

APNIC EC Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at Christchurch, New Zealand
Monday 25 August 2008

Meeting Start: 9:15 am (UTC +1200)

Present

Akinori Maemura
Che-Hoo Cheng
Ming-Cheng Liang
Ma Yan
Mao Wei
Kuo-Wei Wu
Paul Wilson

Geoff Huston (minutes)

Irene Chan
Richard Brown
Connie Chan

Apologies

Kusumba Sridhar

Agenda

1. Agenda Bashing
2. Review of Minutes and Action List Review from 17/18 July Meeting
3. Financial Report: Financial Report 07/08
4. Director-General's Report
5. Fees Study Update
6. Joint RIR Board Activities
7. NIR for India
8. AOB

Minutes

1. Agenda bashing

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes from the meeting of 17/18 July 2008 were approved unanimously.

Action ec-08-026: Secretariat to publish minutes of the July meeting

Review of action items:

Action ec-08-023: Secretariat to publish minutes of the June meeting
[completed]

Action ec-08-024: Secretariat to circulate OECD report on Economic Considerations in the Management of IPv4 and in the Deployment of IPv6 to EC members
[completed]

Action ec-08-025: Secretariat to publish revised EC Handbook
[completed]

3. Finance Report

Irene Chan provided a review of expenditures and revenues, and membership movements for the period ending July 2008. The projected taxation liability has been revised in line with the anticipated liability on interest payments on cash holdings. The per allocation fee revenue has been lower than projected, but is consistent with the high degree of year-by-year variation in this revenue class. The current reserve position is currently at \$10.9M, and the anticipated annual expenditure is estimated at \$10.4M. The financial impact on the formation of the Indian NIR was considered, and it was noted that 13% of the existing membership are from India, and this is associated with 8% of the total APNIC membership revenue.

The EC accepted the financial report for July 2008 (attached).

The Semi-Annual financial report, for presentation to the membership at APNIC 26, was reviewed and accepted by the EC.

4. Director-General's Report

John Earls is attending APNIC 26 to undertake preparatory work for the APNIC biannual membership to be held at the end of 2008. The schedule for this activity is that the survey will take place at the end of 2008, with anticipation of a report to EC at APNIC 27. A major review of the membership survey is being undertaken, and John Earls is meeting with a wide cross section of members and stakeholders to solicit items of particular interest in the context of this survey. A section on IP addressing will be added to expose member perspectives on IPv4 unallocated pool exhaustion and solicit plans and perceptions on IPv6 deployment and transition management.

The CEO and President of ICANN visited APNIC offices in August and discussed issues of mutual interest and concern with APNIC.

The D-G proposed that APNIC should express support for the DNSSEC signing of the DNS root zone, as described by ICANN at <http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-24jul08-en.htm>, While APNIC does not operate DNS root servers, and APNIC is not directly involved with DNS registration activities, DNS security as an infrastructure issue that is of great interest to APNIC members and the wider AP community. The EC determined to put this proposed expression of support to the member meeting at APNIC 26 to request community support for ICANN signing of the DNS root.

Preparation activities for the IGF meeting at the end of the year are also underway.

Action ec-08-027: EC to propose a DNSSEC statement to the membership at APNIC 27

5. Fees Study Update

The APNIC EC considered an interim report from KPMG regarding the fees study (attached). The progress to date has been in the formulation of the initial task of base case projections. This initial task is to be completed within next week, and the study will progress to tasks 2 and 3, modelling externalities relating to NIR formation and IPv4 exhaustion. It is anticipated that a report on tasks 2 and 3 will be ready for EC review by the 9th October, at which time the parameters for task 4 will be defined in more detail.

Action ec-08-028: KPMG Task 1 Report to be circulated to EC by 5 September, Task 2 and Task 3 reports to be presented to the EC on the 9th October meeting.

6. Joint RIR Board Activities

The EC considered the proposed agenda for the RIR Boards meeting to be held at the forthcoming ARIN meeting. The APNIC EC reiterated their position of supporting incorporation to be conveyed to the other RIRs Boards, and the general principle of regarding legacy IPv4 address space as a common resource.

The APNIC EC was supportive of RIR Boards teleconferences and proposed to hold a preparatory teleconference in September prior to the face-to-face meeting in October.

7. NIR for India

The EC noted the receipt of a completed application for the formation of an NIR for India, and also noted that there was an outstanding incomplete application from a different source. TO ensure that there was a clear position in terms of recognition of a single NIR for India the EC requested the Secretariat to clarify the status of the earlier application, and to review all the relevant details to confirm that the most recent application meets the application criteria as specified in the APNIC NIR recognition process.

Action ec-08-029: Secretariat review Indian NIR application process and report to EC

8. AOB

There were no additional items of business raised at the meeting.

Next Meeting

9th October 2008 (Teleconference)

Meeting closed: 12:50 pm (UTC+1200)

Summary of Action Items

- Action ec-08-026:** Secretariat to publish minutes of the July meeting
- Action ec-08-027:** EC to propose a DNSSEC statement to the membership at APNIC 27
- Action ec-08-028:** KPMG Task 1 Report to be circulated to EC by 5 September, Task 2 and Task 3 reports to be presented to the EC on the 9th October meeting.
- Action ec-08-029:** Secretariat review Indian NIR application process and report to EC



APNIC

Monthly financial report (in AUD)

For the month ending July 2008

Asia Pacific Network Information Centre

1. Balance Sheet

Statement of Financial Position (AUD)					
	31/07/2008	% of Total Asset or Liab+Equity	% change from 31/12/2007	Year-End 2007	Year-End 2006
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash	6,998,578	44%	22.9%	6,626,341	5,696,300
Term deposit investment	2,300,000	14%	-30.3%	2,300,000	3,300,000
Receivables	1,771,755	11%	20.2%	737,859	1,474,467
Others	561,728	4%	61.8%	325,739	347,259
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	11,632,060	73%	7.5%	9,989,939	10,818,026
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Other financial assets	1,004,046	6%	-12.6%	1,222,666	1,148,369
Property, plant and equipment	1,588,617	10%	6.3%	1,667,091	1,494,461
Long term deposit investment	1,700,000	11%	-15.0%	1,700,000	2,000,000
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	4,292,664	27%	-7.5%	4,589,758	4,642,830
TOTAL ASSETS	15,924,724	100%	3.0%	14,579,696	15,460,856
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Payables	546,617	3%	-62.5%	1,139,160	1,458,382
Provisions	926,213	6%	30.9%	888,178	707,834
Unearned revenue	5,419,192	34%	26.9%	3,817,898	4,271,275
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,892,023	43%	7.1%	5,845,236	6,437,490
EQUITY					
Share capital	1.00	0%	0.0%	1.00	1.00
Reserves other financial assets investment	-241,798	-2%	-268.4%	90,827	143,620
Retained earnings	9,274,498	58%	4.4%	8,643,633	8,879,745
TOTAL EQUITY	9,032,701	57%	0.1%	8,734,461	9,023,366
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	15,924,724	100%	3.0%	14,579,696	15,460,856

Notes:

For comparison purposes the following exchange rates apply:

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2. Profit and Loss Statement

2.1 Expenses

This report provides the projected figures for 2008, to compare with the revised budget.

EXPENSES (AUD)	Jul-08 Actual	YTD Actual	YTD %	Projected Actual 2008	Budget 2008	Projected Year End Budget Variation	Projected Budget Variation %
Bank charges	6,361	37,636	0.7%	64,518	83,573	(19,055)	-22.8%
Communication expenses	13,834	99,301	1.8%	170,231	231,783	(61,553)	-26.6%
Computer expenses	13,579	81,024	1.5%	138,898	162,390	(23,492)	-14.5%
Depreciation expense	52,231	361,411	6.7%	619,561	641,480	(21,919)	-3.4%
Sponsorship and Publicity expenses	39,357	82,940	1.5%	189,760	190,883	(1,123)	-0.6%
Doubtful debt expenses	0	57	0.0%	20,126	20,126	0	0.0%
ICANN contract fee	23,750	166,250	3.1%	252,319	285,000	(32,681)	-11.5%
Insurance expense	9,986	72,078	1.3%	123,562	121,526	2,036	1.7%
Meeting and training expense	3,392	35,867	0.7%	175,867	183,841	(7,974)	-4.3%
Membership fees	5,608	32,279	0.6%	55,336	69,496	(14,160)	-20.4%
Miscellaneous expenses	176	975	0.0%	1,671	5,534	(3,863)	-69.8%
Office operating expenses	15,285	69,917	1.3%	119,858	88,616	31,242	35.3%
Postage & delivery	1,045	21,221	0.4%	36,379	36,586	(207)	-0.6%
Printing & photocopy	2,117	23,414	0.4%	40,138	31,526	8,612	27.3%
Professional fees	21,676	169,136	3.1%	541,389	544,172	(2,783)	-0.5%
Recruitment expense	13,474	98,866	1.8%	128,866	90,503	38,363	42.4%
Rent and outgoings	53,594	330,370	6.1%	598,342	586,245	12,097	2.1%
Salaries and personnel expenses	388,445	2,892,820	53.5%	5,331,084	5,402,753	(71,669)	-1.3%
Staff Training/conference expenses	19,812	95,960	1.8%	105,960	84,305	21,655	25.7%
Tax expense	0	0	0.0%	242,167	44,928	197,239	439.0%
Translation expenses	8,229	16,458	0.3%	28,213	73,871	(45,658)	-61.8%
Travel expenses	97,815	717,012	13.3%	1,409,163	1,519,033	(109,870)	-7.2%
TOTAL EXPENSES	789,767	5,404,992	100.0%	10,393,409	10,498,170	(104,762)	-1.0%

2.2 Revenue

REVENUE (AUD)	Jul-08 Actual	YTD Actual	YTD %	Projected Actual 2008	Budget 2008	Projected Year End Budget Variation	Projected Budget Variation %
Interest income	70,647	441,852	7.3%	757,461	721,997	35,464	4.9%
IP Resource application fees	82,394	606,850	10.1%	1,040,314	963,960	76,354	7.9%
Membership fees	559,061	3,717,521	61.6%	6,711,352	6,732,908	(21,556)	-0.3%
Non-members fees	10,313	73,239	1.2%	125,553	198,316	(72,763)	-36.7%
Per Allocation fees	177,337	1,007,391	16.7%	1,726,956	1,912,246	(185,290)	-9.7%
Reactivation fees	3,804	7,608	0.1%	13,042	17,936	(4,894)	-27.3%
Sundry income	31,447	192,538	3.2%	222,538	214,885	7,653	3.6%
Foreign Exchange gain/(loss)	3,254	(11,142)	-0.2%	(19,100)	0	(19,100)	0.0%
TOTAL REVENUE	938,257	6,035,857	100.0%	10,578,115	10,762,248	(184,133)	-1.7%

2.3 Operating Profit/ Loss

Revenue and Expenses (AUD)	Jul-08 Actual	YTD Actual	YTD %	Projected Actual 2008	Budget 2008	Projected Year End Budget Variation	Projected Budget Variation %
Total Revenue	938,257	6,035,857	100%	10,578,115	10,762,248	(184,133)	-1.7%
Total Expenses	789,767	5,404,992	100%	10,393,409	10,498,170	(104,762)	-1.0%
OPERATING PROFIT/ (LOSS)	148,491	630,865		184,706	264,077	(79,371)	

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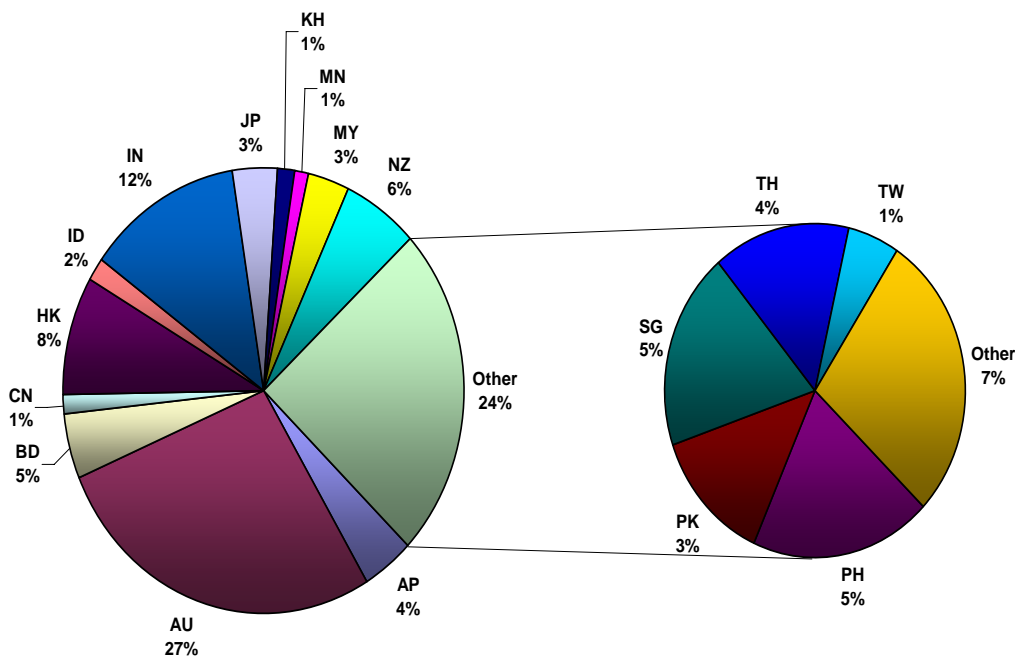
3. Membership

3.1 Membership statistics

At the end of July 2008, APNIC had a total of 1,754 members serving 51 economies. One Extra Large member [CHINAMOBILE-CN] was upgraded from Very Large this month. The economies in which APNIC has the highest number of members are Australia (479 members), India (219 members), and Hong Kong (149 members).

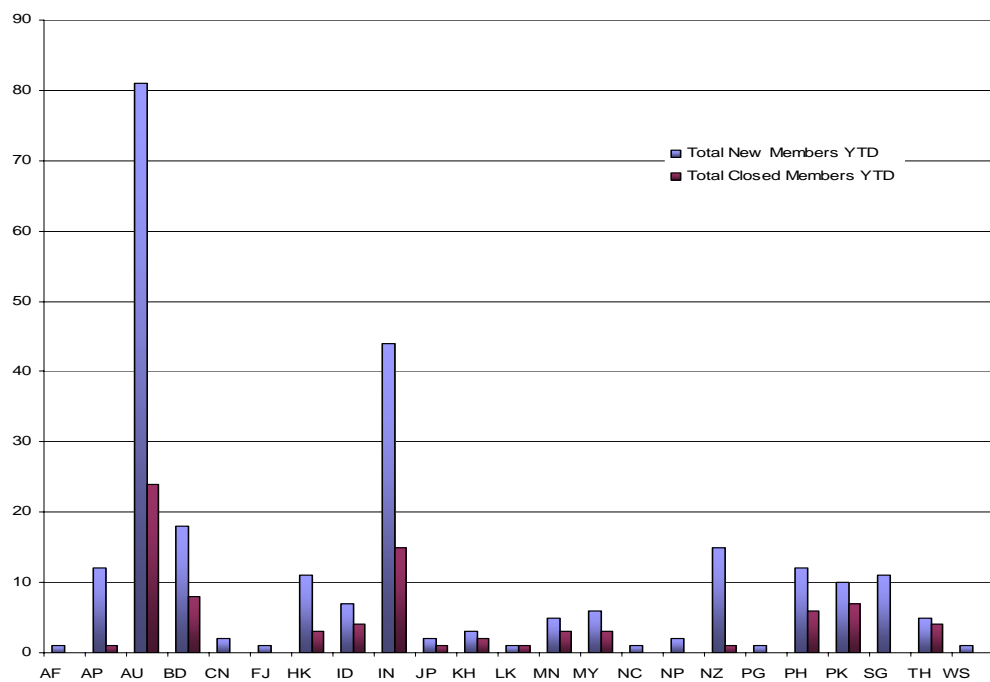
3.1.1 Membership by Economy

The following chart illustrates the APNIC membership distribution by economy.



3.1.2 Year to date movement by Economy

The chart below illustrates by economy the number of members that have joined or closed their membership so far in 2008. As at the end of July 2008, APNIC had a net growth of 170 members, with 254 new members whilst 84 members accounts have been closed. The highest numbers of new members are from Australia (81), followed by India (44). The majority of the closures are due to members that are either non contactable, or the business is no longer operating.



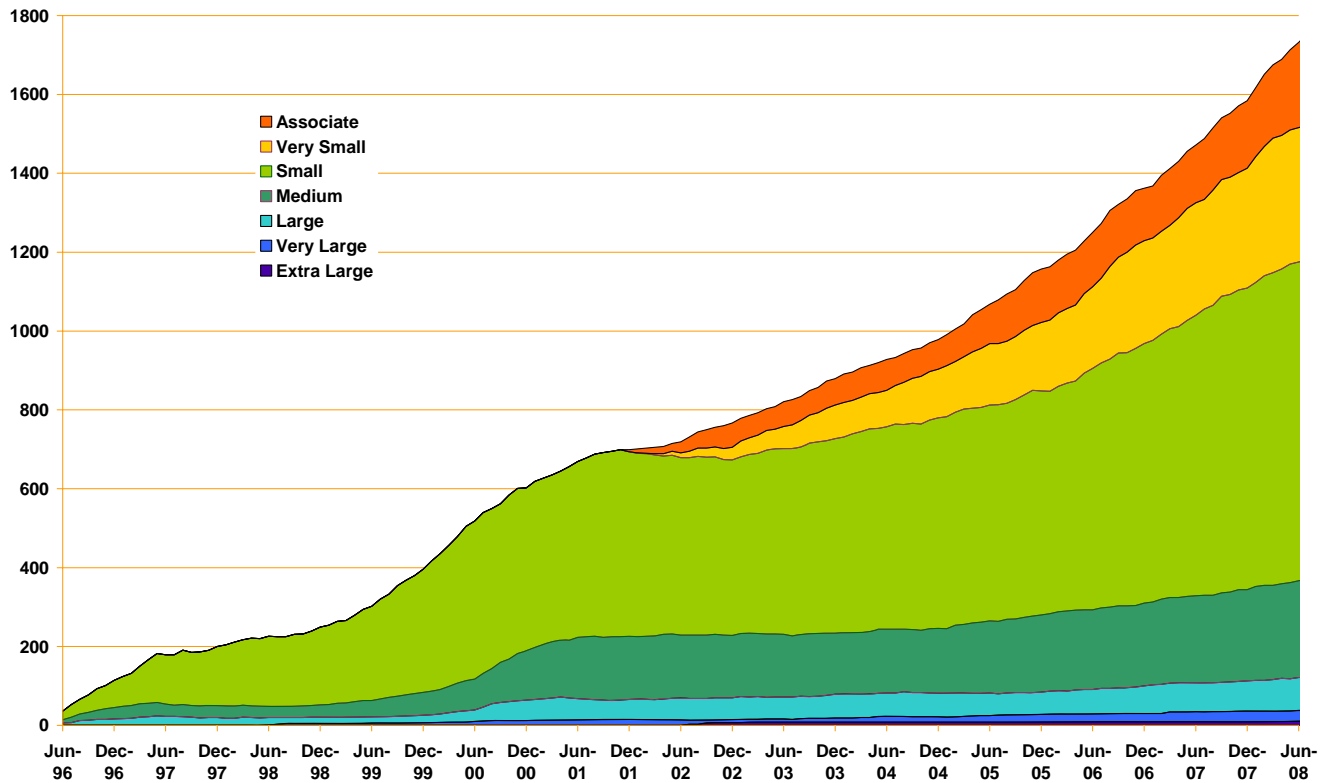
3.1.3 Membership by Category

The following table shows the monthly changes in membership and provides an analysis of APNIC's membership tiers; this table shows that 46% of APNIC members are included in the Small membership tier.

Membership	Total	New	Reactivate	(Closed)	Size	Total	Total YTD
	Jun-08	Jul-08	Jul-08	Jul-08	Change	YTD	(%)
					Jul-08	Jul-08	Jul-08
Extra Large	10	0	0	0	1	11	1%
Very Large	28	0	0	0	(1)	27	2%
Large Member	83	0	0	0	1	84	5%
Medium	246	1	0	(4)	5	248	14%
Small	808	2	1	(6)	6	811	46%
Very Small	341	5	0	(1)	(4)	341	19%
Associate	216	29	1	(6)	(8)	232	13%
TOTAL	1732	37	2	(17)	0	1754	100%

The table below compares the actual growth of membership at the end of July 2008 with the budgeted annual growth on a monthly pro-rata basis.

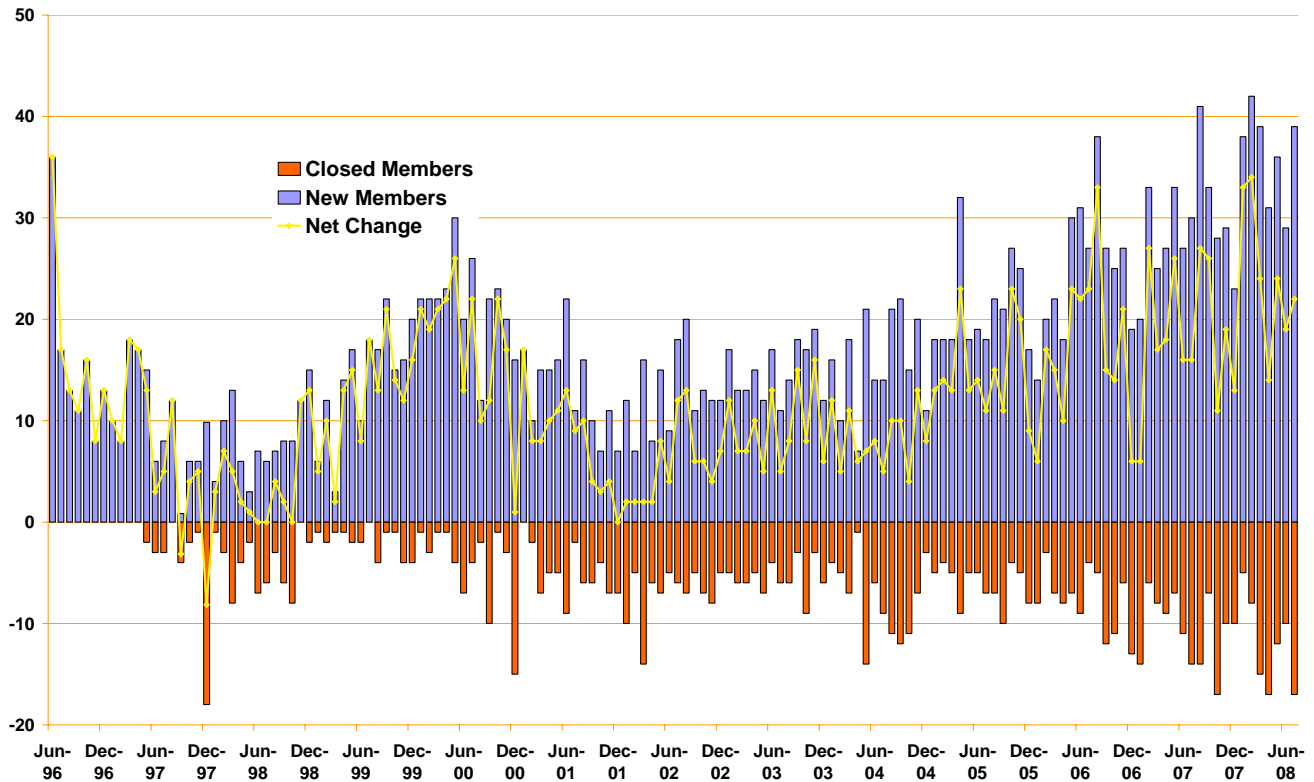
Membership	Actual Total EOY	Actual Total YTD	Actual Growth YTD	Budgeted Total EOY	Budgeted Growth EOY	Budgeted Growth YTD	Variation Actual vs. Budget
	2007	Jul-08	2008	2008	2008	(*)	(*)
Extra Large	9	11	2	9	0	0	2
Very Large	27	27	0	34	7	4	-4
Large Member	77	84	7	83	6	4	4
Medium	231	248	17	259	28	16	1
Small	765	811	46	894	129	75	-29
Very Small	304	341	37	405	101	59	-22
Associate	171	232	61	219	48	28	33
TOTAL	1584	1754	170	1903	319	186	-16



3.1.4 Membership Movement

The final table below provides progressive membership data for each month in 2008, which shows a steady membership growth in 2008. The graph below illustrates the monthly movements of APNIC membership since 1996.

Membership	Total Jan-08	Total Feb-08	Total Mar-08	Total Apr-08	Total May-08	Total Jun-08	Total Jul-08
Extra Large	9	9	9	10	10	10	11
Very Large	27	27	27	26	26	28	27
Large Member	78	78	80	83	82	83	84
Medium	238	241	239	240	244	246	248
Small	771	785	793	798	808	808	811
Very Small	319	328	341	339	340	341	341
Associate	175	183	186	193	203	216	232
TOTAL	1617	1651	1675	1689	1713	1732	1754
Monthly Net Gain	33	34	24	14	24	19	22



4. Cash Reserves Analysis

By referring to the above July 2008 statement of financial position, there was an overall increase of 5.6% in cash since the end of July 2008. The following table shows that our cash reserves consists of AU\$ 10.1 million in short and long term deposits, and working capital of AU\$829 thousand as at 31 July 2008. In additional, there is AU\$ 1 million invested at the managed fund portfolio. Overall, 98% of our cash holding is in AU\$ deposits.

APNIC Cash Reserves

As at 31 July 2008

Term Deposits - AUD

AUD Term Deposits	6,168,882	AUD
AUD Term Deposits Investments - Long Term	4,000,000	AUD
Total investment in Term Deposits	<u>10,168,882</u>	AUD

Cash Holdings - AUD and USD

AUD checking account	642,242	AUD
AUD Petty Cash	600	AUD
USD savings account	186,854	AUD
Total cash holdings	<u>829,696</u>	AUD

GRAND TOTAL CASH RESERVE **10,998,578** **AUD**
(including cash holdings and all term deposit
investments)



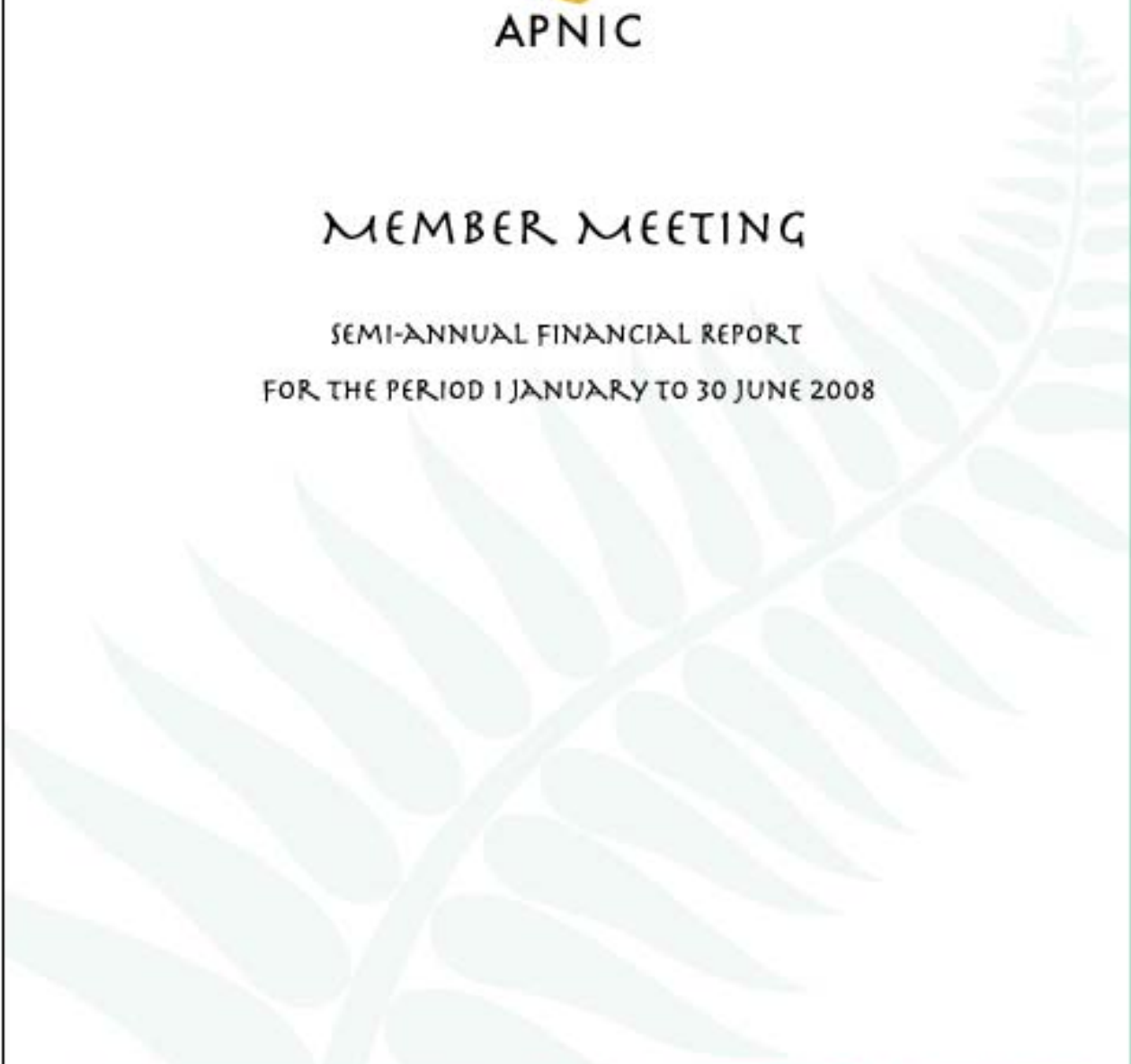
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MEMBER MEETING

SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 2008



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1. Balance Sheet

Financial Position (AUD)	30/06/2008	% of Total Asset or Liab+Equity	% change from 31/12/2007	Year-End 2007	Year-End 2006
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash	6,731,778	43%	1.6%	6,626,341	5,696,300
Term deposit investment	2,300,000	15%	0.0%	2,300,000	3,300,000
Receivables	1,857,095	12%	151.7%	737,859	1,474,467
Others	505,916	3%	55.3%	325,739	347,259
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	11,394,788	73%	14.1%	9,989,939	10,818,026
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Other financial assets	1,004,046	6%	-17.9%	1,222,666	1,148,369
Property, plant and equipment	1,605,190	10%	-3.7%	1,667,091	1,494,461
Long term deposit investment	1,700,000	11%	0.0%	1,700,000	2,000,000
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	4,309,236	27%	-6.1%	4,589,758	4,642,830
TOTAL ASSETS	15,704,025	100%	7.7%	14,579,696	15,460,856
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Payables	464,947	3%	-59.2%	1,139,160	1,458,382
Provisions	930,924	6%	4.8%	888,178	707,834
Unearned revenue	5,423,943	35%	42.1%	3,817,898	4,271,275
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,819,814	43%	16.7%	5,845,236	6,437,490
EQUITY					
Share capital	1.00	0%	0.0%	1.00	1.00
Reserves other financial asset investment *	(241,798)	-2%	-366.2%	90,827	143,620
Retained earnings	9,126,008	58%	5.6%	8,643,633	8,879,745
TOTAL EQUITY	8,884,211	57%	1.7%	8,734,461	9,023,366
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	15,704,025	100%	7.7%	14,579,696	15,460,856

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2. Profit and Loss Statement

2.1 Expenses - January to June 2008

EXPENSES (AUD)	Actual Jan - June 2008	Actual Jan-June 2007	Actual % Change from 2007	Projected Actual 2008	Budget 2008	Projected Year End Budget Variation	Projected Budget Variation %
Communication expenses	85,467	111,012	-23.0%	170,231	231,783	(61,553)	-26.6%
Depreciation expense	309,179	280,582	10.2%	619,561	641,480	(21,919)	-3.4%
Sponsorship and publicity expenses	43,584	59,367	-26.6%	189,760	190,883	(1,123)	-0.6%
ICANN contract fee	142,500	0	0.0%	252,319	285,000	(32,681)	-11.5%
Meeting and training expenses	32,476	46,024	-29.4%	175,867	183,841	(7,974)	-4.3%
Membership fees	26,671	30,672	-13.0%	55,336	69,496	(14,160)	-20.4%
Other operating expenses	427,541	370,437	15.4%	1,050,356	843,484	206,872	24.5%
Professional fees	147,460	195,372	-24.5%	541,389	544,172	(2,783)	-0.5%
Rent and outgoings	276,776	217,497	27.3%	598,342	586,245	12,097	2.1%
Salaries and personnel expenses	2,504,375	2,212,264	13.2%	5,331,084	5,402,753	(71,669)	-1.3%
Travel expenses	619,197	532,808	16.2%	1,409,163	1,519,033	(109,870)	-7.2%
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,615,225	4,056,037	13.8%	10,393,409	10,498,170	(104,762)	-1.0%

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2.2 Revenue - January to June 2008

REVENUE (AUD)	Actual Jan - June 2008	Actual Jan-June 2007	Actual % Change from 2007	Projected Actual 2008	Budget 2008	Projected Year End Budget Variation	Projected Budget Variation %
Interest income	371,205	168,721	120.0%	757,461	721,997	35,464	4.9%
IP resource application fees	524,456	380,089	38.0%	1,040,314	963,960	76,354	7.9%
Membership fees	3,158,460	3,035,590	4.0%	6,711,352	6,732,908	(21,556)	-0.3%
Non-member fees	62,926	73,779	-14.7%	125,553	198,316	(72,763)	-36.7%
Per allocation fees	830,053	753,175	10.2%	1,726,956	1,912,246	(185,290)	-9.7%
Sundry income	164,895	191,309	-13.8%	235,580	232,821	2,759	1.2%
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	(14,396)	(199,986)	-92.8%	(19,100)	0	(19,100)	0.0%
TOTAL REVENUE	5,097,600	4,402,677	15.8%	10,578,115	10,762,248	(184,133)	-1.7%

2.3 Operating Profit/ (Loss)

Revenue and Expenses (AUD)	Actual Jan - June 2008	Actual Jan-June 2007	Actual % Change from 2007	Projected Actual 2008	Budget 2008	Projected Year End Budget Variation	Projected Budget Variation %
Total Revenue	5,097,600	4,402,677	15.8%	10,578,115	10,762,248	(184,133)	-1.7%
Total Expenses	4,615,225	4,056,037	13.8%	10,393,409	10,498,170	(104,762)	-1.0%
OPERATING PROFIT/ (LOSS)	482,375	346,641		184,706	264,077	(79,371)	

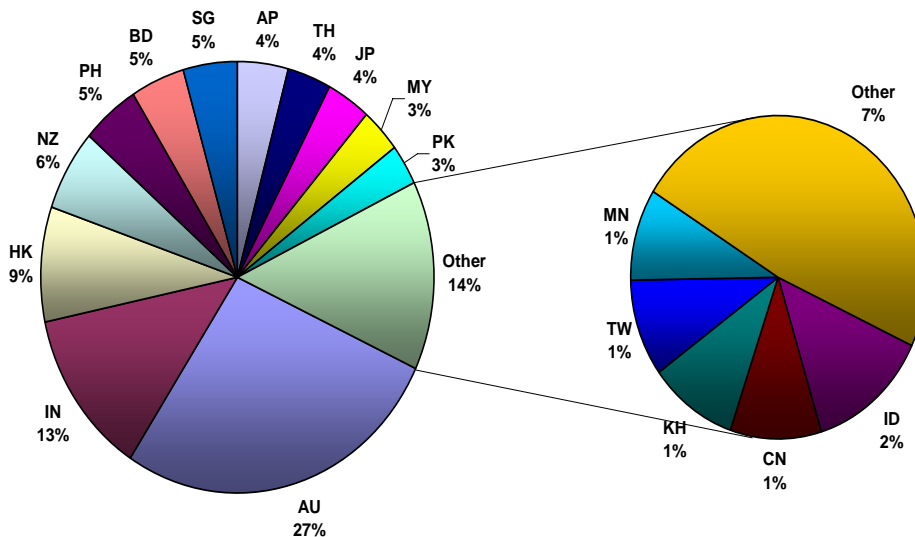
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3.1.1 Membership by Economy

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3.1.2 Membership by Category

Table below illustrates membership changes from January to June 2008. It shows that the majority of APNIC members are at Small membership tier (i.e. 47%).

Membership	Actual Total	New	Reactivate	(Closed)	Size	Total YTD	Total YTD	
	EOY				Change			(%)
	2007				Jan – June 2008			Jan – June 2008
Extra Large	9	0	0	0	1	10	1%	
Very Large	27	0	0	0	1	28	2%	
Large Member	77	2	0	(1)	5	83	5%	
Medium	231	5	0	(6)	16	246	14%	
Small	765	32	2	(27)	36	808	47%	
Very Small	304	65	1	(13)	(16)	341	20%	
Associate	171	108	0	(20)	(43)	216	12%	
TOTAL	1584	212	3	(67)	0	1732	100%	

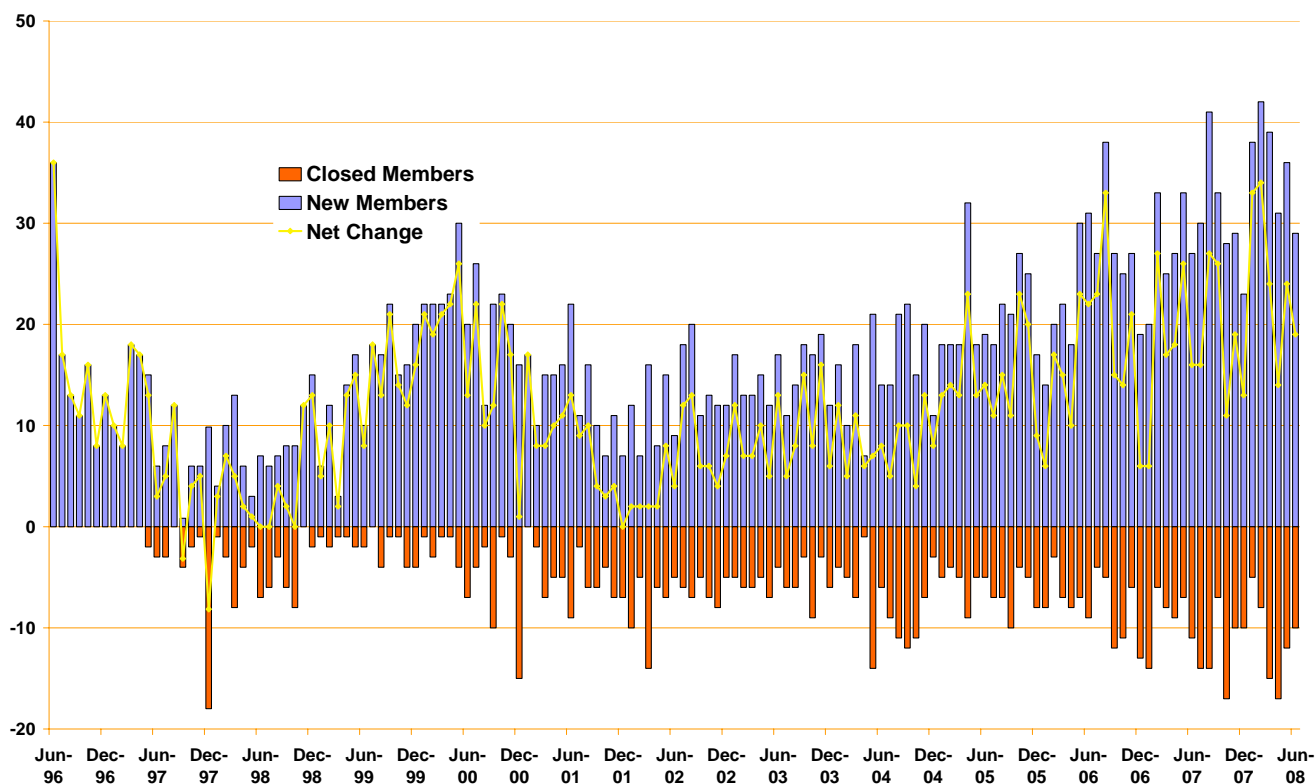
The table below compares the actual growth of membership at the end of June 2008 with the budgeted annual growth on a monthly pro-rata basis.

Membership	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Budgeted	Budgeted	Variation					
	Total							Total	Growth	Total	Growth	Growth
	EOY							YTD	YTD	EOY	EOY	YTD
	2007	Jun-08	2008	2008	2008	(*)	(*)					
Extra Large	9	10	1	9	0	0	1					
Very Large	27	28	1	34	7	4	-3					
Large Member	77	83	6	83	6	3	3					
Medium	231	246	15	259	28	14	1					
Small	765	808	43	894	129	65	-22					
Very Small	304	341	37	405	101	51	-14					
Associate	171	216	45	219	48	24	21					
TOTAL	1584	1732	148	1903	319	160	-12					

3.1.3 Membership Movement

The final table below provides progressive membership data for each month in 2008, which shows a steady membership growth for the first half months of 2008. The graph below illustrates the monthly movements of APNIC membership since 1996.

Membership	Total Jan-08	Total Feb-08	Total Mar-08	Total Apr-08	Total May-08	Total Jun-08
Extra Large	9	9	9	10	10	10
Very Large	27	27	27	26	26	28
Large Member	78	78	80	83	82	83
Medium	238	241	239	240	244	246
Small	771	785	793	798	808	808
Very Small	319	328	341	339	340	341
Associate	175	183	186	193	203	216
TOTAL	1617	1651	1675	1689	1713	1732
Monthly Net Gain	33	34	24	14	24	19





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APNIC Community Request for ICANN to Sign DNS Root

Dear Mr Dengate Thrush and Dr. Twomey,

At the APNIC 26 meeting in Christchurch the assembled community considered ICANN's initiatives toward operational readiness for DNSSEC signing and the consultation with stakeholders related to preparation to digitally sign the root using DNSSEC technology.

There is continuing concern with the slow progress towards getting the root zone signed, and the closing plenary session of APNIC 26 unanimously supported the following statement supporting ICANN's proposals to sign the root zone.

The statement, which I quote in full, is as follows:

"The APNIC community supports ICANN's proposals to sign the root zone using the DNSSEC framework in a timely manner. DNSSEC provides long-term stable mechanisms that can materially improve the stability and security of the internet, and this is considered to be a critical improvement in the operation of the DNS."

We appreciate that there are still some matters that need to be resolved before ICANN can sign the root of the DNS. However, on behalf of the APNIC membership and the broader APNIC community, we would like to call on ICANN to resolve these issues and to sign the root of the DNS as soon as is realistically possible. We thank you in advance for your urgent consideration of this request and look forward to a prompt announcement of a roadmap for signing of the root zone.

We also note that APNIC is also embarking on DNSSEC deployment for zones administered by APNIC, and sees the greatest value in this work once the chain of parent zones up to the root of the DNS are signed.

Sincerely,

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