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Now we will start the session which is the AGM M and it will be chaired by our board chairman Mr Moonesamy. The floor is yours.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Good morning, it's a bit early in Mauritius. Welcome to the open mic session.

Every year the board has a meeting which is an open session for members to provide feedback to us in office questions so well open this and if you have any questions please state your name, affiliation then ask a question. Thank you.

DR NII NARKU QUAYNOR:

Hello? I can't hear anything.

SPEAKER:

Chair can't hear you.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

You can hear me? Welcome Prof. you have the floor.

DR NII NARKU QUAYNOR:

I have a few questions if you will allow me to. The first one is about the appeal committee. I would be interested in knowing if you have plans to reconstituted and when that may be. My second question is, there has been a fair amount of allegations of attempts to manage a process in a way that was on compatible for a number of people and I have been reading about it. There



have been two of them, one had to do with PDP nominations, and some second others were not the way they were supposed to be. And we have also had similar things regarding the elections or read about them, allegations of spam, attempted bribery and so on.

Are going to investigate these things and maybe take some actions, or maybe come out with mechanisms that will help prevent another such problem? Because I think if we do not, with the repeated incursions you risk using the integrity of our leadership and I would like that to be addressed. My last one has to do and it had a number of times, have to do a stakeholder balance. Currently we hear a lot of, you might say, statements or things from people who do not run networks and I think if you don't have a good balance you may end up going the wrong way. So once again, I'm going to appeal to members to become more active because this is very important in policymaking and expressing the true nature of what we need as policy and if we can do that, we can avoid potential capture. Thank you very much.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Thank you Prof., we have three or four questions, one is about the election, the other was related to the appeals committee. Third was related to members being contacted if I remember correctly in the fourth one was about the nomination committee going forward. On elections, I would like to be impartial on this and I will comment on the elections, I will give the floor to someone from the election committee to comment on the election part. For contact information, the CEO will comment on it and then I will get back to the appeal committee comment and the PDP comments afterwards. Eddie do you want to go first?

EDDY KAYIHURA:

Thank you chair, I hope you can hear me well. We also received the same messages about the information. Some members were complaining about the fact that, the one who provided information, would like to reassure our members that we did not get involved in any, we only provide information as per the information you provided to us and the information that was meant for queries to the WHOIS.

It will eventually see what the members request from us and make sure that we provide the support expected from us. Thank you.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Kishna Dhondee will answer. He is from the election committee I was given the floor.

KISHNA DHONDEE:

Thank you chair. I understand the question pertaining to the conduct from certain candidates during the selection period. Allow me to first remind all concerned with regards to the relevant positions of the bylaws when it comes to elections, elections, I have two main provisions that will concern section 9 and section 10 of the bylaws. It talked about the roles and responsibilities and section 10 talk about the responsibilities of e-commerce and only look at the provisions of these two sections of the bylaws it is very clear that the role of both, they are very limited and that the role is to come up with criteria for the selection of candidates to find an adequate number of candidates for relevant elections and when it comes to e-commerce the role is there to provide support



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The bylaws are silent on this and this is reflected in the election process that is produced and approved by the board.

This explains why the election process that is published makes no provision or reference to any, how the conduct of candidates during the election period, whether it should be regulated and if so how it should be regulated and this is why the system as it is, when I say the system, we act within the parameters as per our mandate in the bylaws and that is why there is no provision, even if one were to say that one candidate has engaged in unlawful actions. Let me be clear, we act within the parameters of the bylaws and we cannot go beyond that and this is why what the nomination committee thought it was proper but the minded is limited and we issued a reminder, there was a joint communication released by the election committee and there were concerns with taken note from members of the mailing list regarding some emails and unsolicited canvassing being made and we are not here to judge whether those canvassing were solicited or unsolicited because you're not mandated to make that judgment but, in order to preserve the integrity of our election we thought proper to send out this joint communication at least remind all concerned that it is very important to preserve the integrity of all of the elections that we have and we also trust our voters and members so that if someone considers that one candidate or other candidates are engaging in improper practices, like any other voter or any reasonable voter would do, this is a choice that the voter will make.

That is my reply to that chair.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Thank you for your informative answer. Before I continue I see on the chart that somebody from the network has said that there was some other participants in the Secretariat will contact the participants to try to get them to identify themselves. I would like to remind the floor that before you speak, state your name and the resource member who you are representing. There was a question about the appeal committee. The board have discussed about the appeal committee for the last two months, it will take a session at the next meeting. We heard it and we're going to discuss and decide a way forward.

As for the PDP, just one comment, I attended the meetings of the PDP over the last two days. It was nice to see everybody discussing, being courteous to each other, and to see the professionalism of the co-chairs. This is where the policies regarding number resources are discussed and decided upon. Are there any other questions from the floor?

As the Professor, you have the floor once again.

DR NII NARKU QUAYNOR:

This is regarding the legal response that we got, I think we all agree that we need to present integrity of our process, there is no question about that. What the legal counsel make a recommendation for bylaws and modification on enhancements, like these kinds of things, if it's not there, and the conduct is silent, then I will be expecting that because we agreed it is nothing acceptable thing to occur, if it did, would you take an action and propose something like this? Through whatever process, governance committee or whatever, that you choose. But I'm asking for action, thank you.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Thank you, Professor Nii. And going to give the floor to our legal counsel, he will be able to elaborate on this.

ASHOK:

Thank you, Doctor Nii for the question. I think it is very topical in the sense that we are witnessing at AFRINIC some changes in context, changes in environment, which was not there three, four, five years ago. In order to be able to cope with what is being thrown right now in the midst of the AGMM and PDPs, and as we are at a key point, we need to ponder very seriously on those issues and we are going to discuss the matter at a legal, level, with my colleague, the legal officer. As well as the members of the board. And rest assured that if something needs to be done, we will find out the best course we need to adopt in order that we do not have to have a toxic atmosphere whenever we are discussing when we have elections. We have had elections peacefully before, if we cannot have it with the same bylaws and the same bylines, then there is a need to change those bylaws to the circumstances we are facing right now. Thank you for the question.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Thank you. I see three people in the queue, I'm going to give Mr Paul Wollner the floor. Please state your name and organisation please.

PAUL WOLLNER:

I am one of the candidates. I have four questions for the first question is AFRINIC claims that any change in the IP usage will require regions justifying the usage. Would it mean hypothetically if I have a webcast in my server,



and a VPN customer comes along, would I need to seek AFRINIC's approval first. Secondly, the rest of the world enjoys the US\$30 IP on the market, with AFRINIC have a change in policy in place, will AFRINIC still demand any unused IP addresses be returned to them for free? Thirdly, at Regent use was discussed in the last decade, and there was a consensus that pre-sub planning space was allowed for out of region use. AFRINIC seems to be using the bylaw 6.14 peoples resource usage, this is not part of AFRINIC policy, with good reason it has never been approved by the community. Can AFRINIC clarify its understanding of out of region usage to the member base?

Lastly, (unknown term) was in charge of the department when it happened. This shows incompetence, so why is she getting promoted instead of rightfully dismissed? Thank you.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Thank you, I'm going to make one comment first. At AFRINIC, we have a board of directors. The Board of Directors is responsible for oversight of the organisation. We also have a very able CEO. He is sitting in the room across me by the way. I do not think it is representative of the organisation or the company to discuss specific staff members. If you have an issue with a staff member, I would encourage any of you to contact either a board member or the CEO so that we can deal with it internally.

I will not comment about any particular staff on this call. When it comes to policies, is the practice at AFRINIC for our policy to be developed by what we call the policy development working group. If you want to discuss about the policies, I do not have a b position for or against the policy, but I would encourage you and every other resource to engage with the working group, maybe propose a policy if this is what is needed for the region. If you want to discuss about out of region, you say general. Please discuss in the policy working group.

From the board side, obviously our job is to implement policies which are devised and developed by the community. This is how it's been for the last 10 years, I was chair of the working group by the way, so this is how it was and I believe this is how it is now. Thank you. Saul Stein, please, I know your name, you have been on our list for a while. It's nice to see participating in this chat, you have the floor.

SAUL STEIN:

thank you, are presenting key networks with this point. I saw on participants, there are a number of anonymous users, this is a members meeting, not sure if they are members are not members, but we should be encouraging people with names, not hiding behind anonymous user names, we have seen this issue in other working groups of AFRINIC. I'm not sure we should encourage this in an AGMM, so they should be removed or identified who they are.

Question number two, I would like to find out what kind of background checks are done for election candidates. There are certainly one lesson candidate for this year, previously there was a number of issues in the press in collection of his employment, so I would like to understand what background checks are found for candidates, and how they are acted upon, that is it, thank you very much.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Thank you. You commented about what he described as anonymous users. From what I understand, they are members of staff who are providing support for the meeting. Translation services, coordination and all. They are unfortunately being shown as user 37, user 42, that is causing a slight issue from our floor side, so they're working on it to try and solve it.

When it comes to back ground checks of candidates as mentioned earlier, I said the board aims to be impartial. Even if I've been on the community before, I understand how it works, I will give the floor, do we have anyone from the election committee would like to comment on this? NOMCOM? Abdalla? Fabian? Would you like to comment or is Fabian around? I will leave the floor to you.

ABDALLA OMARI:

If you want me to comment, I can do.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

I don't see him. Abdalla is a board member, one of my colleagues on the board. Fabienne, please go ahead.

FABIAN ARBOGAST JR:

Good morning everyone. The back ground check we have done for this current selection, I can say you have done into many parts. One is to confirm the status of the nominators, this we did through AFRINIC. For us, if the nominator and the Sikander are conducting persons of the members companies, and that was done. We also need to confirm with the nominees by writing them an email to confirm to us if they agree with the nominations. And all of them, they did confirm to us.

For those who need self nominations, I think we had an issue, not the only one. Also, those who do not do self nomination, we are many. So we need them, and they confirmed to us whether they had been convicted of bribery and such, other actions, and each one of them confirmed to us via email.



So, this is what we did, I can say. Thank you.

SPEAKER:

I think the chair... Sorry, can I speak?

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Yes, you have the floor.

SPEAKER:

Thank you, I think Fabian has mentioned the majority of what we confirm, but what we bring to their members, the kind of background check we do, quite a bit – apart from the confirmation of the good standing confirmation of proper nomination and confirmation of the nominee. The rest depends on the community because there is surely a comment were if you have an issue on that candidate, it comes up. And also the candidate also confirms that they do not have any criminal background.

If you look at AFRINIC, and the number of countries we deal with in Africa, we cannot engage each government to give us a proper criminal records. But with feedback, we will get there, from community and then after that, make a follow-up if need be. But you see most of the feedback may come up after the elections happened. So that is another area to be looked at. But mainly, it will depend on the goodwill and the information that comes up, if there is any confirmed criminal activity on a particular candidate or person who has been elected, thank you, I hope I have been able to clarify one of the questions here.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Thank you for your response. I see Paul Hjul, please state your name and affiliation as usual.

SPEAKER:

Good morning Mr chair, I represent Crystal as a resource member and I'm glad you have moved across to me as I have two questions which arise from the last two or three minutes worth of discussion.

I appreciate Mr chair, you saying is not the job of the board to have these policies, however Mr chair, I am aware of at least one resource transfer policy that has gone through the motions which is part 29 teen version 4 and it was way through the motions and appears to be sitting at the board and we are awaiting a staff policy impact assessment and so on to what I am wondering is two things, number one, is it really the case at the moment that certain matters of policy development, including the fixing up of the appeals committee and that sort of thing are simply not effectively being brought to bear, or is it the case that there is actually some abstinence in some quarters against implementing what has been propagated and if it is the former, what strategies can we expect from the board moving forward to actually ensure that what policies are drafted and go through things correctly and achieve rough consensus are actually implemented. I am a little concerned that we appear to be having a situation in which there is a policy development process that reaches a certain point and then it requires that last step that should be a nominal process, and a ceiling process that ends up being held up there and that actually is a large part of the toxic problem.

For example, we have not heard anything from the board as to whether litigation being brought against AFRINIC as a result of policies that have been passed but not implemented and it's likely it is the case.

The second question I have got which ties to the discussion that Mr Stein brought, which is there have been a candidate who after appointment, running uncontested, was revealed to be a crook.

Now my understanding of the bylaws is that there is adequate provision allowing the board to remove one of its members by a two thirds majority. Now surely if evidence that a member is a member of the board, is involved in this behavior in their home country for which they were terminated for employment, that's the sort of conduct, a rational board acting on behalf of its member would take a vote on and generally speaking remove such an individual but that clearly has not happened at that very individual is running in an election again.

It seems a little bit problematic for the nominations committee to say that they have vetted to see there is no criminal matters outstanding but the jurisdictions of different countries, criminal records offices and you don't provide information. Any candidate domiciled in the Republic of South Africa can present a police concurrent certificate so if the nominating committee wanted that they could insist that candidates deliver a police clearance ticket but regardless, termination from employment on the basis of malfeasance in office is easy to ascertain, and it is really the easiest thing, you find out from the board of the organisation that terminated the person from office.

So I am wondering, the first person to take the microphone this morning, seemed to suggest that the organisation needs to be protected against some sort of an outsider taking over, really I am wondering about these conspiracy theories but it seems far more likely that there needs to be an internal strengthening of a recognition that AFRINIC is not to have on its board people who have been removed for malfeasance in office and that is to be implementation to those policies that have been fabricated through the policy development process and if these are not being done than the organisation has an internal problem that is not facing up to. Thank you.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:



Thank you for your comments. May I remind the floor to try to keep your comments brief and please ask questions, it's easier for us to respond to questions than long statements because then there are less members who have time to speak.

You were making a comment about one of our directors was also a candidate in these elections. In the interest of fairness I will give the floor to the candidate I don't think it's proper to have this debate here.

I will ask that we don't discuss this matter in the open microphone session because this is not about the election but what AFRINIC can do, has done and is doing for its members. I hope that you will understand my position on this.

Coming back to the PDP, we been having discussions about PDP in the last two or three years. We had feedback and the professor was mentioning a question on the PDP as well. When it comes to policies, policies are developed by the policy working group. I recall there were some comments about gratification and I think over three years ago, when my good friend was one of the cochairs and Sam was a cochair and they sent a report to the board and it was not copied to the working group mailing list and there was some discussion on the mailing list about what to do going forward in the working group agreed that force henceforth, all requests for ratification and all reports sent to the board should also be copied to the RPD mailing lists, it is quite unfortunate that this might not have happened recently. If this was done we would have figured out if that email was sent were not sent to the board. From the board side I can state that I did not receive any request for ratification. I have asked my colleagues about that and none of them confirmed we had received that email. We had to request internally, I sent one to the Secretariat twice to go and check all of our mail logs to see if he received an email and we did not. To keep it simple, if the working group sends a policy to the board, the board will consider it, it will be on the agenda of the next meeting. You need 14 days notice because you have to build agenda and it takes time and if you send a document today, don't expect it to be on the agenda for tomorrow morning's meeting because it doesn't give time to the board members to read about it or but usually the board is not block policies.

The board has never blocked any policy. You don't even discuss if the requests, usually what is done transparently, there is no discussion or controversy about whether the emailer after not. We discussed the request and consider it and we see what to do about it.

We have two new cochairs on the working group now and I have not discussed the specific pattern with them because it's not for me to tell them, that this is what they should do.

I respect their independence and fairness and I respect their integrity and I hope that they will do whatever needs to be done so that the request is

SPEAKER:

I will keep this short, I would like to get some clarification on the first three questions, if that is OK.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

If you give me a brief reminder.

SPEAKER:

With the usage, if it means if I have customers changing web services...

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Your question is basically about changing need. It is in our IPV4 policy. CEO?

EDDY KAYIHURA:

Thank you for this question. As we said at yesterday's session, we are aware that there is confusion on the expression of need. I understand that it may feel that you are getting at is getting too stringent but it is not the case. Because of that, I think college said yesterday we have planned to have webinars and we will discuss the different needs and it is a normal concept in different areas and only have these webinars to discuss this need, it will see and clarify on this, and I hope you will be there and pose all your questions there. Thank you.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

There was another question that no one responded to.

SPEAKER:

I will respect the question. The rest of the world currently enjoys \$50 per IP on the free market, with AFRINIC having a policy in place, but we still demand any unused IP addresses to be returned for free?

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

I will give, my question to the CEO would be what does the policy say?

EDDY KAYIHURA:

Thank you. Basically, we are not doing anything that is beyond the scope of all that we have documented. We have the bylaws and the RSA and the CPM and we stick with him knows, of course we understand that people



sometimes misunderstand. Now, we all have to make sure that whatever change happens, it is consistent with all the documents that we are currently governing the different relationships we have. This is going to be discussed again in the webinar that we have and we will have this debate at that point.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:
Does that answer your question?

SPEAKER:
Sort of. I would have to say no actually. My third question. AFRINIC seems to be using bylaw 6.1 to manage other people's resources which is not part of the AFRINIC policy and has for good reason never been approved by the community. Can AFRINIC clarify its understanding of the out of reach usage?

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:
I will give the floor to the CEO/legal. And by the way, I have been in the working group and I know there have been a lot of discussions about out of region use over the last 10 years. But... Are you asking about the general policy in respect to the RSC and the policies, or are you referring to a specific case?

SPEAKER:
And asking in general.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:
In general, what we do what I understand from management, we have an RSA which is signed by all resource members. With resource memos, it is like an agreement between AFRINIC and RIL and the resource members. And we work according to what is written in the RSC. When it comes to the terms and conditions.

As for policies for out of region policies, the IPv4 policy, I think there was a proposed change sometime back, it was rejected because this is how our consensus works. I don't know the specific case. Could you reach out to member services at your question so that we can have a more formal answer on it, because at this stage, I do not want to give you the wrong answer. Are you OK to reach out to member services?

SPEAKER:
I could do that, would Eddy be able to comment on this?

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:
Eddy? Would you like to comment?

EDDY KAYIHURA:
Again, as I said, I have not seen any document that says IP addresses are properties. Members are simply given the privilege and the right to use the address to their needs. This is what the current documentation says, unless I missed something somewhere, the RSA, and I know you may have different understanding, but as it stands today, IP addresses are not properties.

Yes, we have a different group of IP holders, if you go back to the beginning of the inception of all these institutions, I have not seen a place where we say the IP address is a property, unless for some group of users which were provided early on. In this case, if you still have questions about that, we also have other people in the queue. At this point, I will not say much there, just to say that their members signed because at that time people signed and agreed with the terms that were there, and these are the terms we are currently going on. Thank you.

SPEAKER:
Thanks. Eddy, just to come back, I do not think you are answering a question, can the resources be used out of region?

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:
May I please? You are asking what sounds like an easy question. It is better to contact member services and Eddie if you wish, we have him in the office, he works nine to 12 some nights, I am sure you will get a response. If you see me on the mailing list, drop me an email and I will follow-up to make sure you get a response to your question. Is that OK with you?

SPEAKER:
I suppose it is what it is, thank you.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:
Thank you. Please state your name and affiliation please. I am not hearing anything from Mr Sookun, I will give the for two the next person in the queue. Mr Hussain?

SPEAKER:
I represent the University of (unknown term), I want to go back to one of the questions addressed earlier today, the first question has to do with fairness. When you are discussing the issue of an election regarding members, when the first question was posted, your large and extensive discussion about it, and when you had another



question, you decided to say that it is not what we can discuss now, it is something that has to be discussed.

Let me just say I have nothing against any of the candidates, I just want to look at the issue of fairness, and you decide to not allow a discussion on the election issue and it should not be discussed, it's just an issue of fairness on that. Also I was the co-chair when the policy proposal was sent to the board and I can confirm that that proposal was sent to the board. And the board did not receive the proposal, as it was sent, as I was informed. I think internally...

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

One moment please. Who is speaking? Is it Mr Hussein?

SPEAKER:

My name is appearing as Hussein, but I am (unknown term).

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

First of all, I give the floor to Mr Hussain, so I would like you to please state your name and affiliation, then continue. Let's not get into long discussions, please ask your question.

SPEAKER:

OK, thank you very much. My name is (unknown term), I am presenting the University of (unknown term), a resource member. Those were my questions, thank you.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

OK, thank you. There was a comment earlier about candidates and fairness at all. At the board, I did not want us to get into the election debate, why? Because the election happens after this session for us all. My second point is that it is good to give people the foreign let them ask and say what they like within reason. I will not stop people talking because of this. From the board aside from you made a good point about fairness, so will give the floor to our legal so they can comment on the fairness in respect to... In respectable directors and case of Mr (unknown term). What is the board asked to do in such a case? Do we need evidence of some (inaudible) to make that decision, to keep it simple is this. Let's say for example, Eddie, he is always a good example, my legal comes to me and says Eddie took a banana from the fridge and he is not about the banana, I do not have any proof of that.

Can I remove him as director? That is the kind of question I'm hearing. Then we had this comment about that.

SPEAKER:

Thank you Mr Chairman. The issue of a sitting director is seeking re-election and associating his candidature to whatever happened in the past, in their professional capacity he was occupying. This issue, if I'm not mistaken, was raised again during the last election. But for us, we stand by what evidence comes to us, whenever there is the need to examine the credential or the status of a particular candidate.

I am not going to move into the jurisdiction of the illumination committee and tell you what they have done, as far as I am aware, sit on the board for each meeting, we have not had any evidence which can establish the fact that the particular gentleman has been convicted, found guilty, of any misfeasance, if I can use the word somebody said earlier. If there has been such evidence of misfeasance or other conduct, of course, the board will take the appropriate decision in the circumstances.

Let me tell you right now, we do not have such evidence, so until there is what we call the principle of innocence, someone hasn't been proved guilty, so is considered to be the presumption, so we go by this. So regarding a particular person, we would have to act otherwise, depending on what you read and see. Thank you.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

OK, three minutes left. There are four questions in the queue, I am going to leave them 30 seconds each and then we will close this open mic session. Mr Hjul, 30 seconds.

SPEAKER:

Thank you, I'll keep this brief, I just want to ascertain does the board regarded self as bound to act in good faith in all its dealings with members? That is the term that keeps coming up in membership agreements and so on. I just want to ascertain from the board whether or not, in answering questions around into domain transfers and the like, does the board hold itself absolutely bound to the legal standards of acting in good faith, thank you.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Thank you for your question, I think you already know that every director is bound by what we call the companies act of 2001, Mauritius. This is our stand on this. There is a session under the 53 companies act, it speaks about the duties of director. That is already in there. I do not see what more I can say about it. I am going to give the floor to Doctor Quaynor. 30 seconds please.

DR NII NARKU QUAYNOR:

How could a co-chair claim, sendmail, copy list, and got it, I've not seen it in open community. Second, this discussion property versus service, it worries me, what about the countries that come after people have proper



ties to the service resources to do. If it was property, you suggesting that the initial board has shared the properties and gone away? Thank you.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Sorry, professor. I've heard your point, it's been discussed before, we are short on time, so maybe if you want, we can take it on the mailing list or we can even have a webinar afterwards to discuss about it. I think it's been commented on our property. I will take the question please, Paul Wollner, 30 seconds.

SPEAKER:

Thank you very much. This is a question for Eddy. When are the other webinars going to be happening? That he just spoke about.

EDDY KAYIHURA:

Within the next two months, thank you.

SPEAKER:

Is there an exact date?

EDDY KAYIHURA:

Within (inaudible).

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Next question, 30 seconds. You have the floor.

SPEAKER:

I just wanted to (inaudible) the discussions which some members are claiming have not been sent to the board and also claiming as such, let it be a record that especially in the transfer policy, it is under appeal and there are two appeals from that, and that policy has implications to the organisation, and as members also, regarding that policy, we have feedback from the organisation, and as far as the implications of the policy would be, it is recommended that that policy is still under appeal, this is what I wanted to share with the rest of the membership.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Thank you. I appreciate it. I'm going to close my line and I will not take any questions now because it is 10 UTC. Abbott like to welcome everybody to the annual general meetings of AFRINIC.

First, I'm going to go to ask the directors to come to the microphone. Are there any directors present?

OLUWASEUN OJEDEJI:

Yes. Did you say nonregional original?

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

You can go ahead.

OLUWASEUN OJEDEJI:

Yes I am present.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Benjamin?

BENJAMIN ESHUN:

Yes chair I am also present.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

I need four other regional seats.

SPEAKER:

This is the North Africa region present.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

OK, Anymore volunteers from the board? I like your shirt by the way.

SPEAKER:

It is a sporting look. I like the haircut of Seun, it makes him look much younger.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Dr... I think I can hear him. Are there other directors present? I am present from the Indian Ocean. We have one regional. Thank you Abdullah.

SPEAKER:



He is having issues trying to reconnect. He was on the call before. Dr. Wale.

SPEAKER:
I am here over phone.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:
We have four regional and one nonregional. I need five resource members to state their name and affiliation. Saul Stein I think you are on the call. He is in the chat.

SPEAKER:
I think he was raising his hand but maybe he dropped it.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:
Let me check the chat. I see from PCH is a resource member. From ultimate Linux solutions. A resource member. Another resource member, Mark Elkins, resource member and a resource member from Ghana.

I think we have more than enough.

KISHNA DHONDEE:
Yes you have four regional members, one on regional, five resource members so you have 10 members to proceed. In the names of been taken down.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:
Thank you let's have the minutes of the last AGMM please. The minutes are on-screen.

Let's go to it. Page 1. Let's go to page 2 please. And page 3, four, I need a proposer in second or so that we can approve the minutes of the AGMM which was held in 2020, virtually by the way.

SPEAKER:
I propose.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:
Proposed by a director and seconded?

Seconded by Noah Maina, and your affiliation please? Are there any objections to the adoption of the minutes of the AGMM held in September 2020?

I do not see any hands raised. I don't see any concerns in the chat so the minutes of the meetings are approved. Let's move to the next item which is the board activities update.

Before I continue I have been reminded that the direction committee will be closing the platform at 10:30 UTC's would like to encourage all the members to vote in the elections.

This is my board report for last year. Next slide. This is from nine board members, Abdalla Omari, for East Africa. Benjamin Eshun is an independent director, Mr Eddy Kayihura our CEO, Dr Emmanuelle Adedokun for West Africa, Prof. Habib from North Africa and his vice chair of the board. Oluwaseun who is independent, Serge for central Africa. I am the board chair and also in the seat for the Indian Ocean and lastly we have Mr Mpisane for the South African seat.

The board held 14 meetings last year. We took 45 resolutions. You can find the resolutions and our notes, or minutes of meeting on our website. For transparency reasons we publish our minutes on the website said that any resource members or anyone on the internet can really up we have discussed and decided upon, Next slide.

We have an audit committee, a finance committee, a remuneration committee, we had a technical committee, we close down that committee a few months ago and we have an ad hoc reform committee. We had a recall ad hoc committee which was set up because we received a petition to recall that PDWG co-chairs. We have a nominating committee which as you know is an independent committee of the board.

It is currently being chaired by Fabian was on the chart earlier. Let's see the achievements of the board for the past year. We adopted a new strategy plan for 2021/23. Before we adopted this we had some virtual meetings to brainstorm about it. I will we also had our first aid VMM online last year. It was quite innovative and we introduced a new policy, because when it comes to the budget, we have a budget line and the board discussed after some time back and we found we did not have any policy in place for that, so we designed some policy internally and the board approved the policy. Last year was a difficult year. As we know we had this pandemic of COVID-19. We understand that it might have had adverse effects on our membership. And the board understands it's a problem and is an ad hoc measure be provided financial relief to those members who relate in their payments and we extended the late payment penalty from March 2020 to August 2020, so that it would give some relief to our members.



He also made changes to the late penalty process and the closures so that we don't just tell members that they are late and we need money from them. We extended the deadlines. Next slide please.

One challenge, as board chair I was chair, I am still chair of the board, the last eight months and it has been quite a challenge, first of all we had to be our strategy going online and over the years we have been having in person meetings to discuss these matters and is quite a challenge when you don't sit in the same room as our other colleagues and discuss it but we did it anyway. We had virtual meetings all through the year and you will see the board had 14 meetings and it was all done virtually and it would be good if you could sit down in a room and discuss about AFRINIC and Ferris but unfortunately it was not possible. We also faced the challenge of, it was the first time that we as a board received a Tatian to recall the working group cochairs and we set up a committee which is supposed to be independent from the working group to look into the matter.

Another challenge he noted for 2020 is the number of resource members participating in voting.

There was quite a low voter turnout on voting on the special resolutions for last year and we would like to bring this to the attention of our resource members and encourage them to participate in the special resolutions in future, because as we all know AFRINIC is a membership-based organisation and it is the member to get to decide and drive the future of AFRINIC. We unfortunately have some misappropriation of IP addresses, it is an ongoing case, by management, I think they reported on that yesterday. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our management and they will provide feedback, within the interims of what is possible.

We unfortunately have some legal cases, there was a briefing about yesterday. I think we had four legal cases. I will not get into the detail, but if anyone wants to do anything about it, feel free to ask questions. As long as it is allowed by law, we will respond to it.

I see a comment from Mr Jack, our members made aware of this special resolutions that needed voting on. OK, so you are asking basically whether we had some awareness campaign? From what I understand, first of all, we sent a notice of meeting to all the resource members and registered members. And we mention on which issues they have to vote for, they are made aware and informed that this is the resolution and they have to vote on it. It was sent out to the members, I think we sent it at least 14 days before the election.

Do you have the dates? Can we follow-up on this, I do not have it now, it's follow-up on the mailing list. Let's move to the next item on the agenda. The CEO is going to present his activities.

EDDY KAYIHURA:

Thank you very much, chair. I will say how humbling it is to be in the situation and position, in the presence of the members of Africa. Our representing members, representative of the members on the continent. AFRINIC was created, as we know, 2005, as the fifth area to provide services for this service region. I will give you reports of what happened in 2020 and then maybe sometimes give some quick updates where necessary.

Last year, we distributed an 148,000 IP addresses. And for IPv6, it was 89 /32s, and hundred 94 assigned, this gives us the numbers we see here, with the 118,000,000,000 IP addresses, and 2221 ASN assigned seats since 2004.

On this graph we can see that the AFRINIC membership has been growing. We currently, in 2020, added up 1836, this year we aim to cross the bar of 2000 members. This one is showing membership category by growth from 2016 to 2020, but the next graph will talk about more about that. Yes, where we have AFRINIC members by category. As you can see, UR a 69%, end users are 30%, the associate members are very tiny percentage, which we aim to grow. We have an effort to grow the end users and also finding the reason for people to become associate members, these are the activities we are focusing on.

You can see the trend of IPv4 distribution, it is also getting flat, you can see we increased the softer landing of this too. We are now continuing to provide resources. I will talk about the soft landing later. Let's focus now, the next slide shows the growth of IPv6, where we are now having... Sorry, I do not know if you have the same, sorry for this, it is more visible next time. But the Graf gets to 9675, in 2020. Yesterday, there was one thing about distribution of IP addresses, but there is another thing about availability of I housing those resources and we talked yesterday about some of the activities that I will talk about again later in my presentation. Where we are doing a lot of efforts to see members using the IPv6 that have been allocated to them.

The next one shows the ASN number distribution. The trend where we are still at 2234 a.s. numbers, and generally it increases as we increase the number of members. Next one please. As I said before, we reached a soft landing on January 2020, and since then the maximum provided is a /22, while the minimum is a /24. While we still are holding 1,800,000 IP addresses.

Next, I will be talking about the different activities we do accept for the registry services. We have been very active in the capacity building in spite of the pandemic. Where we have done activities like the webinars, IPv6 helpdesk requests, and also e-learning courses, we are putting a lot of emphasis on the e-learning courses to allow people to learn by themselves and the pandemic has shown us that the face-to-face courses are becoming more and more challenging. Even when flights are going to be allowed, we believe that a lot of people can benefit



a lot to consume the online courses.

We are also doing efforts to translate those courses and make sure they are not only in English, but in French, and that we started discussion to have them in Arabic. We have the IPv6 deployathon, the experience will show yesterday, on how this is working with... next slide please.

A lot of the policy developed activity took place in 2020 with a b participation of community members from within and outside the region, which is a welcome environment. So far, last year we had two policies that were implemented, one in adjusting the IPv6 PA policy, and another one on the multi-homing not required for ASN. Seven policies were proposed in 2020 and the policies were also proposed this year, I will not go through all of them. I will now go to the finance update.

We saw a membership fee income drop by 3.6% from 5,600,000 to 5,500,000 in 2020. And the main reason is what the chair mentioned before when we did a comparison between the numbers between the two years, we see unfortunately we are collecting hundred thousand dollars in late penalty fees, we want to say here that we encourage members to pay on time. That extension where members were given an extension to pay this, it made us see from 200,000, we introduced close to 70,000 for last year.

Of course, the operating costs reduced also, some of the activities that were going to happen. And the cost appeared as if it increased, but in reality it is because of the fact that the total cost was increased. Net surplus was received over more than 2,000,000, it was recorded for the financial year, ending 31 December. The total reserve reflecting a growth of 37%, increasing to 8,000,000. In addition, we managed to put a fixed deposit of \$1,000,000, increasing the strategic cash reserves to 4,380,000 the liquidity ratio continues to improve in the light of the increased closing total cash holdings.

On the following slide, you will see this graph that shows the trend of a historical fee revenue level, and you will see the increase is appearing in 2020, for the reasons we shared. Some members also managed to own up their fees. The next one shows the graph above the AFRINIC historical reserve. Which is what I shed earlier on. The next one also shows the AFRINIC historical cash holdings, which now gets to 9,200,000. The AFRINIC operating cost level on the next slide, has been increasing, but last year ended at 3.4, but the reporting is from the audit committee and other team will clarify this.

The following graph is about the AFRINIC historical liquidity ratio. Which is an indication of where we stand today. We also had four legal cases that we will discuss and then we also had and produced the report, it happened this year, the report on sub- appropriation. And the police investigation. We are in touch with the police and we are informed the investigation is still ongoing, but we have some limitation on how much information we can disclose in this situation.

Thank you very much for your support, thank you for your presence, thank you for registering, and we are hearing you, we have heard some of the comments made earlier on, we may not have time to answer all of them, but we will make sure we provide the best service possible. Thank you, chair of.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Thank you, CEO, for this presentation. We have 12 minutes left for the closing of the online action platform. From what I understand, it is easy, I encourage you all to vote for your candidate, you have 12 minutes left. We are ready to receive the external auditor, so I will ask a member of the committee to present the report.

BENJAMIN ESHUN:

Yes... OK. Thank you, chair. My name is Benjamin Eshun, I am a member of the audit committee. I will be presenting the AFRINIC financial statements for the year 2020. The other committee is a subset of the board and is comprised of four members. Serge Ilunga, myself Benjamin Eshun, Oluwaseun Ojedeji, Adewale Adedokun. The terms of reference can be found at the URL below.

This report presents the major aspects of the financial statement for AFRINIC for the year 2020, and the audit exercise was done by BDO and issued an unqualified audit report. The financial statement from which this report has been audited and approved and published and can be found at the URL below.

The financial statements, the AFRINIC financial stand in 2020. The financial statement is set out in pages 5 to 37 of this. It contains the financial statement as of 31 December 2020 understatement of competitive income for the year then ended and the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

So, from the balance sheet of AFRINIC we currently stand at US\$10,820,555, which is a 28% increase of the last year and is confining notes seven, eight, nine and 16 on pages 25, 26 and 30 respectively and then taking the opportunity to take down the figures actually.. 389,970 was a total trade of prepayment and receivables in the year 2020 and those can be found in notes seven, eight on pages 24, 25 and so. Over \$1.5 million in advance payments were only available this year. This can also be found on node 16 the unpaid 32. For the next project AFRINIC received \$16,257 and the available cash for AFRINIC to use was \$3.3 million. For the year 2020, he released an amount of \$4.3 million as cash reserve, which is a bit higher than what was received last year which



was around 3.2 million. Next slide please.

From the income statement, the income from the year was 5.6, \$5.6 million, which is a decrease of 3.5% from the previous year. The income from members was about \$4.9 million and it can be found in page 27. Income from nonrecurring fees was about \$500,000 from the statement. In total AFRINIC received about 36,544 from grants, sponsorships and other income unrelated to fees. In the full explanation is a note 11 on page 27. We realised that the net surplus of 1.1 million, \$2.1 million was recorded for the 2020 financial year which was from the previous of \$2 million surplus last year.

This graph actually shows the income of AFRINIC for the past six years or so and shows the percentage of growth in the same period and there is a consistent growth in income. The percentage of growth has been constant since 2016 and last year we saw a significant drop in the percentage growth. Next slide please.

From our expenses, from the income statement, they are in two major categories, administration and distribution expenses. Administration refers to all HR costs and office costs and everything else outside of these two are considered as a distribution cost.

The net expenses for the year 2020 was \$3.5 million which is a decrease of about \$1 million from last year represented about 23% of our expenses went down from last year. Administration expenses of the total of \$3,135,774 it is a decrease of \$35,000 from last year and that can be found on note 15.

Distribution expenses went down and there was a net impairment, for net impairment losses on financial assets and bad debts you're able to improve by 70% and it is only \$56,000 from the previous year of \$276,000. Next slide please.

I would now like to pass the microphone back to the chair for the adoption of the financial statements.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

I would like to thank Mr Eshun for the financial report. I would like to remind our members that they are published on our website and we also have quarterly financial statements published on our website.

Benjamin, can you open your microphone please. It is for you to propose the financial statement for the year.

BENJAMIN ESHUN:

A1 to them first to adopt the financial statements for this year.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

It is to consider AFRINIC's audited financial statement for 2020, and a proposer in second or for this resolution.

Proposed by (unknown term). Nice to see you, I think the affiliation is M CTI. Thank you for joining us. Seconded by (unknown term). Are there any objection to the resolution for the statement of the year in 31st of December? I am not seeing any objections in the chat, I am not seeing any hands raised.

Thank you for the year the audited financial statement of the year ending 31 December 2020 is approved. Let's go to 5.3 which is about the appointment of auditors.

BENJAMIN ESHUN:

Next slide please. Thank you chair. Appointment of the external auditors for the year 21. BDO is approved to serve as AFRINIC's external auditors for the year 2020, the financial year at the last AGM and for the second year running. The board shall recommend the reappointment of video as AFRINIC's external auditors for the 2021 financial year during this AGM when it will be the third and final time for the board resolution. Next slide please. The statement for reappointing for the financial year has resolved to appoint BDO as the auditor for the financial year in 2021. I cannot hear you.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Thank you and we have a proposer and second or two reappointing BDO as the auditor for the financial year 2021 which is this financial year. Please raise your hands. I do not see anybody. We have a resolution and I need a proposer and second are for the resolution.

I see a comment, let me comment on this quickly. It was in Kampala the audit committee under the chairmanship of... I forgot who was the chairman. It was Seun, we already had a member session about this and we agreed on having a rotation of auditors which is been done every three years. We already have this policy and I will need someone to propose it, Mark Elkins is proposing the resolution and it is seconded by you IR link in South Africa.

BENJAMIN ESHUN:

I understand the auditors are on the call so you might want to recognise them please.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

I know there is someone from video on the call... You have the floor, can you please introduce yourselves?



SPEAKER:

I am the audit manager. As you have already imprudently investments just a comment on this that we have issued a clean audit opinion on for this company and we have carried the audit.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Thank you. We have a composer and seconded for the resolution, are there any objections to the approved BDO as the external auditor for AFRINIC for the financial year 2021?

I don't see any objections. So the members approve this resolution.

There is a question in the chat I see about comparative quotations obtained for seeking the external auditors, would someone from the audit committee want to comment on this? Benjamin? Or I know we have the chair of the audit committee as well.

Seun would you like to comment?

SPEAKER:

Yes, we have been following the engagement rule which was to continue with auditors that have been previously used for three years of course we got permission from video and considered it and we discussed it before we felt that we should still continue with them. Once there still within three years that was initially agreed to you, we don't normally request a quotation from other auditors. I hope this answers the question.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

I am not hearing anybody. Thank you.

OLUWASEUN OJEDEJI:

Are there any other questions? This decision was presented to members at that time. It was agreed that we would use the same auditor for that maximum of three years, and that is it, thank you.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

OK, thank you for these comments. Thank you, Seun. I think Mark Elkins was saying something? Mark? Are you in the queue or is it on the chat? Mark Elkins made a comment in the chat, on the board, there is a maximum of three years for an extended auditors. OK, I do not see any questions about the auditors. I am going to close this part of the session if I do not see any more questions. The question about representative auditor, what is the question? Oh, they're on the call. I'll give you some background, right before I became a board member of, for the external auditors to be on the call, to be present at the annual general members meeting, to be able to respond to you and your comments, there was this (unknown term) who is currently resenting video and introducing herself, she is here with us.

Can answer questions if any of our members ask questions, it is fair to ask questions. I do not see anything on the call, so I am going to move forward to the next item, thank you again. I would like to thank Mr Seun, Mr (unknown term), and others on the committee. I am going to give the floor to the chair of the finance committee to present the AFRINIC 2021 financial budget. You have the floor. Please beat yourself, Vika.

VIKA WILLIAM MPISANE:

Can you hear me now?

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

We can hear you, welcome, you have the floor.

VIKA WILLIAM MPISANE:

Thank you for the opportunity. I'm going to make a brief presentation on the budget for 2021. This current year, we are almost halfway through it now. Next slide please. The finance committee has three members, as we can see there. Abdalla Omari, Eddy Kayihura, are the other members. Next slide please.

This slide is a summation of what is in the budget, I must say the budget itself is on the website, it has been published now for quite some time. And members have seen it. What we have done here on the slide, without getting into details, there was a comment at the 2020 AGMM, to try and capture, also for the members and activity-based type of expenditure on the budget. So what our finance team have done in this slide is to really just sum up along the lines of what the operational expenditure is.

As you can see, the majority is on technical infrastructure and so forth, but the key things from the budget that we published online is really just to understand and remember that our estimated revenue for this year is little more than US\$6,000,000. And the total budget of expenses for this year, it was 5.3. End of the \$6,000,000 revenue, the majority of it of course, 5.9, that is probably like 99% of it, will come from the membership fees. And about 100,000 from other income.

This pie chart really just breaks down to show where the majority of expenditure is going. 51% of our



expenditure is in our human resources. With this must expenditure in human resources, we are a resource-based organisation, we employ people and serve the whole continent, so that is one of the influences of that. It's fair to say that the figure is slightly better than in prior years, but we still want to, I believe, that AFRINIC beyond this would want to find ways of minimising this cost so that it does not probably look as it currently looks, but this is the justification for it.

Then there is a breakdown of expenditure that you can see, it is quite small compared to the HR budget, the obvious expenses for computing expenses, the meeting expenses which have dropped because of COVID and our inability to meet face-to-face.

That will be all, the finance... For some reason I am hearing the translation in French. In essence, what I'm saying, it can be accessed online.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Could we stop? I have to check because I'm hearing the French translation while Vika is presenting. Just give them 10 seconds. OK, thank you, Vika the chair of the finance committee. And on the finance committee, we have the CEO as well as a member of that committee. Do we have any questions on the 2021 finance budget?

I see, Mr Kroon, I think my good friend Seun has already answered your questions. Any question to Vika about the budget for this year? I am checking the queue. I do not see anything. Nothing. OK, fine, I do not have any questions. Vika, thank you for this presentation. Please thank the members of your committee for their work over the past year. I'm going to adjourn this meeting, until 11:05 UTC and we will pick up from there. We will be back in 10 minutes.

WAYNE GURUNADEN:

In the meantime I would like to thank our sponsors, it's hosted by internet service provider DLC, big thanks to all sponsors for AIS 21 online. We have translation and caption sponsors Flexoptix. Inclusive and diversity sponsors .Africa, other sponsors ICANN, Internet Society, Liquid Intelligent Technologies and DNS Africa, thank you, we will be back in six minutes.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

We have a few seconds, one minute before we start. After the adjournment.

Our break was 15 minutes. On the agenda the time is UTC 11:05 I'm going to ask for the chair of the nominating committee to give his nominating committee report. You have the floor.

We will have a representative of the board and if there is some communication issues we will ask him to step in. He is here.

FABIAN ARBOGAST JR:

Hello everyone. Thank you. The slide is on display. This was appointed in January 21, 2021 and comprises of the following members, myself as the chair, Caleb is vice chair, Abdullah represented the board and Raymond who is a member.

This year, the election process has been like this so far we have two positions, one for board seat number five for Southern Africa and one governance committee seat, which is subregion independent.

We have done several meetings online specifically on zoom and we discussed ways to oversee elections and of course we have been doing this according to the bylaws, principles and specific 2021 election guidelines.

For the two positions starting with the board position seat number five, he received these four nominations. We have dropped one which missed that criteria. We did notify him and he acknowledged.

Unfortunately for GovCoM we received only one nomination. For the final candidates who succeeded to go to the voting is Vika William Mpisane , Paul Waller and Mark Elkins and there was just one candidate for GovCoM.

As you are aware, most of you are aware that the election timeline countdown is coming to a conclusion today, but we did open e-voting on 20 May and the proxy appointment and then we closed the appointment on 29 May and since then, online voting has been going on and it has been concluded today at 10:30 UTC and we did successfully close it. So later on today according to the timetable we are going to announce the results. Next slide please.. Thank you. On behalf of the nomination committee members, we are as a team, first of all please to be honored with this opportunity to serve AFRINIC on the community and we do thank the board for trusting us with this assignment, and we thank the AFRINIC team, the CEO, the election committee and the legal team and the support during this exercise. We thank the members of the community for doing nominations because this has given us an idea of doing our job.

Of course, we thank the members for voting because they have already voted and the tally has been done already. Next slide please.



That is it for now. I thank everyone. Thank you.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Thank you Fabian, for the nominating committee report. On behalf of the board of AFRINIC I'd like to thank each member of your committee for the work you have done. It is voluntary work. It is hard work and at the same time, it is for AFRINIC and be really appreciated. Thank you. I am going to give the floor to the election committee now. It is 11:11 UTC. To give an election committee report.

KISHNA DHONDEE:

And thank you to the nominating committee should care for this presentation can we have slides please?

I'm here to present to you ladies and gentlemen, the election committee report for the AFRINIC elections of May and June 2021. This is because the elections were opened on 20 May and then it just closed minutes ago today at 10:40 UTC. Next slide please.

The role of the election committee to be here of the vice chairperson of the election committee, it's important to understand our mandate. The election committee acted in line with article 10 of the bylaws of the committee itself consists of AFRINIC staff appointed by the CEO. The role of the committee and the role and responsibility of the committee is to handle all the election processes for all elections being held by AFRINIC, as well as ensuring that there is a permanent line of communication between the chair of the nominating committee and the election committee. Both during, and after the election date. Next slide please.

The election process in 2021 that has been used for the selection, the election process itself was approved by the board in article 13.2 of the bylaws and the selection process was published in April this year to cater for 100% online elections given the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. As you may recall this is the second time you're having a 100% election after last year.

You will recall that the two elections we had this year, one for board seat number five, there was one vacancy and the other vacancy was for the governance committee. Next slide please. And, the election timeline as the chair for the nomination committee just mentioned minutes ago, the election started on 20 May and that was when the e-voting started and we also opened questions for proxy if needed. The proxy registration was closed on 29 May. And today was the election day. The election has already been closed. Next slide please.

The balance was 100% e-voting platform. As I mentioned, the registration period for proxies was from 20 May to 29 May. And just to mention, we have no request application for proxy. So, we thank all voters who have taken time to participate in our election process in person. Although virtually.

I mentioned about the closing of our election which was today at 10:40 UTC. And I thank you for your attention, that is it from me, as chairperson of ECOM, thank you.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Thank you for your election committee report. I would like to thank all members of your committee on behalf of the board for the work you have done. It is 11:16 UTC, I will give the floor to the chair of the election committee to announce the results of the elections. Sorry, the CEO corrected me, he is in the room with me so he can catch up stuff for me. He is smiling by the way. I will give the floor to the chair of the committee to announce the results of the two elections, one is for the board seat number five and the second is for the governance committee election. Mr Fabian, you have the floor.

FABIAN ARBOGAST JR:

Yes, as it has been said already, we closed the elections today at 10:40 UTC. In the presence of observers and witnesses, trustees and the ECOM team. Now, the long-awaited is here for you. Board seat number five. Before announcing the results, let me tell you the total number of voters for seat number five. It was 273. Next please.

I hope everyone can see, this has been captured directly from the system, different voting system, and the votes are as follows. Against each candidate. Mark Elkins, he got 116 votes. Paul Wollner has got 75 votes. Vika William Mpisane the same got 72. And 10 voters chose to abstain. With that, I take this opportunity to congratulate Mark Elkins for winning this position of board seat director number five. Congratulations to you, Mark.

The governance committee, we had only one candidate and we got the total number of votes casted, it was 96. As you can see, this result has just been captured there on the system. The only candidate that we have got 78 votes. And 18 voters decided to abstain from giving him a vote. By these results numbers, I'm happy to announce that Simon Msafiri Balthazar has got the governance committee position. Congratulations, Simon.

And thank you, that is it. For now.

SUBRAMANIAN MOONESAMY:

Thank you for the results of the election. I would like to thank all the candidates who were nominated and who are up for the elections. This is how it works. I would like to welcome Mark Elkins, he is going to represent the



South African region for board seat number five, for I think three years from Monday. This brings us to the end of our AGMM. I would like to thank all resource members who made the time to come and join us for this AGMM. I would like to thank the board members who are present, the NOMCOM members who are present, the election committee members, and I would like to thank our auditors for being present at this meeting.

I hope to see you again next year for our next annual general meeting, on this note I will close this AGMM. The time is 11:21. We do have a proposal? Who proposed? (unknown term). He is proposing. On this agenda. He was the professor. I saw his name, are there any objections on this? I'm not hearing any objections, which is a good thing. It's 11:22 UTC, AGMM 2021 is closed. Thank you for joining us, thank you to everybody, I wish you a nice day.

WAYNE GURUNADEN:

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