APNIC EC Meeting Minutes

Teleconference
Wednesday 15 November 2006,

Meeting Start: *11:15 am (UTC+10)*

Minutes

Present:

Akinori Maemura (Chair)
Che-Hoo Cheng
Billy Cheon
Ma Yan
Vinh Ngo
Qian Hualin
Kuo-Wei Wu

Paul Wilson
Irene Chan
Sanjaya
Geoff Huston
Connie Chan
Gerard Ross (minutes)

Apologies:

Agenda:

1. Agenda bashing
2. Minutes from last meeting (13 October 2006)
3. Financial report for October 2006
4. APNIC fee structure
5. Member survey
6. ICANN/NRO status
7. IGF update
8. AOB

1. Agenda bashing

The following topic was added to the agenda:

- none

2. Minutes from last meeting (13 October 2006)

- The minutes from the meeting on 13 October were approved.

- ➢ **Action ec-06-023:** Secretariat to publish minutes from 13 October 2006.

3. Financial report for October 2006

- The financial report for October has been circulated.

- It is currently projected that APNIC will be in a surplus position by the end of the year. Expenses are currently about three percent below budget and revenue is about one percent below budget.

- It was noted that the level of IPv6 per allocation fees is very low. There was a general discussion about the attitudes towards IPv6 deployment.

- It was noted that in October, one ISP upgraded from medium to large membership tier.

- There was a discussion of the current cash reserve analysis.

- There was a discussion about the variance between projected and actual revenue. It was noted that this is due to the difference between when memberships are counted and when their fees are actually due. It was noted that the accounting for the membership fees will be adjusted to provide more accurate forecasting in 2007.

- The EC approved the financial report.

4. APNIC fee structure

- The current draft of the new fee schedule proposal has been circulated.

- It was noted that this draft does not change the current voting entitlements.

- The proposal includes a series of formal voting issues, to go to the members in December, with the intention of forming a final proposal to go to the membership at APNIC 23.

- It was noted that the votes on specific issues could not be considered absolutely binding, since some outcomes may not be feasible when combined in a single structure.

- It was noted that the principle behind section 3.3 (annual fees for members homing IPv4 and IPv6 address space) was always considered to be an interim policy. This should be specifically flagged in the proposal.

- It was suggested that a possible result of the current voting questions is that members could vote to effectively abolish the NIR pools and have the NIRs redistribute the authority for address ranges to the LIRs themselves, so that the fees would be calculated on the final distribution.

- It was suggested that there could be a voting question in relation to whether NIRs should maintain the same degree of financial contribution for APNIC's annual revenue.

- It was suggested that if there is a desire for other questions to be asked, then it might be more effective for the EC members to send them by email.

- It was suggested that in order to get the LDC discount, the address ranges should be used in those countries.

- There was a suggestion to amend question 10 relating to the power to vary fees by five percent.

- There was a discussion about possibly including another question about how to deal with non-resource-holding members. It was noted that in sections 3.1 and 3.2, the table should actually include an entry for those with no address space holdings. This would provide better explanation for the calculation in section 4.1.

- There was a discussion of the notice and voting periods that would be required. It was noted that it would be good to finalise the voting questions by the end of November and announce the online voting to be conducted in December.

- It was noted that it is essential that the entire APNIC membership should be given the maximum opportunity to vote on this issue.

- It was noted that MyAPNIC is able to handle multiple concurrent votes.

- It was noted that in questions relating to discounts, the system can handle multiple choice questions.

- It was noted that the results of the votes and the final proposal should be published in January.

> **Action ec-06-024:** Secretariat to update draft fee schedule proposal to be circulated to the EC again in time for an announcement to the membership by the end of November.

5. Member survey

- The final draft of the member survey form has been circulated to the EC. This draft has included feedback from the validation group.

- The current schedule is to launch the survey by the end of November.

- The EC was asked to approve the survey. In previous surveys, the EC led by giving formal approval and providing a public covering letter.

- The consultant has recommended providing an incentive to complete the survey. It has been suggested to make three meeting fellowship packages available, to be drawn at random from those who have properly completed the survey.

6. ICANN/NRO status

- There was a meeting in Athens to discuss how to progress the ICANN contract negotiations. The next meeting on this topic will be held at the Sao Paulo ICANN meeting.

- Every year, certain NRO functions are rotated amongst the RIRs. In 2007, APNIC will be the NRO Secretariat.

7. IGF update

- The IGF took place in Athens this month.

- There have been mixed reports about the success or otherwise of the IGF.

- The next IGF will be held in Brazil in late 2007.

- It was been suggested that a theme of the next IGF meeting will be "enhanced cooperation" which is likely to be interpreted as increased roles for government.

- It also seems likely that the 2008 IGF will be held in India.

- It was noted that the IGF was a big change from the WSIS, with a lot more Internet community participation. It was suggested that the IGF provided a very good opportunity for government and civil society groups to begin to understand each other.

8. AOB

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- None.

9. Next meeting

- 15 December 2006.

Meeting closed: *12:35 pm (UTC+10)*

Open action items

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