

APNIC EC Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting held by Teleconference
Wednesday, 10th March 2010

Meeting Start: 10:50 am (UTC +1000)

Present

Akinori Maemura
Che-Hoo Cheng
Kuo-Wei Wu
Hyun-Joon Kwon
Ma Yan
James Spenceley
Jian Zhang
Paul Wilson

Geoff Huston (minutes)
Richard Brown
Connie Chan

Agenda

1. Election of EC Office Holders
2. Agenda Bashing
3. EC Election Process
4. Ratification of Electronic Vote

Minutes

1. Election of EC Office Holders

The Executive Secretary of the Executive Council called the meeting to order at 10:50 am UTC + 1000.

EC members present were Akinori Maemura, Che-Hoo Cheng, Kuo-Wei Wu, Hyun-Joon Kwon, and Ma Yan, constituting a quorum for the meeting as per the By Laws.

Nominations for the office of Chair of the EC were called. Akinori Maemura was nominated by Kuo-Wei Wu, seconded by Che-Hoo Cheng. Akinori Maemura accepted the nomination. There be no other candidates, Akinori Maemura was deemed elected.

Akinori Maemura assumed the role of Chair of the EC Meeting.

The EC assented to the Chair's declaration that he would Chair the EC for an interim term of office from the date of election until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the EC on the 22nd April 2010, at which time the EC positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer would be declared vacant and elections for EC Officers would be held.

2. Agenda Bashing

There were no changes to the Agenda.

3. EC Election Process

[James Spenceley Jian Zhang and Paul Wilson joined the meeting.]

The EC reviewed the conduct of the 2010 Annual Member Meeting, and noted that two objections had been raised relating to the conduct of the EC elections while the election process was underway.

The first objection related to the interpretation of the deadline for the lodgement of proxy votes. The EC's consideration of this matter is noted in Agenda Item 4, and in the associated File Note that minuted the EC's decision.

The second matter concerned the participation by an individual in the group of individuals who were acting in the role of vote tellers for the EC election. The EC had received a complaint from one of the candidates that this individual's presence in this group was in contravention of the requirement that all vote tellers not be an APNIC member, as it was alleged that this individual was a member of the board of directors an APNIC member, and thereby was connected to a candidate in the EC election.

The EC noted that it has heard no doubts expressed over the election result itself, but that the events at the meeting are detrimental to the community confidence in the election process. The EC also noted its formal responsibility under the terms of APNIC's By-Laws for the counting of votes in such manner as it considers appropriate in the circumstances (Paragraph 13 of the APNIC By-Laws).

The EC unanimously resolved to commission an inquiry into the events of 5 March 2011, and provide a public, factual report of those events. This inquiry is to review the transcript of the meeting, and solicit input from individuals who were present at, or involved in, the events related to the EC Election and the counting of membership votes. The EC requested that this review be conducted by one or more reputable individuals, nominated by APNIC's legal counsel, who have no connection with any EC candidate or APNIC member or interested party.

The EC noted the sense of the members' meeting, by show of hands, to the question put by the then-acting chair of the EC, Kuo Wei Wu at the APNIC 29 Member Meeting, regarding the suggestion to undertake a review of the procedures used for the conduct of the election of members of the EC. The EC unanimously resolved to undertake a review of the current APNIC EC election procedures and report the outcomes of that review to the APNIC 30 Members' meeting, in August 2010.

4. Ratification of Electronic Vote

The EC ratified the decision taken via an electronic vote on the 4th March to confirm the decision to reject all proxies that were lodged after 3 March 2010 9:00 UTC+8.

Next Scheduled Meeting

15 April 2010

Meeting closed: 11:27 am (UTC+1000)

Summary of Action Items

Action ec-10-005: Commission a report into the conduct of the APNIC EC Election on 5 March 2010.

Action ec-10-006: Review of the current APNIC EC election procedures.