

APNIC EC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 6 June 2001

Meeting Start: 8:46

Minutes

Present:

Che-Hoo Cheng (Chair)
Geoff Huston (Secretary)
BK Kim
Xing Li
Qian Hualin
Kuo Wei Wi
Akinori Maemura
Paul Wilson
Connie Chan

Agenda:

1. Agenda bashing
2. Previous minutes
3. Financial report
4. Status report on previous action items
 - o NIR membership structure
 - o APNIC Ltd deregistration
5. Member survey
6. Other business
7. Next meeting

1. Agenda Bashing

No changes were proposed to the agenda.

2. Previous Minutes

The EC approved the Minutes of the meetings held on 26 February 2001, 12 April 2001, and 11 May 2001.

3. Financial Report

The Board reviewed the monthly Financial Report for the month ending May 31, 2001.

It was noted that the investment account is reviewed monthly, and that of the various funds over which this investment is spread, the Asia Growth Fund represents the poorest financial performance. It was noted that the level of investment in this fund may be reduced at the next investment review.

It was noted that the membership numbers in the Large member category have fallen by 3. This is due to a number of members being reclassified as Small based on their current IP address holdings. There have also been a number of membership upgrades from Small to Medium for the same reason. The overall picture of membership growth levels remains constant at some 10 new members per month.

The overall financial position remains strong, with revenues down 3.9% on the budget running projections and expenses down 33% on running projections. It was noted that there are a number of expense items which represent single expenditure items, anticipated for the second half of 2001, and the total financial position remained close to the budget projections. The

August member meetings, member survey, and the ICANN payments that are payable on the signing of the contract remain major outstanding expense items at this point in time. In addition membership fees for ISOC, APNG and APIA will also fall due in this period.

The Board expressed its concerns that the staff amenities fund was under spent, and noted that, in order to maintain high staff morale, some additional expenditure up to the budgeted levels was recommended.

The treasurer will meet and go through the financial reports and financial status with APNIC staff.

4. Status Report on Previous Action Items

NIR membership structure

It was noted that if there are to be proposals for a change in this membership category, then such proposals must be prepared in accordance with the August membership meeting document schedule. The EC reviewed the background to this review of membership structure.

The EC reviewed a plan to address this in two phases, by, firstly, proposing additional membership categories and associated voting rights, and subsequently reviewing the NIR position in consultation with the membership. It was noted that the EC is committed to moving forward on this matter.

The first phase was a proposal to add three additional membership categories: An X-Large membership category for those members holding a total of larger than a /10 in address space, a Micro category for those members holding a /22 or less in total APNIC address resources, and a Nil category for those members holding no APNIC address resources. The general structure was a membership structure where for each 8-fold increase in APNIC address resources held by the member, the membership fee and vote numbers doubles. Consideration was given to a service fee or application fee to cover the costs associated with startup members in their first year of membership. It was noted that the X-Large membership category would include many of the current NIR members under the current arrangements. It was also noted that the total 6 level serviced membership tiers represented a a thousand-fold decrease in unit costs per individual serviced address within this proposed membership structure.

The EC conducted a wide-ranging discussion on options regarding membership structures, funding and member participation, noting that some of the issues regarding NIR interaction with APNIC are of a procedural rather than a policy nature.

It was agreed that a paper would be developed regarding additional membership categories for consideration at the forthcoming members meeting. The options regarding NIR roles would be informally presented at the NIR meeting and then further steps undertaken based on the outcome of this meeting.

APNIC Limited Deregistration

The APNIC EC has determined to wind up the affairs of APNIC Limited, a company registered in the Seychelles. The Director General reported to the EC that the options to consider were those of letting the company registration lapse, or to formally wind up the affairs of the company. There are some yet to be resolved issues relating to taxation with the transfers of the remaining assets of the company, but these matters are anticipated to be completed before the end of 2001.

5. Member Survey

John Earls of KPMG was introduced to the meeting and he outlined to the EC the background of the first APNIC stakeholder survey. This was a confidential and independent survey conducted by John Earls, and allowed any interested party to contribute to the survey. This was complemented by a number of focus surveys. The report, published on the APNIC web site, was received by the EC and APNIC formally responded in terms of planned improvements to APNIC's operations. Two years later this appears to be a useful exercise to repeat, in terms of communication with the members, gathering membership input and understanding members' priorities regarding APNIC services. The EC has decided to have a second survey commissioned. John Earls spoke about the proposed survey program.

The approach is to undertake a dialogue with representative stakeholders as a major input. While APNIC is now an established organization, and the service aspects are clearer, the issues of policy and policy shaping and APNIC's role in influencing policy are increasing in importance. As APNIC matures it needs to re-examine its relationship with key stakeholders. The survey will follow the same format and structure as the previous survey, with additional material added. One of the changes is to augment the member-targeted questionnaire with a broader stakeholder questionnaire, intended to provide added data. The survey is intended to provide information relating to the potential set of APNIC activities, and the priority APNIC members attach to each activity.

The methodology proposes the use of a general questionnaire, together with focus interviews with a number of selected members. EC members are expected to assist this with the organization of local venues and assisting at the focus meetings.

6. Other Business

Founding Member Recognition

It was proposed to recognise the founding members of APNIC with an invitation to attend the forthcoming members' meeting, and use the occasion for a ceremony and a commemorative gift.

RFC 2050 Revision

The progress of an effort to redraft RFC 2050 was considered by the EC. Some issues were raised relating to an early draft of the document regarding the purpose of the document. These matters will be considered again once the initial drafting work is complete.

ICANN Contract

It was noted that some distance between the various parties to this contract remains on various legal issues. ICANN representatives will attend the next ARIN Board meeting and these issues will be discussed at that point in time.

It was also agreed to pass the changes in Section 8 of the draft contract to APNIC lawyers to check on the matters concerning multi-RIR / ICANN dispute resolution. Progress will be reviewed in the July EC meeting.

7. EC Teleconference Schedule

The schedule of EC teleconferences is as follows:

13 July

10 August

14 September (tentative?)

12 October

9 November

14 December

The teleconferences will commence at 11:00 AEST, 0100 UTC

The EC will meet in a face-to-face meeting in the afternoon of Tuesday, 28 August at Taipei.

Meeting closed: 14:50.