the authors and community try to argue, (inaudible), no, when a policy goes to community acceptance becomes a community document, it's no longer the authors document. The co-chair and staff and anyone in the community should be able to. The way to do that is for the co-chair and staff to be able to lead the discussion, and not for the author to say they are here to promote their policy. That is wrong.

I will stop there, because I have abused the time. Like you.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. The next person, you have the floor.

SPEAKER:
Chair, good morning. I also agree with what Joshua and Alain have said this morning. (Inaudible) in such a way to enhance this community.

I want to say that a lot of what we are noticing in community, a lot of people are saying these things, I believe the solution is in the community. I think it's a good idea, if we go with the way Alain does things, it's not the author's proposal. So the author will say "It's my proposal" but it's the community (inaudible).

The working group should be able to (inaudible) these things that we notice. And we come together as a working group, working for a common goal. I want to also say that it's the responsibility of the community. It's not (inaudible). It has to be done by the community itself. We have to come together and try this on (inaudible).

I think my suggestion (inaudible). Start from the base and go from there. It becomes better when we have people participating. And it's not just participation, (inaudible). We need to deliver on our responsibility in order to (inaudible). Thank you very much.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. Jordi, you have the floor.

SPEAKER:

Can you hear me? I concur with some of the points, probably most of the points that Alain said. And I want to reinforce something. One of the things that in my opinion is happening in the PDP is that there are a lot of people that are trying to read the policies, probably during the discussion, I doubt that they have read them in advance because they have never participated before in the PDP.

They have a lack of knowledge, or that's what I'm feeling. And they don't have enough time with just eight minutes of presentation to be able to understand the policy. I've complained already because it doesn't make sense that we have an online meeting where time shouldn't be so restricted like a face-to-face meeting, and we don't have enough time to present the policies.

Because it's clear that most of the people will not have written before. So that's not helping to reach consensus, clearly, and to refute objections which are not rational at all. So definitely we should keep doing the meetings for resenting the proposals apart from the PDP, just representing them. And we should have at least one hour for each policy proposal in total. I think less than that is useless.

Then I have somehow a complaint about the way the consensus is trying to be reached. I have the feeling that the chairs, and I understand they are humans and it is very difficult, I don't want to be in their position, the chairs are recommended to take a decision in one day, or in minutes, which is irrational.

That means there are misunderstanding objections, and setting objections which are not valid and justified, despite the authors or other people from the community having contested and refuted those objections. And that's not acceptable, because consensus is based on founded objections which have not been resolved. Anything else beyond that is not acceptable as an objection.

So that's it basically, I think we should improve and maybe train the chairs, help them to make better decisions. I'm not trying to guide them on the decisions on every policy proposal, of course not, but make sure that the concept of consensus is clearly understood and followed. That's it, thank you very much.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Allen, you have the floor. Please go ahead.

SPEAKER:
Thank you Dr Bope, I apologize and I make sure we will not turn this into the extension of the DPM but you see we have concern, of the PDP, I am glad to hear they know there is a better way of managing things and I hope from his position of cochair he will be able to make some changes to things.

I also want, please thank my friend, our friend Jordi, one of the issues we have is that we have to deal with so many policies at a time, it becomes difficult. As a normal person, sometimes you have to manage priorities. Some of the policies, bringing so many at one time is not helping and sometimes you lose momentum and then the great idea and the real problem you're trying to solve will not get solved.

Let's also manage priorities and we know that people have this community. We don't expect people in this community to be actively online reading at all times. The smaller things you put on the table for the committee to better and let's go step-by-step. Do the most important first. I think this will really help this community.

You hear this concern and other regions too. Please help us. Thank you chair.

CHRISTOPHER:
Thank you, I see on the queue we have Jordi. You have the floor.

SPEAKER:
Thank you. Quickly I don't want to turn this into a debate. The only reason we have so many policy proposals is because they are not reaching consensus. If you look at the timeline I am not proposing them all at the same time. In fact, two of my policy proposals I decided not to update them or present them because I already saw there were too many. The other reason we have too many policy proposals is because there are two or three of my policy proposals which got competitive proposals and I was complaining in (unknown term) about sending a competitive policy proposal but I withdrew it. How come you can tell me that I am creating too many proposals if actually what you're doing is what you asked me not to do. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. Let me check on the queue, I see the professor Nii. You have the floor. These go ahead.

SPEAKER:
I think, Jordi, to understand what you're saying. There are different timelines, it is true there have been coalitions but

you also know we don't make policy overnight. It takes time. So while you're working on yours others are working on there's. Sometimes these things do happen but we are supposed to look at the merits of these policies and if you really have bought into the idea that we should optimize the normal policies what you want to work with because you don't have enough time and you only had eight minutes and so on. In that case it is not in anyone's interest you have many policies at the same time.

Bring a piecemeal aggravates the problem. Not that you're doing anything wrong but it is better we can buy them into holistic things so we can delve into them and last time that you have to deal with five different policies which really are on the same area. It is about managing the time, we don't have the time, we are in COVID also it makes things work but at the same time we have mutual policies to deal with and I will say, many people have not read it.

If you have to deal with 10 policies, I don't know if they haven't been reading them all along that have 10. It's a little bit of pressure on the system and therefore... (inaudible) next try and reduce them, let's try and combine them, you might say if it is smaller it is easier and so on, but each of them have to go through the same process you see.

It is much better if we have thought overall but the problem area and then (inaudible) a positive solution which covers a good enough space and then we can modify that add to it, find what issues are there, resolve them and go forward. In a way I am also asking that, if you noticed that there are some policies which come from your area that we are all excited about. At least I am and some of them we say no,. The point and issue but it is a quantity.

We want to constrain it and focus more towards the improved quality because you have constraints in time and so on.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you Prof., I will recognise Jordi, you have the floor.? Just a couple of points which I think are also important. I'm also responding to Nii. I am not convinced and I think it has been proven in other (inaudible) as well. If we have several problems and we make a single policy proposal for solving several problems, the chances to reach consensus is worse, it takes longer, we need more versions and discussions.

So I think sometimes you may think there are too many policy proposals but it's important to break down the problem into smaller problems. That is one point, the other point I forgot before is that one of the suggestions I made yesterday in the mailing list, I think this is something the board should decide about is the bylaws and PDP allows to have more meetings per year because it says at least, I think that is very clear. In fact, we are doing typically two meetings per year and we know now that we can do virtual meetings.

So, in order to try and focus the discussion what we should do is try to set up meetings every three months like Nick already did and I was suggesting yesterday one virtual online meeting, focus it on each type of problem and the most important problem we have right now I think everyone will agree is enter area transfers. I am asking and begging the board to really go for that because we really need to solve that problem. That is the key problem right now that AFRINIC is going to have in the next month.

We know it takes one year to implement any policy proposal which reaches consensus. The last thing also for the board, please, you should be the example for the community and that means the board should follow the bylaws and that means that when you do anything that in any way amends the PDP or restricts the terms set up in the PDP, you need to bring them to the PDP at the next meeting.

Please, we need that example from you if we want the committee to follow that as well and being transparent with everyone. Thank you very much.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. On the queue I see Jean. I will give the floor as the others have spoken and then to Alan and the professor. Please go ahead.

You have the floor.

SPEAKER:
I want to say that when the board is making decisions, they should make decisions based on the advice and the opinion from the community. Even if we should take the reality into account when it has and I think there are a lot of issues to be dealt with and to be discussed with the community and the (inaudible), we were able to follow the meeting online but we were not able really to have a response on some of the points he raised. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. I am getting echo. That is fine. I recognise Alan.

SPEAKER:

This is Alan, I also want to lead by example. Staff also should improve how they deal with (inaudible) or the full PDP. I want to remind the community when you have a working group, sometimes there may not be able to handle everything. Some policy may be too technical, technical may not necessarily mean it can't be legal. And maybe sometimes that the culture may call for someone in the working group with expertise to lead the discussion. The person will not lead consensus but to lead the discussion we have some lawyers, we have some engineers and people. I want to emphasise this again.

On the other hand I want to call all of us to consensus mentality. I have seen Jordi trying to agree. We want things like that, we need to learn how we recognise. We can have agreement all the time and this approach does not work in Africa. Many Africans will not agree several times, they will say hello and say their mind and go back. They will not come again and again. Trying to win arguments is not helping.

We should always put ourselves, we have come to contribute not to win, not to be the hero. There is no hero here whether you win, you get all the policies to pass, it's not important. But we should allow other people to disagree with us, people may not like our ideas, but we have to live with it.

My last point also is that we seem to be discussing policy, policy, and refusing to look at and agree that the problems it makes. The first thing we must do is, do we agree that we have a problem? Yes or no? If we have a problem then we can look at solution but if you think it's not the problem, or this is not an urgent problem, it may not require immediate attention so we seem to not focus on the problems but talk solutions.

If you do this you make it difficult because when you look at the solution you should matter to the problem. You see many people talking about solution to different problem because you're not solving the same problem. Again and again I am calling on this community during the board and everybody. If you want to help Africa please let's do things differently. Thank you and that is going to be my last intervention here. Thank you chair.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you very much. I recognise Professor, can you clarify your statements on special resolution on the bylaws, we didn't catch that part. Can you shed some light on your statement. You have the floor.

SPEAKER:
I went to vote, and I shall resolution 25. If you read it properly it's about enumerations, and I didn't feel comfortable with that. So I don't think we should go in that direction. Just volunteer if you have costs. So that was my reaction on that.

I want to shed some light on a discussion that has been going on between the technical leaders, referring so far to Jordi and Alain and so forth. I think it's important that when you are trying to contribute to community you really have a good understanding of that community's needs.

It is very easy for someone who thinks they are helping to think they understand the community's needs, but it's not always true. So it is very important that the starting point is to, in some sense, incite the ones you think have senior experience, this kind of thing. What they are saying should be the very important starting point.

For me, in terms of someone that wants to help, the first starting point is to understand what those who have been suffering think. Whereas if you want to try and help the community, that's the first thing you should do. Otherwise, no matter how good a solution is it tends to look as if you already had in mind a solution. And that is something that needs to be felt. When we are communicating these motions.

I think I noticed in these discussions immediately the (inaudible) changed, if you noticed how colleagues said (inaudible)'s priority. I happen to think that's not true. Immediately if we don't follow the consensual way of following it, then we are going to have some problems. I happen to think that we should fix the way we do our work, which is the working group's methods. Which were based on trust in our earlier PDP.

We need to clarify in some way what the two gentlemen have said so far. I think that is the starting point. Because without that it will be a bad one. So clean up your own methods of working, and emphasise the consensus part of everything.

We said piecemeal versus holistic, sure, there's (inaudible), it can easily be agreed. But sometimes the small things when you fix them they pop up different problems somewhere else. That is why we say sometimes (inaudible), but none of these decisions are that simple.

For example, they asked me a question on the bylaws, if you go to vote on the bylaws you see 10 or 12 or more of pieces of suggestions of resolutions. If you do things like that some issues might be related to each other, so people randomly choose things, for me it's better to have had one document that we all study and to reach out to all of us,

we'll discuss people who are trusted in the community, then finally we try to say we want it or we don't want to. That's much better.

We do most of the working together to see how we are thinking differently, we even make jokes about it, and this and that, before getting to the point where we can say it's OK. And we can work with it. So if you go by this piecemeal sometimes it increases conflict, because the number 15 might end up affecting number five in a different context. So it's better to look at them altogether in my opinion.

That's the kind of thinking that I have. These are genuine differences and I think it depends on where we think we should put the weight. For instance, we should put the weight on (inaudible) for example. If I told you to be careful, this can make Afrinic (inaudible), that's all the wish, the aspiration aside. But I'm talking living operational. Maybe you can see, but I can see.

So at that point I said no, they be if we slow down and go little by little, if you want numbers I can give you them, but I know you are being cautious about. Then I began to worry. So let's fix how we work together and it may help us a lot. Thank you very much.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you professor. We recognise Arnaud, you have the floor.

SPEAKER:
Many thanks. I really want to say something strongly this morning now that this is an open discussion I can really tell you what I think.

First of all I want to congratulate you for organising the session online, this has been a very interesting experiment. Also sometimes difficult, but yet interesting, and it has supported the African community so not everybody has the capacity to be able to connect. So I'm a little saddened by the number of participants, I see we have not gone above 180 or 200 in these sessions.

I do not have the real statistics, but from what I see when I see the number of people connected sometimes I look at this compared to the number of participants that we have when we have face-to-face meetings. Therefore I hope Afrinic in the future will have a solution that will enable us to offer more contributors, more participants, more African participants in the different spaces, and also see the French-speaking contribution is quite limited, this is something we need to reflect upon.

I also noticed there is almost a deafening silence from the administrative Council regarding certain realities that we notice in the community. I also want to inform you that the community is (inaudible), it is discouraged by the direction and leadership over the last three or four years. This is catastrophic, it's chaos. We feel that your governing business that is rather profit orientated rather than community orientated, which is a shame.

This is not part of your mission. The most important element of your mission is the promotion of the community members, the promotion of internet in the community, the business aspect is a separate thing.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. OK, I recognise Maina, you have the floor.

SPEAKER:
Thank you Chair. I have a couple of concerns with what transpired yesterday, and what has happened in the community for some time. I think what we are observing now seems to me like a concerted effort to basically bring the PDP to a halt.

I'm not sure if this is the case, but it is not possible that we can come to the PPM and we are not at the table as a working group to even advance two or three policies forward. And we wonder, when we see a lot of anonymous folk from all over the place, opposing policies at without technical evidence or even being specific to policy text, opposing policies and through these oppositions the chair then makes informed decisions without also looking deep into what is being challenged. Rather than just saying people are opposing, they oppose this policy, it doesn't feel like they like this policy, without being specific on what exactly is the (inaudible).

They look at the policy text, what are they proposing technically? What could they improve all what would they suggest to the policy text, rather than just baselessly opposing policies. We come back year after year and look like incompetent folk.

This is a continuation of the failure of the bottom-up process. Do we now want to start suggesting that perhaps some of these things should be done from a top-down process? We cannot manage ourselves as a community, as a working

group, through the bottom-up process. We cannot continue like this over and over, is this what we want to do?

I wonder if even the culture themselves are really enthusiastic to manage the working group? Are they actually enthusiastic, are they concerned? Are they even interested? This is what I'm wondering.

And this is my concern. If we continue like this we are just wasting everybody's time. And this other issue of personalising policies, these policies are not proposed, this is not about I, this is about community. This selfishness should not supersede the collective agenda or the collective goal of this community.

Because we know the effects the internet is having on everybody's life. Thank you, chair.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. With that we need to close the session for 10 minutes. I saw one other person on the queue, I will close the queue shortly, if not please join the queue before I close it. I will give one minute to check. OK, 30 seconds before I close the queue.

OK, now the queue is closed. We are in the English room, Arnaud you can proceed.

SPEAKER:
What I was saying earlier on, I was cut off. I would like to carry on stating that the community almost does not trust the board and its staff anymore which is a real shame. We notice that the PDP process in front of everybody, we do not feel that the people are free to decide, feel to be as committed as they wish and free to comment and discuss as they want. Frankly we feel they're not there for the interests of the community. Rather the interest of someone else.

It is important to understand that when we are gathered to talk and discuss about the policies in AFRINIC, we must in priority think about the community interest above all. The common interest above all. The decisions taken by the cochairs for the organisation. We must ensure they make decisions which go towards the safeguarding of the community and not of any corporate activity whatsoever.

Regarding the trust of the PDP, we must see as the policies are committed to the community, they are not the ownership of the authors anymore, they are the in the hands of the community. Therefore an individual person must abandon, let's go of the ownership of that particular policy to the committee who will in turn decide upon it, because this policy will have a repercussion action on all members of the committee.

Therefore they are not individual policies that our community policies to be debated and decided upon by the committee. As for the staff, compared to treatment from previous years. In terms of staff analysis, we do not feel that they do the job accordingly.

We feel they go against the policies rather than contributing to the policy. In the last two years we feel the staff analysis that is put forward will go against policies rather than to advance. (inaudible). What the staff must understand is there job is to get results and go to other reasons.

(inaudible) therefore (inaudible) we can see regions that are better. Thank you for giving me your attention I can finish here now.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. OK. Members of the committee we have left than 10 minutes. I have already closed the queue but I thoughtSo given the chance to speak. As the others have spoken I will recognise Mark.

MARK ELKINS:
I feel that the cochairs have been under some form of pressure to try and complete a particular job of going through the proposals. And therefore, I think that is and you pressure on them. I would love to see the policies reopened again and discussions continue on the RDP mailing list.

I believe that if we can do this we might then be able to recover the bad vibes I am feeling at the moment. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you, just for clarification, you say to reopen the policy discussion again, that is not very clear for all of us, can you be a bit more specific on that please?

MARK ELKINS:
Like I said, I would like the policy discussions reopened on the mailing list. I believe the cochairs were somewhat pressurized into trying to close everything rather quickly. I think that is somewhat unfair on them. Therefore, I would

like to see the policies that were not pushed to final call, reopened for the next few weeks, months perhaps on the mailing list.

We then process everything that needs to be done on the mailing lists over the next month please.

CHRISTOPHER:
OK, just for clarification you're saying (inaudible), you should say it's on the mailing list for further discussion? Workout? That is correct.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you, I will recognise Abdulkarim.

SPEAKER:
I will be fast, thank you chair. I want to assure the community that we could chairs meet as a committee. We are dedicated to this job. I also want to acknowledge and recognise that it's a difficult job with something personally for me I am committed to. I believe it is a service to the community.

We need people to speak to. It is transparent. I would make it as transparent as possible. The community also needs to speak to us because some of these things we might not see and it is also difficult. Especially difficult for me when I see that somebody has never spoken to me who has issues and they feel, Superman would understand these things.

I want the committee to understand which cochairs are human, and you're bound to do things based on understanding and the community needs to come to us. Thank you so much.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
I will provide the interpreter for English to join the English room because we have Jean in France. We have just a minute.

You have the floor. OK, he is not speaking. On this note, again I would like to thank you all for your comments and as I said the purpose of this discussion is we get the feedback and then at the appropriate time the board will provide clarification on some of the matters which have been raised in this call. I appreciate your contribution on this note, I think we will close this open mic. And I will invite all the members to join the AGMM room, it will start in 20 minutes time. On this note I would like to thank you all.

SPEAKER:
OK, this is a mic check.

EDDY KAYIHURA:
Alright, good. I think you can hear me.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Can you hear me?

SPEAKER:
Loud and clear.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you so much.

SPEAKER:
(Speaks in French)

SPEAKER:
Test.

SPEAKER:
Wherever you are joining us from, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the AGMM. This is the final day of AIS 20 online. I will go straight into the house rules. At this moment we are all muted until you have been given a chance to speak. The session is moderated by the AFRINIC cochairman and delegates with speakers rights in the platform will have to wait for their turn to speak.

We act courage you exercise some form of patient. Especially now that the meeting is online. We have tried her best to avoid technical failure in this meeting and we are on standby to ensure everything works smoothly.

I would like to take the aspects of (inaudible) if you move your cursor around your name, you will (inaudible). Be able to raise your hand if you want to speak and share your voice during the meeting.

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CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Please go ahead.

SPEAKER:
I will take us through the platform again. I am being notified that most of you could not hear me. We will have the chat icon. The chat icon is underneath your name, you will see the transcription then the chat icon and then the people icon. You will be able to see how many there are, at the moment there are 135 delegates which is very commendable.

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Or you can write an email to the AIS 2020 – support at meetecho.com. Our team will be happy to help you.

At this point I would like to welcome you to the AGMM, I am the MC for that session and I welcome Dr Christian to take over the session. Welcome.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you Susan and thank you all for making time. This is a unique situation where we are having our AGMM online and we appreciate the attendance. We now have 148 which shows the interest to participate and we thank you for it.

I would like to acknowledge the first item is a welcome and agenda review but before that I will check whether we do have the code for the meeting. Ashok, can you confirm that we have a (inaudible) for the meeting. Please?

SPEAKER:
Yes, can you hear me now?

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Go ahead.

SPEAKER:
I was saying everyone is in attendance and it seems we are in an unprecedented environment. There are four registered members in the region. If we have four of them present. SM, are you in the room?

I see the chairman, that makes two. I see the doctor is here. We have three. One more please. Thank you. We have got four of the registered members.

Can I have other one non-regional chairs, are you present? Serge.? I am here.

SPEAKER:
Now the complicated part I need five resource members. If you could.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
While you're waiting for that I would ask the board members turn off the video to in order to save the bandwidth. Please deactivate your video for us to save the bandwidth. Now we need five members to raise their hand, resource members. We have Mark.

SPEAKER:
Arnaud is number two.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Which organisation do you represent? Ben Madison?

SPEAKER:
I represent (inaudible) communications.

SPEAKER:
I represent (unknown term) Incorporated.

SPEAKER:
And can we have a Victor please. Your organisation and then we will be done.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Which do you represent? Malcolm, which organisation? I see Malcolm on the queue, which organisation do you represent?

SPEAKER:
Malcolm has risen in the chat he is from rooted hostings.

SPEAKER:
I can confirm you have 10 members present. Thank you sir.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you, please unmute your mics. And lower down your hands. When you want to speak just raise your hand and I will give you the floor. Before we proceed I want to make sure all your hands are down.

OK, please lower your hand. Now we are on the agenda review. Are there any amendments which have been submitted? Please raise your hand if you want to speak and I will give you the floor. I see Eddie. You have the floor, please proceed.

EDDY KAYIHURA:
Thank you chair, I would like to show a small presentation on some changes as you know, it is the first time we have this online session and there are some lessons we learned from the session that we had, mainly around elections on September 16.

So basically we realise that we need a bit of change of the agenda. For the smooth running of the meeting. The change is mainly on one small typo, when you look at the break time, the break is supposed to be from 11:50 to 12, that is omitted twice on the agenda, we are recommending the break to be from 12 to 12:15. We also want to have a smooth running (inaudible), and to close the election it takes approximately two minutes per election. Mainly due to the bylaws, the special resolutions, which are 28. It requires some time for us to close each of the elections.

The last changes to do with providing the results. We think that providing the results for the board and GovCom should be quick, the special bylaw resolution should then come after. If we go to the next side you can see what I'm mentioning here. It's a bit small, but if you look the only change we are requesting, if you look at the second part of the slide it's mainly to do with the amendment that is proposed. When we change the break, first of all.

We also propose that the online election platform be closed at 11:30. As well as the change of the flow of different

activities in the second part of the break, instead of starting by the bylaws we stopped by the board, and the governance committee. Through the report from the renumeration committee first. And we give the election results thereafter, we go to the amendment of the bylaws.

For this we also propose the motion, if you go to the next slide. The motion of change, which is just the reorganisation change for us to have a smoother flow of activities instead of us getting to a point and having to wait until the election committee closes, we can close from 11:30 and make sure we get to the (inaudible). We have the trustee committee that can reconvene aside separate to the committee.

The proposed motion, number one, having regard to Afrinic's recent experience in the management of the whole voting process in respect of the PDP coach as and on our ONC elections held on 16 September 2020, and with that the voting for the vacancies in respect of the board and governance committee elections as well as the special resolutions number one to 28 that started since fifth of September 2020, be closed at 11:30 UTC today, 18 September 2020. So as to allow sufficient time for election results to be tallied and verified.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Let's deal with this one first. Is there any seconder? Could you lower your hands please, because it's confusing. Please lower your hand. Thank you. Thank you members. All the hats have been lowered.

Now, is there any seconder for the change in the agenda? I saw Mark Elkins, you have the floor.

MARK ELKINS:
I second this motion, please.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
When you take the floor please state your organisation then you can speak.

MARK ELKINS:
Mark Elkins, (unknown term) I second this motion.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Is there any objection or abstention on this? I see no objections, any abstentions? The motion is approved, thank you members. The second one?

EDDY KAYIHURA:
The second one is also aligned with it, on the next screen. Basically it's just a rearrangement, having regard to the number of special resolutions in connection with the existing item number six of the AGM 2020 agenda, I move that the current agenda, as styled, be amended as follows.

To delete the existing sub item number 6.1, and thereafter to restyle the remaining of item 6 as new item 9. This is mainly to do with the bylaw.

The existing item number seven to be restyled as item number six. So just moving it.

To delete the existing sub items 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 respectively, and thereafter to amend the remaining of item 8 so it is purely and simply to be read as election results. So it's the presentation of the candidates, we have videos on the website for that.

And to add the new item number seven to be read as election committee 2020 reports. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you Eddy. Any seconder? I saw Fiona, you have the floor.

SPEAKER:
I second the motion.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you Fiona, any objection? I see no objection. Any abstention? I see none, motion adopted. Thank you members. Eddy, you are done?

EDDY KAYIHURA:
Yes.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:

Now we will display the amended agenda. Elaine, please display the amended agenda for us. Now the voting will close at 1130, and the bylaw discussion will happen after the board election. As displayed. I will put the motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

RICK SHEPPARD:
(Inaudible)

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Who is speaking, was it Malcolm?

MARK ELKINS:
Mark Elkins.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you member, the agenda is adopted. Now we are on approval of the last AGM M minutes, we did not see any proposed for the change or any amendment on the minutes as circulated. Now we will just go to it and then approve it. Can you display please? Thank you.

OK, since we did not get any amendments, Ghislaine can you scroll to the end? I will seek the motion to adopt the minutes as presented, proposed by… OK, thank you Ghislaine. I can see plenty of people have raised their hand, I think this was by mistake.

You can go ahead. Proposed by? I'm seeking a proposal for the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Proposed by?

SPEAKER:
I propose.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Proposed by Eddy. Seconded by? I saw (inaudible). Please, just speak.

SPEAKER:
Seconded by Jean-Pierre

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. Any objection and abstention? I see none. The minutes are adopted. Ghislaine, can you add that to the agenda please?

Now we are in the board activity, please display my slide. The board activity update slide. Now we are on board activity updates. OK, thank you members. Next slide please.

OK, for the board composition, as it is on the website as well. We have seat one, which is now held by Professor Habib from Tunisia. Seat two is Dr Adewale, and seat three which is Indian Ocean we have Subramanian. Seat four is myself. Seat five we have Mr Vika. Seat six is Robert, he resigned in October. Seat seven is held by Seun. And seat eight in which we have Serge. And since November of last year we had a new CEO.

When it's come to the board movement, I think I've already mentioned that there was an election last year in Kampala. In those elections we had Dr Adewale voted for the seat. We also have Seun elected for independence one, (inaudible).

We had Robert elected for East Africa, as I said earlier on he resigned last year in October. And we had Professor Habib for North Africa and also Mr (inaudible) representing the South African region.

And we do have on the board attendance, we met regularly on board meeting. And for the upcoming, just one minute. We also had board retreats and we discussed strategy and worked on teambuilding because as I've been discussed today during the open mic. We are a team, we have the same goal and also for the resolution, last year we had 81 resolutions which were discussed and one of the reasons also we see the number of resolutions has increased because due to the saw the past audit exercise we sought more should be based on resolution. That is why since then most of the key decisions we formalise it via resolution.

Next slide. On the board we do have some boards as standing committees such as the audit committee and finance committee, remuneration committee and recently we have created technical committee. Also we have some ad hoc committees as well such as the Reform committee, CEO search committee, which was to find the CEO, we have nominating committee and PD WG appeals committee as well.

On the ad hoc committee, mainly the reform committee, the reform committee is mainly after the discussion that we have found a need to do some structural and also deep analysis on how AFRINIC should be reformed in order to address the concerns. That is why we have made the reform committee. Next slide.

We also have the Council of Elders comprised by the following. It is composed of some of the past chairs of the board. Next slide please.

Last year we had the board retreats in August and we discussed mainly the challenge the company was facing and also the recruitment of the CEO. We conducted a webinar to engage the community at large and the board also attended the introduction to board an evaluation of performance. As a team people are coming from different backgrounds. It was very important for us to have some kind of understanding on what is the business. That's why we needed a workshop with Mauritius Institute of directors.

Next life. For some of the accomplishments, we will take some of them. We have reinforced our MoU between AFRINIC and AFTLD. Our aim is to work with African stakeholders to improve the internet. We also have an introduction of a fraud and corruption policy, mainly based on the experience we had in the past but we also introduced a declaration of conflict of interests and also introduced a procedure for the removal and approval of board appointees. This was a committee consultation. We also managed to have the AGMM in Kampala. We went to Mauritius to help, which was held in Kampala last year.

Next life. Now on the recruitment also we have retreated the new CEO who started last year in November. We have also set up a technical committee because as a technical organisation we faced some issues whereby at some point the oversight of technical aspects of the organisation was done but we want to create a committee. As mentioned earlier we have the reform committee which looks at all the corporate issues within the organisation.

We put in place the whistleblower mechanism. This one was mainly from the harassment issue we had and we set up a whistleblower mechanism. We now approve the board handbook which defines the process in which the board should conduct business and meeting and all of that.

Next slide. On the policy side, we have ratified three policies but I will take the opportunity to say it was during the community engagement discussion. There is a feeling that most of our members are not involved in policy discussion. I will take this opportunity to invite our members to be part of the discussion, because most of the decisions that have been made in the PDP directly affect our members. That is why it's good for members to be involved in policy discussion. As the chairman I am addressing you members to be involved and participate actively on the policy discussion process. Thank you.

Next slide please. For the challenges I have mentioned it. We have had a survey and the board set up the ad hoc committee and we had the resignation of our former CEO Alan Barrett. We had the AGMM in Kampala and we had dispute with some members. We had the resignation of Mr (unknown term) as mentioned earlier. We also had IP misappropriations and investigation which is undergoing and the CEO will give more detail on that.

Next slide. I think on this note I would like to thank you all. Can we go back to the agenda please. Thank you. After the CEO will take a few questions and comments if there will be some. Now I will give the floor to the CEO for the activity updates. Please go ahead.

EDDY KAYIHURA:
Excuse me chair I would like to point out that the vice chair raised his hand to a point of order.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you.

SPEAKER:
I would like to raise a point of order. Mr Eddie present, at the last meeting, the last AGMM, I would like us to correct that and propose a motion for the minutes of the last AGMM.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Can you repeat?

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:
Mr Eddie was not present at the last meeting so he cannot be the proposer of the motion, I would like to propose the motion please.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:

My understanding is as a registered member (inaudible). Only those who attended the meeting. Can we find out about this?

SPEAKER:
Thank you Mr Chairman. I think the point of order raised by the member is valid in the sense that from what we know, the CEO was not in attendance at the particular AGMM, so he cannot confirm what took place at the particular meeting and therefore he cannot move for the adoption of that particular minute. I think we need to correct that right now so that the process would be regularized. Thank you sir.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you, Ashok. SM, you have the floor again.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:
I propose the approval of the proceedings of 2019 annual general members meeting.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. Are there any comments? I see the comments. Any second or on the proposal as he proposed the adoption of the minutes.

SPEAKER:
I second.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Any objections? I see no objections. Any abstentions? I see none. Amendment adopted. Thank you members. Now I will give the floor to the CEO for the activities update. You have the floor please proceed.

EDDY KAYIHURA:
Thank you chair. I would like to apologize, I was not aware, I was a member but not at that time. It is part of my nature to want to address an issue when I see it. I think we are all learning to use this platform so the Sabbath is a bit long.

Thank you for this and I will present now the AFRINIC activities in 2019. Next please.

In terms of member statistics, we had a growth of 182 new members in 2019 and at the end of the year, we were at 1760 members, which is a great curve number however we know now we have arrived in the soft landing which is going to be part of this. Where our numbers have distributed less.

Last week we submitted 4.5 million IP addresses and 25 transfer requests for internet number resource completed. You can see during the month of July it has dropped but it picks up again in November. Next slide please.

In terms of IPv6 we have 364/32. We believe this number can be improved are going to do work to improve this adoption on the continent. Next slide which is about the ASNs.

The ASN numbers, next. At the end of 2019 we were at 2040 and distributed 188 ASNs during the year but in my speech when I was speaking about the (inaudible) I met at a lower number because of the natural cycle of membership, some members would claim some resources when they don't pay the fees. This is why you see the number of fluctuating.

In terms of public policy meetings, we had two meetings. The first one was in Kampala from 29 April to 11 May. It was attended by 742 people. And Angola in December from the second to the sixth, we had 230 people. In which 38 countries took part.

The implementing policies the co-chair mentioned that we have 11 policies that were submitted, only to reached consensus and approval by the boards.

We've done a lot of activities in capacity building, which is one of the activities we do and we do very well. We've offered comprehensive online support through webinars, e-learning courses and online deployment helpdesk. So people can go and we provide support up grades for their IP V6. In the addition to the certification programs and deployathons in French and English languages. This is not an event where people were already being trained, supported two start the event without their IPV six, at the end of the session which is normally four or five days we have IPV six enabled in the networks.

The Department deployed in Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria and South Africa, we also had 1196 professional participants in the seminars.

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Stakeholder engagement, with signed new agreements of partnership with different organisations. Some of which are there on the list. Asteroid International, internet solution, AFTLD among others.

We had the working group, the 20th one happening in Kampala, attended by 40 delegates. The first one was held in Angola with over 30 delegates from 12 African countries. We've engaged the regional energies and RE ends. As well as local governments.

In terms of technical services, we've done some improvement on our infrastructure. So we deployed a new set of improvements in Johannesburg in South Africa. We also have plans to add another one before the end of this year.

The DNS Flag Day, we tested 15 domains that managed for readiness and compliance for the day that took place in 2019.

Besides that we've done different community support initiatives, there was a new addition to the domain secondary program 2019, bringing the number two 54 supported TLD is over 20 countries. We also did some updates on the future of my Afrinic.

We have also been active in the research project in the Department of research and innovation. Both with the AIM and ARC, and the African research Corporation. We've done a survey with 100 responses, then keep taking the time to respond, the results will be published.

We also launched a project for measurements for letters, this will go on with African collaborations. We've received interest from (inaudible), we also do internship with different people and we see 15 interns from different African universities who were hired to work on different projects within the research and innovation team.

In terms of finances, the total membership fee income grew by 7.1%. From 5,300,000 in 2018 to 5,677,000 in 2019. The late penalty also increased to 221,000, this is not necessarily something we planned for or expected to have, we really want to see our members pay on time. And we encourage you to do so.

Afrinic support to research and education institutions and critical infrastructures in the region, we've done some discounts and the amount was about $206,000 in 2018. The curve is also a healthy one. We continue working towards that.

Finance, with done sponsorship from regional and international partners for events. Which was slightly increased from 64 thousand to 82,000. The net surplus of 1 million to 1.2 million, that was recorded in the financial year to 31st of December 2018.

The total reserves reflected a growth of 25.8% increasing to 5.8 thousand sorry, from 5.8 million from four .6 million in 2018.

We also had an additional amount to 3.2 million.

The last point I want to discuss is the event that happened and we have been communicating a lot on the (inaudible) IP address. We have reason to believe about 4 million IP addresses were appropriate, of which 3.2 million addresses in the Afrinic IPV for pool were incorrectly reclassified in the Afrinic who is database, as legacy address space is misappropriated.

At this point we still conducted the investigation, we also raised the case with the police. We've also got one of the persons who faced the challenges due to the corrective action that we did, and the actions raised in court.

So on top of that we have (inaudible) for the Afrinic database. We expect to provide detailed results at the end of this year. This audit covers all existing allocations in the database, we are investigating all IPV force base allocated by Afrinic to the beginning of Afrinic's operations in 2005. I thank you for your support.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you Eddy. I think before we move on, if a member wants to comment or ask questions for clarification, I saw Alain, just one minute please be brief on the question. You have the floor.

SPEAKER:
Yes, I hope you can hear me. Thank you CEO for the board's achievement, I can see some good progress. I just want to point out one of the open issues, and to give some thought too to how we handle the legacy space. In the past there have not been (inaudible).

I think we have discussed that something needs to be done. So something proposed to the kind of legacy (inaudible) to them. Or trying to see how we report them. So I wanted someone to raise this again and see if something can be done. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you, Alain. Eddy,

EDDY KAYIHURA:
Do you want me to address the question?

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Let's get to the question. I've seen (inaudible), who is trying to login. Do we have another comment or question? Eddy, please address the question. Please go ahead.

EDDY KAYIHURA:
For this question. At this point it's true that we don't have any legacy, and we think among the different options that we have it could be that one, but it's a delicate one because we know the members of the legacy users prefer to be dealt with in a different manner. And we are discussing different options to provide some of the services that we include available to them and make them more inclined to sign any (inaudible).

There is a historical reason to why they are the way they are, I think the approach is still being analysed but hopefully next year we will have better visibility on that.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you Eddy. I saw Dozie do you have a comment or question or did you raise your hand by mistake? I think it's fine.

Now we move on to financial updates. I would like to inform you that in that call we also have the auditor in the call, so if you would like to ask questions of him he can provide clarification. Dr Adewale, you have the floor.

ADEWALE ADEDOKUN:
Thank you chair, and good morning and afternoon everyone. I'm going to run through the financials of Afrinic for the year 2019. The audit co-members, Professor Habib Yousef, Serge and myself.

This report basically is representing major aspects of the financial statement of Afrinic 2019. What I'm presenting is also (inaudible) that was published on the Afrinic website. Next slide please.

So the financial statement set out on pages 5 to 41 comprise of the statement of financial position for Afrinic as of 31st of December 2019. The statement of comprehensive income for the year. The statement of changes in equity for the year. Statement of cash flow for the year 2019. And you also have the notes comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

On page 5 the current assets of Afrinic were stated as 8,407,092 an increase of 1,522,073 from 2018. Basically of the 8.407 million, 585,000 was deducted, this you will five on nights seven and eight on page 26. And on note 16 on page 23 I used the following breakdowns.

1,181,664 was advanced fee receipts, 16,257 was the fire project. 2,339,130 was Afrinic's own money available to be spent on general operations. 3,262,769 is the fixed deposit status as of the end of 2019. The figure is 1,878,291. You'll see that note on page 27. Next slide please.

So as of December 31, 2019 the cash for AFRINIC is 3,262,769. The finger as of 2018 was 1,278,291.

AFRINIC received a total of 82,483 from grants, sponsorship and other income unrelated to the fees. This is a note 11 of page 28. The total fee income for the year was 5,677,352 which is an increase of about 7.1% from 2018.

The fee income for the year was 5,004,352 four 2019. And the nonrecurring is 673,004 2019. The total combined administration and distributing expenses amounted to 4,319,711. Afrinic Mack recorded a loss of $25,281 providing for forex loss. The same boat for 2018 was 61,305. A surplus of 1,224,907 was recorded for the 2019 financial year. For 2018 it was 1,289,643.

Next slide please. Following the details of the return of expenses. Note the expenses below. The HR costs and office costs are referred to as initiative expenses and everything else is considered (inaudible). Travel costs increased to 530,282, an increase of 90%. Compared with 2018. Meeting expenses have increased to 276,295. Staff costs increase to 2,135,870. Office expenses increased to 247,387. Non-cash expenses increased to 87,162. Next slide please.

Basically, that is the summary of the audited financial statement for AFRINIC for the year 2019. We need to call for the adoption of the financial statement. Chair.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you for your presentation. Is there any comments or questions before you move to adoption of the financial statement? If there is a need for clarification the floor is open now.

I see no one on the queue. I suppose there is no questions. Everything was crystal clear. Now we move on the adoption of the financial statement. You can proceed.

ADEWALE ADEDOKUN:
We need a member to move for the adoption of the financial statement.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
I see John Ngwoke do you have a comment or question, you have the floor.

John, you can proceed you have the floor. Please go ahead.

It seems that we have lost to John. Now do you have a resolution to propose?

ADEWALE ADEDOKUN:
I have (inaudible).

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Members a motion to adopt the financial statement as presented proposed by... Trevor de Beer.

Members if you want to propose just speak, we will give you the floor. Please.

SPEAKER:
I moved to adopt.

SPEAKER:
I propose agenda one.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Seconded by. Any second is for the adopters of the financial statement? I see Adewole, you have the floor.

The motion to adopt the financial statements proposed by independency one. I need a seconder. Who was second?

You have the floor. If you want to second please say your name and organisation.

SPEAKER:
I second.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Which organisation?

SPEAKER:
From C com.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. I was not able to hear Trevor. But in the chat you have moved the motion to adopt the financial statement and I recognise Trevor. Can you type which organisation. If you can type on the chart of the organisation.

The motion to adopt the financial statement is proposed by the southern group seconded by Noah from C Com. You have the floor.

ADEWALE ADEDOKUN:
Members, I'm sure we can recall that BDO were engaged to fill a casual vacancy due to a PWC declining the audit exercise. The board wishes to recommend the appointment of BDO for the year 2020 and that resolution is now open to members for approval.

Next slide. OK chair.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Please finish. We will continue after you have the floor.

ADEWALE ADEDOKUN:
This is a draft resolution. AFRINIC results to reappointed BDO as the external auditor for the financial year 2020.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. Anyone want to propose this resolution? You can even type on the chat. I am following it as well. The proposal is to appoint BDO for 2020 auditor. Any proposer?

Can you please for the slide I saw a colleague cannot see to the slide. Can you display again the resolution. Please display the resolution there is a member who wants to see it as it is written.

Saul Stein you have the floor.

SPEAKER:
I would like to query the need to change auditors. (inaudible)

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
The question from Saul is the reason why we don't give PWC doesn't want to be the auditor for 2020, what is the rationale behind the proposal to appoint BDO. Please go ahead.

ADEWALE ADEDOKUN:
Thank you. Two things quickly. One, (inaudible) auditors for your 2020. PWC exhibited the RFP. We got it from four firms and PWC was not one of them. It was not even considered at all.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Can you just elaborate, can you be specific on the process in which the audit company arrived to the appointment. I think that's what the member means, the rationale behind it. Thank you.

ADEWALE ADEDOKUN:
Thank you chair. As I said earlier, RFPs were sent out towards the appointment of the external auditors for the year 2019. And we got RFPs from four firms. These RFPs were analysed and we had some discussions with all of them.

Of them, eventually BDO was chosen. Coupled with the fact that they already had experience in auditing Afrinic. It was done professionally, and in spite of COVID lockdown issues, BDO carried out their work professionally. That's why they were chosen.

Saul was asking why PwC was not considered, as I said earlier when the RFPs were sent out PwC did not even put in an RFP.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
OK, thank you. I can see there is some questions from Patrice. Too much Wi-Fi from Cape Town is asking why PwC declined the audit. I think we have answered that.

Also on the chat, PwC were approved last year and there was no need to submit. I think the process by which we approved the auditor is that we are second to the RFP, those who want to carry out the task submit and then we analyse and make a decision. But what happened with PwC last year was that PwC did not want to conduct the audit, that's why we had BDO.

We couldn't include PwC because they did not even come to us in the first place. I think that's one of the clarifications.

I also see another question, (inaudible) the RFPs are sent out. Dr Adewale, can you address that?

ADEWALE ADEDOKUN:
How often?

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Yes, how often the RFPs are sent out.

ADEWALE ADEDOKUN:
Are not sure what how often means, but RFPs are sent out when (inaudible) of auditors.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
OK, thank you. Let me go back to the questions, Ben Maddison, you have the floor.

SPEAKER:
Thanks chair. If my memory serves me correct, after PwC was appointed at the last AGMM they then declined to carry out the audit. We were told as members they provided this kind of vague reason, citing risk as their reason.

And at the time, a number of members asked the board to clarify with PwC exactly what risks they were talking about, in order that we could have an understanding of it. And to the best of my recollection that was never done.

I don't know if the board asked the question I didn't receive a response, or they did receive a response and it wasn't communicated to the members. I would like to understand the status of that.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. The board asked the question to PwC, and PwC never explained to us what they meant by risk. They did not respond to our question. It also should be noted that in the audit process even prior to BDO taking on the task they were requesting that we get a letter from PwC. PwC sent a letter to BDO which was one of the conditions to take on the task.

It was later sent, then BDO accepted to conduct the audit for 2019. That was the process. But for us, the only letter from PwC was talking about risk, it didn't say what it was.

We went back to PwC to get more clarification, but they never provided the clarification. Thank you.

There is no PwC (inaudible) we only have BDO in this meeting. I think the impact of the declination was that we had the board appoint another auditor to conduct the 2019 audit. Which means that our statutory obligation has been completed by BDO, thank you.

Let me go back to the questions. Ben Maddison, another question, you raised your hand. Ben?

SPEAKER:
Sorry cha, it's a follow-up question. I am not entirely sure of the position under Mauritian law, that in most jurisdictions where I've done business there is an obligation on the auditors towards the shareholders for whom they are providing the audit to answer questions like that.

Waving their hands and saying "Oh, risk" doesn't really answer questions. I think the board would be within its rights to press the question and insist on some proper feedback from PwC. I would certainly be interested to hear that feedback, I'm sure others would be as well.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. Your request has been noted. You have the floor, please go ahead. OK, now I think we have addressed most of the concerns.

Since we do have BDO on the call, I don't know if the representative has a comment to make. I will recognise him if he wants to make a comment.

SPEAKER:
Good afternoon. Can you hear me?

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Yes, please go ahead.

SPEAKER:
I am the audit manager. So the accounts have been prepared in accordance with IFR S. We are satisfied with it, and we have issued a clean opinion. A clean report. We do not have any comments.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you so much. Now we move on to the resolution on the screen. I'm looking for a member to propose this resolution. Proposed by?

There is a question, the question is whether BDO would share the letter from PwC. Fabian, can you shed a light on that? They are asking what you heard from PwC, if you have any information you could share with members it would be very good. Please share your comments.

Fabian, are you still there?

SPEAKER:
Which Fabian.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
The lady from BDO, I don't know if it was Fabian.

SPEAKER:
I'm not the one, I've no idea about that.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
The BDO representative, could you shed the light on the members question. They are asking what you heard from PwC. What was the feedback you got from PwC before accepting to take on the task?

SPEAKER:
Yes, we met the PwC auditors and they told us that due to the requirement to have a rotation of auditors every three years they opted to resign. And we were informed that there is no reason why BDO should not accept the appointment. That's it.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you so much. Going back to the chat. I think we have discussed this at length, Ben Maddison, the last comments please. Then we will go for a vote. You have one minute, please go ahead.

SPEAKER:
I'm a little confused by that feedback from the BDO representative. Sorry, I didn't catch their name. Does that not contradict the feedback that the board was initially given by PwC, when they cited this undefined risk?

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
OK, I think for us before BDO took on the task they only needed to get clarification from PwC. As the BDO representative highlighted on that, I'm not sure BDO is in a better position to conclude on which side PwC was, what was going on. But I think what is important for us, as Ben Maddison pointed out, if there is a need to pressure PwC to provide full clarification I think the board will take that on.

I think on this note for the sake of time we are back on the resolution to appoint BDO for the financial year 2020. I would like someone to propose. Anyone to propose the motion? The resolution? Ben Maddison?

SPEAKER:
I propose the resolution that's on the screen.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you, proposed by Ben Maddison. Seconded by, I saw Fiona? Any seconder of the resolution?

SPEAKER:
I second the motion, Fiona Asonga.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Any abstention? Any objection? I see none. The resolution passes. Thank you members. Ghislaine, the next item on the agenda please.

I think we have made some change. The next agenda will be the presentation of 20/20 budgets. I will give the floor to the chair of the finance committee. SM? You have the floor. I think that is what is on the agenda. You have the floor.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:
I am waiting for the slides. Good morning everybody. I am currently the chair of the finance committee. Next slide please.

The members of the financial committee are as follows. The finance committee has been moved to what we call activity based budgeting since last year. Our budget for this year. Our total operating expenses for this year will be, is projected to be 5,813,000… I will stay again at 5,813,897 and our expected revenue for this year is $5,900,000.

We are projecting to have a budget surplus of $86,000. On the screen you can see our OPEX and CAPEX for the current year. For registration services we expect $139,441. For technical and production we have budgeted amount of

$1,079,029. For human resources we have budgeted amount of $813,730. Our pie chart is on the next life.

This will give you a quick view of our administrative and distribution expenses, you can find more detail on the website. We expect to spend 50% and human resources, meeting expenses is expected to be 5%, travel expenses is 10% of our operational expenses budget. Office expenses 5%, community support 4%, we are spending 2% on capacity building, and 3% on consultancy fees. For the others it is the amounts which are lumped together is 12%. Next slide please.

You can find all the details on our website. A reminder that the finance committee has a quarterly finance report where we receive the expenses for the last quarter and we publish it every quarter on our website. If you want to know about our finance reports or have any questions, the first place to go to is our website. You can find details about all our finance reports and our budget. If you have any questions naturally, you can ask me some questions here or you can send an email to me. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you SM, the chair of finance. Are there any questions, for SM?

I see the questions. Thank you. I saw Alan on the queue, do you have a question to ask? Please go ahead. If there is no question once again I would like to thank SM for his presentation. Can we see the agenda please?

Do you want to speak? Can you scroll please? I think now is the break. Eddie, we're supposed to break by now, right? 15 minutes break. I want the CEO to confirm. Eddie? Can you confirm.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:
The CEO is currently working on another issue so our break is from 12 UTC until 12:15 UTC which is now.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Will take a 10 minute break and you can take water and coffee and within five or six minutes we will resume. Thank you.

It's 12:15 PM. I will just give for those who are a bit late two minutes to finish their coffee. Then I will start. Thank you.

OK, now we are back. Before we move to the nomination committee reports, which will be presented by the chair of (unknown term) Mr Mark Elkiss, this is my last meeting as the chair. It has been my great honour to serve this organisation. Despite some adversity and challenge, we have managed to move forward with this organisation. For that we are grateful. And I'm glad to pass this mantle to someone else. After this AGMM the Board will elect a new chairman, and also they will carry on and continue with this task.

I would also like to call upon new members to give the new board leadership and also the new member who will be elected the full support you have given to myself, and also to the team and also other board members whose time is ending today. It's always a great pleasure to see you.

On this note, on my personal behalf and on behalf of the board, I would like to thank you all for your support. I will now give the floor to the chair of NomCom Mr Mark Elkins.

MARK ELKINS:
Thank you very much. Firstly I will turn off my video to ensure I have enough bandwidth to do everything else. The ComCom, it was initially bootstrapped in mid-February. This was the Board liaison, and myself as the chair.

The whole point of NomCom is to ensure we have enough appropriate candidates for all the open seats, and that all elections are successfully conducted according to Afrinic's current procedures. I presume I sound is alright. Christian?

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Yes please, the sound is perfect.

MARK ELKINS:
OK, great. Except this year was completely different to every other year, I've done NomCom several times before, and COVID upset everything. So I guess things have gone a bit differently to how they normally would, that's certainly how it happened.

We had an extended timeframe, and because of this timeframe we were able at one point to get multiple people for every seat, with the exception of the governance committee. Unfortunately the multiple people for every seat also changed.

I would like to say that the most contentious election was for the policy development working group chair, we initially got 11 nominations. Some of those were duplicates, there were three duplicates for the one person. We also had one person declining, it was a lady and she declined unfortunately.

NomCom then took the decision to present just the four most qualified nominees. Which are the four nominees that initially went out for voting purposes.

That left just one person who was qualified. From a qualified person, what we were looking for was people who were actually involved in the (inaudible) list et cetera. So these would have been reasonable people. Strangely enough, community consensus seemed to be at work this year for the policy development working group chair. And that was nice to see.

It meant that we had one less contentious election, but it was interesting. I also thought, some of my personal points of view, that the introduction of videos for everyone made life very interesting. And if there was to be a competition between the areas that do the best videos I would say that East Africa wins that price. They certainly seem to have some of the best videos. And I would like to see this as perhaps a template for future elections.

At this point, I'm going to hand over to Guylaine, the chair of Econ. I will run the slides. Thank you very much.

GUYLAINE LAIYRA:
Good afternoon chair, members of the board and members. I am the chairperson of the committee for this year. I am going to give you a brief on the election process that we followed for the boards and governance committee election.

As you are aware, the election committee is constituted by the CEO as per the conditions of the bylaws. And our roles are responsibilities are to look after the logistics of the election in collaboration with the nomination committee.

So eventually with the pandemic, the COVID-19 pandemic, this affected our normal election process. We have had to revise the election process and guidelines for 2020. This new election process was published in August 2020, to accommodate for a 100% e-voting system.

So having a 100% e-voting system had some implications with regards to our usual way of doing elections at Afrinic. But I'm going to give you a brief as we go.

So the election was for the board seats, there were four seats open for Indian Ocean, central Africa, Eastern Africa and the non-regional. We also had one seat for the governance committee. And there were several special resolutions for the amendment of the bylaws. There were altogether 28 special resolutions.

All those elections, for boards, governance committees and special resolution, they all followed the same process and procedures. So what are the steps that we took? As the election committee.

All the time that have been published earlier, as I said in August. As soon as NomCom published the final slate of candidates and we release the notice for the AGMM, as per the bylaws, the election committee opened the e-voting system and we also had opening of registration for proxy.

So the opening on 5 September, the proxy opened on 12 September. And the election is for today. We close it today.

So ballots and proxies, for virtual elections we had to do new procedures in order to catch up for the manual practice that exists at Afrinic for ballots and proxies. So eventually there was only E ballots this year. And for the proxies we had to do a registration period for us to be able to process it. This closed five days before the AGMM today. Eventually we did not receive any proxies.

So with the election just closed, as was announced earlier by the CEO and the chair, the election was closed at 1130 UTC. Now we are going to release the results.

So I think now I will thank you all. I will hand over to Mark Elkins to release the results.

MARK ELKINS:
So again, for the elections (inaudible) was developed on a Zoom call less than an hour ago. We also had a number of people watching us, observing. Unfortunately I didn't take a closer picture of all of the participants, I can't quite read their names. I'm also going to switch off my camera.

I will just continue to speak. Here is another screenshot with the election system open. Going through and closing the elections at this particular point. More or less the same screenshot, but there's a different screen there.

So the election was closed at 14:29 PM. This result is for the governance committee. As you can see, we only had the one person standing, congratulations to Ali, congratulations. Only for abstentions. Nice and clean.

And for the chair election, there are four elections happening. I will bring it to the first two. For Indian Ocean I would like to congratulate Assam for the votes and you have one candidate for Central Africa. Congratulations. For the other two seats, East Africa I congratulate Abdalla, but again for a second term as a director of AFRINIC. Then for the nonregional seat I am congratulating Benjamin Eshun, who got the most votes out of the three candidates that were standing.

That is the end of the presentation. Thank you very much for your attention. It has been one hell of a year and back to the chairperson.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you Mark, on behalf of the board I would like to thank the NomCom for the great job you have been doing, despite the COVID challenges but you managed to get the process to the end and we appreciate that. Once again we congratulate you on this remarkable job.

Now can we have the agenda please. Thank you. I'd like to also congratulate those who have been elected and reelected. I would like to congratulate you and all the best for the task you will be doing for the community at large. Now we're on the amendment of the Afrinic but bylaws resolution. It was a very tedious process. A bit of an update. The process by which they were submitted. It was the process led by the GovCom be submitted for them to be included and as bylaw the special resolutions should be proposed only by registered members.

That is why the vice chair is Mr SM, who will now present the special resolution amendment of the bylaw. Thank you so much. You have the floor.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:
Thank you chair. I am waiting for the slides on the screen.

There are some slides for the presentation of the special resolutions.

There were 28 special resolutions on the agenda and there was a vote on the resolutions. Next slide.

The purpose of the special resolutions will one SR one of two SR 28 on the general members meeting agenda is to propose amendments to the bylaws. As you know the bylaws is like the Constitution of our organisation and it regulates our institution is governed. It's a very important document for AFRINIC. Next slide.

On behalf of the board I would like to thank the GovCom. The members who worked on the resolutions. I would like to thank the chair and the rest of the members. Next slide.

The steps followed by the governance committee was that it was mandated to review the existing provisions of the AFRINIC bylaws and to propose such amendments where necessary. Consequently, the governance committee had on several occasions call for comments as well as proposals for amendments from various stakeholders, including the committee. After analysing all input, the governance committee submitted a draft proposal of its proposed amendments to the community for its review and comments, if any. There was a last call for review and comments which was made on August 12, 2020 and it was an opportunity for the community to comment on the proposed amendments being proposed only.

The governance committee only received a few comments from the community telling its invitation dated August 12, 2020 yet they are mostly related to fresh proposals while others had expressed opinions in generic terms but did not address the proposals being made by the governance committee. Members are therefore called upon to vote on the 28 special resolutions in line with the AFRINIC bylaws. Next slide please.

Thank you. I think there was a ballot, there are votes for 28 special resolutions. On this note I will leave the floor to the chair. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you SM for the presentation. As we have changed the agenda, the vote has been already closed and now I will ask the CEO, Eddie, are you there? The election committee.

It seems like the election committee and CEO are still finalising the counting of the election. I will get the results shortly. You have the floor.

GUYLAINE LAIYRA:
So, the committee has closed the election for the special resolution. There was 28 resolutions and as you can see on the screen, for each resolution you have the number of votes, the yes votes, the number of new votes, the number of abstentions and as you are aware special resolutions are done through a percentage of votes and it should be about 75% to pass.

So, special resolution one, we receive 15 yes votes, two no which gives 88%. For special resolution to we received 13 yes votes, for no votes, zero abstention which is 76% and special resolution three, 15 yes votes and to know votes which is 88%. Special resolution for we received 12 yes votes, five no, which is 71%. Special resolution five, we received 15 votes yes, to for no and 88%. Special resolution six we received 12 yes votes and six note which gives us 67% and as you can see for special resolution eight it gives us 87% with 13 yes and to know. Special resolution nine received 69%, 11 yes and five no, special resolution 10 which received 73%. Special resolution 11 you can see on the screen the yes and no votes so I'm going to go through the percentage here. Which is 69%. Special resolution 13, 94%, special resolution 14,88%. 15, 53%. Special resolution 17, 61%. Special resolution 18, 71%. Special resolution 19, 72%. Specialisation 20, 56%. Specialisation 21, 72%. Special resolution 23, 56%. Special resolution 24, 75% and special resolution 25, 39% vote. Special resolution 26, 59%. Special resolution 27, 88%. And the last one is special resolution 28, with 92%.

These are the percentage of votes that we have computed. Mr chair.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you, thank you members. On the chat I saw a discussion regarding the participation. In total it seems we have around 24 participation out of 1700 and I saw in the chat there is a question about the percentage of the results and also for the special resolution.

I think now, if anyone has a comment before we move to closure, before we close this item, Malcolm, you have the floor please go ahead.

Malcolm? You have the floor, please go ahead. Maybe while Malcolm is trying to set that up I will give the floor to professor Nii.

SPEAKER:
I would like to say to the board not to adopt these bylaws, give chance to own reform committee to give you back a report and then consolidate it because if you change your Constitution I think it is chaos. If you are expecting an output of the committee made up by senior people you should put a hold on this and consolidate it and go through the process. There must be a reason for changing bylaws. It cannot be because of the things you're seeing.

If there is reform recommendation then I can see the effect in bylaws but less than two years ago, what is the need and rush and pressure? Thank you.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. Malcolm, you have the chair.

SPEAKER:
I see that during the elections, the participation in election was much greater than the participation in special resolutions. I moved to say that the process of going through the special resolutions is very tedious. And it requires a lot of clicks and a lot of time.

I'm going to guess that it's probably going to take about 45 minutes to an hour to go through all the special resolutions, that's why I'm suggesting that the participation was so low. And I moved to say that because the participation was so low we do not adopt any of these special resolutions, but we find a way to get the community more involved with the adoption process.

Because I don't think this is representative of the community itself. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. I can see that Malcolm is moving the motion to not accept these special resolutions, due to the low turnover of the votes. Is there any seconder before I moved to others? Who wants to second, please just speak. I open the floor. I can see many people on the queue.

SPEAKER:
Hi, Ben here. I don't want to second it I'm afraid. I agree with the sentiment but I think the emotion is out of order, I don't think we can disallow the vote on a special resolution on a simple motion.

I think the lack of representation is a problem, but I think we have to live with the results of our own process.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you, noted. Before I recognise (inaudible), Mark do you have the same line as Malcolm? Please go ahead.

MARK ELKINS:
Thank you very much. I totally concur that this particular part of voting was a real pain. It took me 1.5 hours with the existing bylaws by my side, going through them very carefully, it's a pity that the change wasn't simply changing this to this, but never mind.

I've got my tick list in front of me, I'm actually quite happy with the results. Most of the changes, almost all of the changes are very significant, so I wouldn't have a problem with the board applying these changes. I don't think we should disregard them completely as well.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. I saw Noah, you had a comment to make? I saw you in the queue. OK, he's not speaking. Emmanuelle, you have the floor. Please go ahead. Emmanuelle? OK, Noah is back again. Please go ahead.

I can see Arnaud, please go ahead.

SPEAKER:
I support the motion. I think there is no rush and (inaudible) we have to change the bylaws every two years, where are we going, we have had bylaws in place for years. They need to adapt to the evolution of the situation. And I think this is indeed something we should not amend, I think we should take all the time necessary to analyse all the resolutions and maybe do it later on.

That would give opportunity to the community to get familiar with all of the content, as it was in the previous constitution. And then be able to compare it to the new one, so that we have a clear and more accurate idea of what is being proposed. Thank you.

SPEAKER:
Emmanuel? Do you want to speak? OK, the last person on the queue. Dr Nii you have the floor, please go ahead.

SPEAKER:
Hello. Can you hear me? I think I would like to second the motion that the board should not adopt these resolutions. I do understand that people voted for it, and you can look at percentages, even if you have 3% you can count percentages. But I don't think it's in the spirit of what we are trying to do.

I think if we want to change it you really want to have some consensus on it to conclude that you have sufficient, you really need to reach a larger portion of the 1700 than you have. I also think that a reform committee's input is extremely important, because we have some issues, that's why we went that direction.

So I would really like to urge the board not to be in haste. Make haste slowly, so to speak. And not rush it altogether. Thank you very much.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you doctor. Ashok, you have the floor. Ashok? I gave you the floor.

SPEAKER:
Thank you very much, we had some technical difficulties with the machine in front of me. I wanted to make one remark, that however much I appreciate the pertinence and the quality of the remarks made regarding the results of the election, I tend to follow the legality of things. The legality of the result is that it goes well in line with the bylaws, it goes well in line with the (inaudible).

These results are the legally correct results. But some members have expressed concern about the lack of support for those resolutions. My view is that the board, unless there is any compelling reason not to (inaudible), I can't see the board going away and not implementing.

I appreciate the community aspect of the result, and the need for their support, but it is a matter of regret that when the opportunity has been given the turnout was so low. So I only analyse from the legal point of view, it is perfectly in order. And if that result according to me is (inaudible), the motions cannot be accepted by me, it's not in order.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you Ashok. Eddy, you have the floor, please go ahead.

EDDY KAYIHURA:
I hope you can hear me.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Please go ahead.

EDDY KAYIHURA:
I've seen some comments and also have seen the challenge it created to do this election. I just want to give apologies that it was fastidious, it was mainly due to the fact that the type of election we were dealing with was different to the board, because there you select a candidate against another one. In this one it was a yes, no or abstain.

In the current system we use there is no other way to deal with an election other than to go one by one this way. One of the feedback I got was that the board was not very clear and the explanation might not have been clear. We take note of this, and assure you that for the next time we go there if we have to cross such a bridge we will make sure it is smoother than this, and I apologise for the pain most of you faced.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you Eddy. I will go back to Malcolm again, do you have a comment to make?

SPEAKER:
Thanks Mr Chairman. I hear everything from legal. I'm willing to accept that the election results stand. But Mr Chairman, I would like to plead with you for the next election, can we please make this process simpler?

What I'm feeling is that people are just doing one or two and then giving up. Because it actually just took too much time. So potentially, the way I envisage it is your login and vote for the election as you do, you vote for the governance committee as you do, and then you log in to vote for the special resolutions. And instead of voting for one special resolution at a time, you vote for the special resolutions.

I'm assuming if you are going to vote for one you are going to vote for all of them. So instead of voting for them individually you do it as a collective, that could potentially be a way.

So I withdraw the challenge on the vote, and I accept it legally. And I plead with you next time to make the process simpler. It was very tedious, very long, a lot of people probably gave up halfway.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you Malcolm. I saw Trevor, please go ahead.

SPEAKER:
To completely disagree with one of Malcolm's points I believe that special resolutions are individual points, and you do need to pay attention to the detail. Just because you agree with one section and want to make that change because it makes sense to you doesn't mean that you want to change all of the special resolutions. So I don't see it as being a vote for all the changes, we won't get consensus on that. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. Professor Nii you have the floor. Professor Nii? Yes, you have the floor, please go ahead.

SPEAKER:
There was a request to have a minimum (inaudible) but I recall the board did not follow through without did not select that. I believe in this round there was some degree of participation and I believe it did not follow through. I am asking why can't we insist next time there is a certain (inaudible) which is sufficient as a minimum. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. I will recognise you, Ashok. I'm reading the chats as well. OK. Before I recognise Ashok, for the future as we all agree on at some point, what is done now we cannot undo it because you have been through the process, but now we are looking at it for the future.

What will be in the future for the members (inaudible) when it comes to resolution or whatever is at least there should be some pressure for us to accept the change in the bylaw in any specific election as it will be specified in the amendments.

Two members to support that line of reasoning? Ben Madison, you have the floor.

SPEAKER:

I do support that in respect to special resolutions. Changing the bylaws and other things which require a special resolution. I think I was saying in the chart a few moments ago, I think that may slow down and hamper ordinary business if applied across the board but I think it's a sensible safeguard to make sure there is enough participation for the most important decisions we take.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. (inaudible) maybe in the future there might be some proposal to amend the bylaw by specific questions which appear not to be the consensus among our members. Now we go to the agenda. Can we display the agenda please?

Ashok, do you want to say something?

SPEAKER:
I have heard of the pause for resolutions. Of course you can do anything for the future, it can be looked into and if we find some pertinence in it, that it would really help the process to become one which is acceptable to one and all, then why not look at additions that come our way. We are bound to do it, we shall do it, but as I said earlier, unfortunately with there were things that could have been said maybe before the votes were taken but this is not been done. He asked what has been done today. Though we say it cannot be undone, it is up to the board to give another thought and look to other ways of trying to make it more acceptable in terms of the quality of the results, in terms of the participation of voters on that particular issue or resolution.

I agree with everyone that it's a very important issue voting on bylaws, but we thought it would in fact carry and get the attention of more and more members. Unfortunately it was not so so maybe we'll have to be more careful for the future when we address such an issue of importance. Thank you, sir.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you. Yes, I think the the bylaw for resolution to pass would require 75% of the votes and any that did pass will be included in the new bylaws which will be shared with members.

I think that is the summary and also for the future in this discussion the member overall expresses the view that there should be some kind of threshold is to accept any change in the bylaw, specifically on the special resolution and that matter will be further discussed and will come to the members of a way forward. Thank you.

If there is no, I will check the queue, I see no one on the queue and on the chart there is no further questions. I think if there is no further questions I would like to thank you all for the time and also for attending this AGMM. As I said earlier on it was a great pleasure for me to serve this community and as we say it is always difficult to say goodbye but at some point we have to say goodbye and that is what I'm doing now. On this note I would like to seek a motion to close the AGMM.

SPEAKER:
I propose.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
I would like to get proposals from members please.

SPEAKER:
And Mr Chairman if I can break in. You we did not seem to deal with any new business.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Yes, as per the acts and by law, the agenda is as specified which means that if there is any item a member wants to discuss it should be sent to the board 14 days before we sent the notice of the meeting out.

SPEAKER:
That is fine, thank you. I moved to close.

CHRISTIAN BOPE:
Thank you, from which organisation? And seconded by? Which organisation you represent? Thank you. The AGMM is close, thank you. Goodbye.