

APNIC EC Meeting Minutes

Teleconference
Friday 14 June 2002

Meeting Start: 11:10 am

Minutes

Present:

Che-Hoo Cheng (Chair)
Geoff Huston
Kuo Wei Wu
Xing Li
BK Kim

Paul Wilson
Connie Chan
Irene Chan
Gerard Ross (minutes)

Apologies:

Akinori Maemura
Qian Hualin

Agenda:

1. Agenda Bashing
2. Minutes from last meeting (17 May 2002)
3. Financial reports for May 2002
4. IPv6 fee structure
5. ICANN status
6. AOB

1. Agenda Bashing

The following items were added to the draft agenda:

- Formalising the issue of EC confidentiality
- Confirm IETF

2. Minutes from last meeting (17 May 2002)

- Typo in item 5, "serious" should be "series".
 - **Action ec-02-007:** Secretariat to amend minutes as described and publish.

3. Financial reports for May 2002

- It was noted that the projected AU exchange rate for 2002 has been revised up, which will have a slightly negative impact on expenses. However, revenues remain healthy and the current activity statement is within budget. There was a higher net increase in new members last month than in previous months, but it is too early to determine whether this will continue.

- There was a question regarding separating APNIC revenues for IPv4 and IPv6. It was noted that this is only possible in respect of per-address fees, since conventional members do not pay fees specifically for v4 or v6 addresses.
 - It was noted that the accounts receivable is quite high in this report. Historically however it is normally high at this time of year.
 - It was noted that APNIC salaries are paid in AU dollars, so this expense increases as the AU dollar increases in value, as it does at the moment. Salary and rent are the major expenses in the APNIC budget that are affected by exchange rate fluctuations.
 - It was noted that the fluctuation in expenses remains within budget.
- **Action ec-02-008:** Secretariat to investigate separating accounting for IPv4 and IPv6.

4. IPv6 fee structure

- It was explained that there has been only one comment received so far in relation to the revised IPv6 fee structure. This submission noted that the increased minimum allocation size for IPv6 will result in a higher total fee payment by confederations for the initial IPv6 allocation.
- A question was raised about whether the per address fee was changed with the change to IPv4 minimum allocation which occurred recently. It was noted that there was no adjustment to the confederation fees at that time, which resulted in a reduction of the total fee payable for the minimum allocation.
- It was noted that it is unlikely that NIRs have made provisions in their budget for increased per-address fees.
- It was suggested that changing the structure in the long term may have a bad impact on APNIC's financial position.
- There was a suggestion to allow a continuation of /35 allocations in future, with the remainder of the /32 reserved. However, it was noted that this would be in direct conflict with the new policy, and also that filters imposed globally on /32 prefixes could prevent routing of the /35 allocations outside of the existing subTLA block.
- It was argued that the increased fee payable for the minimum allocation is not significant or unreasonable, since many IPv6 users have argued for larger initial allocations of address space, on the basis that those allocations were justified and required.
- It was noted that the member concerned had only questioned the impact of the policy in an informal way, without raising a strong objection. They have not made a formal comment or counter-proposal at this stage.
- It was suggested to defer action on this topic pending a more detailed proposal from the member concerned (or other members).

5. ICANN status

- There was a general overview of the of the draft statement of principles that had emerged from the recent RIR board teleconference.
- It was noted that there had been suggestions that IANA could be safely relieved of the task of maintaining a list of unallocated address space.
- The principles also suggest that the policy functions could be left to the RIRs, through their open policy processes.
- It was noted that it is undesirable for there to be heavy overheads in policy making, and that ICANN's role should be restricted to review of the policy making process, rather than any operational or policy making role.
- It had been suggested that the ASO rather than ICANN should have this review function.
- The reduction of Board seats from three to one is regarded as acceptable only provided that the functions are realigned as above. In other words, the seat on the Board would

function as an information conduit, but the RIRs would have increased autonomy and protection from ICANN board decisions.

- It was also noted that the impact of problems in domain names creates instability and risk for ICANN's continued involvement in addressing.
- It was noted that the RIRs need to make a proposal relating to the role of the ASO and policy making process. However, it was noted that the general position of the other RIRs now is to make a statement of principle, but to not provide much detail at this stage, which could distract from the main concepts.

[XL left the call at this stage]

- It was noted that the RIR presence in Bucharest would allow for these principles to be represented in a public forum.
 - It was noted that while ICANN and IANA hold the unallocated address pool, the RIRs are forced to retain a strong voice in these discussions.
 - It was suggested that the role of ICANN should be to ensure that the RIRs stick to their own rules, but not to make rules for them.
 - It was noted that the status of ICANN remains uncertain beyond the expiration of their DOC contract in September.
 - It was suggested that the RIRs should not consider that they are in a vulnerable position in this situation.
 - It was noted that the RIR heads would attempt to hold a personal meeting with Stuart Lynn at the ICANN meeting.
 - It was noted that ICANN has approached the RIRs in relation to the remaining portion of unpaid fees. It was agreed that there is no current difficulty in making this payment for services already rendered.
- **Action ec-02-010:** GH to finalise the statement of principles by the end of today.

6. AOB

EC confidentiality

- It was agreed that the all EC meetings and email discussions should remain confidential until minutes are published.

EC meeting during IETF

- The meeting has been scheduled for 8am to 3pm on 19 July.

Meeting closed 12.20 pm

EC meeting during APNIC 14

- This meeting is scheduled for 3 September, from 2pm to 5.30pm.

Meeting closed: 12.05 pm