

APNIC EC Meeting Minutes

Teleconference
Thursday 12 April 2001

Meeting Start: 10.15am AEST

Minutes

Present:

Geoff Huston
Kuo Wei Wu
BK Kim
Qian Hualin
Che-Hoo Cheng (acting Chair)
Xing Li
Paul Wilson
Anne Lord
Irene Chan
Gerard Ross (minutes)

Agenda:

1. Agenda bashing
2. Officeholder elections
3. Financial reports - Feb and March/Quarterly
4. ICANN issues (ref Paul Wilson's email)
5. TW meeting cost analysis
6. EC meeting schedule (INET Stockholm?)
7. APNIC structure and staffing matters (discussion)

1. Agenda bashing

No additional items.

2. Financial reports - Feb and March/Quarterly

There was a discussion of the slowing of membership growth. It was clarified that membership growth is still continuing as had been projected. Despite the slowdown in new members, there is a growth in the higher categories as members increase their address holdings.

There was discussion of the accounts receivable. The number of overdue accounts tends to remain stable. The steps for dealing with overdue accounts was discussed. It was explained that accounts are formally closed when 90 days overdue and the hostmasters then seek to track down the address space. It was also noted that in India and other places it can take a very long time to pay bills in US dollars. It was noted that the new accounting system will provide for better tracking of these issues and others.

3. Officeholder elections

CHC accepted nomination as Chair and was elected unopposed.

BKK accepted nomination as Treasurer and was elected unopposed.

XL and GH were nominated to stand as secretary. XL suggested that GH take the nomination. GH accepted nomination as Secretary and was elected unopposed.

➤ **Action:** Secretariat to post results on web site.

4. ICANN issues

There was an explanation of APNIC's involvement in ICANN funding discussions. It was noted that the new ICANN CEO has asked the RIRs for a voluntary contribution to the ICANN budget. In the past the RIRs have not made such a contribution as it has been felt that our negotiating position on the RIR contracts is stronger while the amounts remain unpaid. It was noted that any contribution made would be deducted from the formal payments made when the contracts are finalised.

There was also an explanation of the 15 percent increase in the overall ICANN budget and the suggested increase of the APNIC contribution of 15.9 percent. It has been suggested that part of the currently overdue payment could be made as the requested voluntary contribution. A breakdown was given of the likely payments in coming years.

It was noted that ARIN has indicated it would accept the current increase but would not accept subsequent increases.

It was explained that it is essential to complete a proper contract with ICANN. However, there have been persistent delays on ICANN's part in forming an appropriate contract. The RIR position has so far been to withhold all payments until an acceptable contract is finalised.

It was explained that APNIC's currently agreed ICANN fee is 21 percent of 10 percent of the total ICANN budget. However, ICANN's budget has increased by 19 percent, but the RIR contribution has been increased by 15.9 percent.

It was strongly suggested that the RIRs should not pay without a contract and should not be subject to subsidising ever-increasing ICANN overheads that are driven by domain name issues.

It was suggested that APNIC communicate to ICANN that the previous decision stands, namely, to withhold funds until a contract is place.

- **Action:** GH to communicate with GAR boards to coordinate making a statement to ICANN regarding the fee increases.
- **Action:** GH to advise ICANN that the EC's previous decision on making a voluntary payment still stands.

It was noted that there are some indications that ICANN may be seeking to increase its levels of activities, namely, to assist the RIRs in encouraging the deployment of IPv6. It was argued that this is not an appropriate item for ICANN to include in its priority list.

5. TW meeting cost analysis

There was an update on the status of the upcoming TW meeting. It was noted that the new Meeting Coordinator and the new Communications Manager have been doing a lot of good preliminary work. However, it was noted that there are much higher costs involved in this meeting than APNIC has been exposed to previously.

An overview was given of the preliminary budget estimates. It was noted that sponsorship will be critical and there is a chance that the total cost to APNIC may exceed the US\$50,000 previously approved by the EC.

It was noted that the Regency Hotel is one of the most expensive in Taipei. It was suggested that the Grand Hotel would be far more economical, while still being of acceptable quality.

It was agreed that the US\$50,000 cost approved would be considered by the EC to be a flexible limit, depending on the circumstances.

It was also noted that for the majority of participants, the costs of airfares are likely to be lower.

There was discussion of the visa processing issue and the coordination between APNIC and TWNIC. It was noted that Chung Hwa Telecom will make formal invitations to delegates from Mainland China.

There was a brief discussion of how to handle the privacy issues involved in APNIC providing attendee details to the inviting organisation in Taiwan.

6. EC meeting schedule

EC meetings will be scheduled for the second Friday of every month, at 11:00 AEST (UTC+10).

There was a discussion of whether to hold an EC meeting at the INET in Stockholm. All EC members are likely to be there.

It was noted that attendance records of EC members will be included in the next Annual Report. It was also noted that there is an agreement for APNIC to cover some EC travel costs where necessary.

- **Action:** APNIC to coordinate a room booking for the EC meeting in Stockholm.

Meeting closed: 12:10pm