APNIC EC Meeting minutes

Kitakyushu, Japan (APNIC 14 Open Policy Meeting)
Tuesday 3 September 2002

Meeting Start: 2:15 pm

Minutes

Present:

Che-Hoo Cheng
Geoff Huston
Xing Li
BK Kim
Akinori Maemura
Qian Hualin
Kuo Wei Wu

Paul Wilson
Connie Chan
Irene Chan
Anne Lord
George Michaelson
Gerard Ross (minutes)

The EC extended a welcome to George Michaelson, APNIC Technical Services Manager.

Agenda:

1. Agenda bashing
2. Minutes from last meeting (19 July 2002)
3. Review of financial report for July 2002
4. Review of semi-annual financial report (January - June 2002)
5. Review of budget status update
6. ICANN reform
7. AC election options
8. NIR criteria and policies
9. AOB
10. Next meeting

1. Agenda bashing

The following items were added to the draft agenda:

- Spam issues

- Next meeting details

- Social event administration

- Details of AC/EC meeting

- Policy meeting on evening of Thursday 5 September 2002

2. Minutes from last meeting (19 July 2002)

- Minutes approved subject to corrections of typographical error in Agenda item 2, regarding IPv6 and numbering of the action items.

➤ **Action ec-02-019**: Secretariat to amend minutes as described and publish.

3. Review of financial report for July 2002

- There has not yet been time to complete the August report, so this report runs only until the end of July.

- An error in the Revenue report was noted in relation to IP resource application fees.

- There was a discussion of the effect of the ICANN payment on the budgeted expenses for the year. It was explained that it is possible that APNIC will pay the outstanding balance to ICANN before the end of the year, therefore the full due amount is still included in the budget forecast.

- It was noted that there appear to be some inconsistencies in the cash-flow report (section 2.4). APNIC has received advice from KPMG on developing a simpler format for this report, but this has not yet been implemented.

➤ **Action ec-02-020**: Secretariat to fix error in July 2002 revenue report.

➤ **Action ec-02-021**: Secretariat to investigate options for improved cash-flow reporting.

4. Review of semi-annual financial report (January - June 2002)

- It was noted that in accordance with a previous decision, the annuity which matured during August 2002 has not been renewed. Following investment advice received, APNIC has moved those funds into longer term, term deposits.

- It was noted that although membership applications dropped in June, they were rising again in July and also in August, which was the strongest month for growth so far this year.

- It was explained that the actual figures in this report were current until the end of July and that the year-end figures were projections.

5. Review of budget status update

- It was noted that currently APNIC's financial position is within four percent of the budget estimates prepared at the beginning of this year.

6. ICANN reform

- It was noted that there has been a suggestion for the RIRs to rephrase the comments regarding the "numbering resource registry" proposal. There are efforts to get this redrafted document to ICANN by the end of September, in time for the review of ICANN's contract with the Department of Commerce.

- It was explained that the Second Interim Implementation Report appears to have a smaller role for the RIRs and ASO than previously.

- There was concern expressed that the new report recommends that the ICANN staff should include a support person for the ASO. It was argued that this was not asked for by the addressing community and that it could be potentially intrusive. Similar comments were made regarding the recommendation for GAC representatives.

- It was noted that the two RIR statements provided to this ICANN Evolution and Reform Committee have apparently been ignored and that the concerns raised by the RIRs have not been addressed. It was suggested that this position is unacceptable and that there is no basis for the RIRs to sign a contract.

- It was argued that the RIRs should not make any further payments to ICANN, should not sign a contract with ICANN, and should prepare a statement of their position expressing their concern with the lack of proper consideration for the RIR position.

- The EC discussed approaching the other RIRs to jointly express dismay and disappointment in the way that RIR inputs have been ignored in this process and that the RIRs are not willing to accept any of the recommendations of the reform committee's report in relation to the role of the ASO or the RIRs.

- Neither of the other RIRs have had the opportunity to discuss this report yet.

- The EC agreed to hold a discussion on this matter with the members during the ICANN Reform session scheduled for the current week.

- The RIRs believe that the role of ICANN should be one of policy oversight rather than policy imposition.

- ➢ **Action ec-02-022**: EC to present the following statement to the membership in the ICANN Reform session scheduled for this week:

"The APNIC EC is dismayed with the second interim report of the ICANN E&R Committee in terms of the lack of consideration and response to the submissions of the RIRs to ICANN.

"In the light of this, the APNIC EC are unwilling to accept the proposed changes to the composition of the ASO, the proposed changes to the support mechanisms of the ASO and proposed changes to the role of the ASO within ICANN."

7. AC election options

- The EC discussed a draft presentation describing two options for improving the AC election procedure. The first option bases voting eligibility on previous attendance at APNIC meetings. The second option proposes the introduction of an APNIC at-large membership.

- The EC discussed whether to make a formal recommendation to the membership.

- It was suggested that the issue of whether non-members should be allowed to vote was related to the RIRs' relationship to ICANN.

- It was suggested in relation to at-large memberships that it would be a mistake to change the fundamental structure of APNIC in order to meet the needs of the ASO.

- It was suggested that a third option - of restricting the vote to regular APNIC members - should also be considered.

- It was noted that the current Associate membership tier could still be used by individuals seeking to be involved in AC elections.

- The EC decided to include the third option, of allowing only APNIC members to vote, without expanding the membership structure.

- In relation to the question of electronic voting, it was noted that the MyAPNIC system to be launched in this Open Policy Meeting has been designed to support possible future electronic voting.

- It was noted that to introduce electronic voting for individuals would also require administrative overhead and may raise some of the same issues as the at-large membership.

- ➢ **Action ec-02-023**: AM to make final changes to the presentation summarising the AC voting options, to be discussed at the ICANN Reform session.

[Kuo Wei Wu joined the meeting at this point. His transport to the meeting had been delayed]

8. NIR criteria and policies

- Considerable work has been ongoing for some time in relation to developing NIR criteria and operational policies. Also, APNIC has been approached by VNNIC in relation to their need to achieve NIR status.

- There was a discussion of the implications of recognising only a single NIR within each country or economy. It was noted that under current proposals, ISPs would still be able to seek address space from APNIC instead of the NIR.

- It was noted that the current proposal is not intended to change the existing relationship between APNIC and NIRs, but rather to clarify that relationship.

- The EC considered whether it was necessary for this issue to be decided by membership vote. It was noted that the issues involved do not have any significant effect on the existing members.

- It was suggested that since the membership meeting is so close, it is preferable to seek a show of hands from the membership. The intention of the show of hands would be to seek authorisation for the EC to consider approval of future NIR requests.

- It was suggested that it is appropriate to include this discussion in the NIR report during the member meeting.

- It was noted that the proposal requires the Secretariat to develop a request procedure for NIR applications. The EC agreed that written applications were preferable.

- ➢ **Action ec-02-024**: Chair to communicate EC position during the EC report at the member meeting, then AM to present this issue during the NIR report.

9. AOB

Spam

- There was a recent BOF in Shanghai regarding spam. It had been reported that spam is consuming up to 30 percent of bandwidth in this region. It was also noted that the problem of spam is greatest in the Asia Pacific region.

- The BOF heard discussions of the issues surrounding ISP responsibility for spam problems. It had been suggested that competition between ISPs made it difficult for the ISPs to self-regulate. Therefore, it had been suggested that APNIC could take a role in requiring members to enforce anti-spam practices.

- Several EC members expressed the view that it was not appropriate for APNIC to take on this role. It was suggested that the problem was partly regulatory and partly operational.

- It was noted that there had been suggestions that APNIC should enforce an acceptable use policy. However, it was suggested that the problems of investigation and enforcement would make such procedures unworkable.

- It was suggested that APNIC's primary role is to ensure that the database is properly administered.

- It was strongly suggested that APNIC could not act as Internet police.

- It was suggested that without regulatory authority, which APNIC does not have, such a role could not actually be adopted.

- There was a brief discussion of the role and functions of APEC-Tel.

- It was noted that no single body can solve the spam issue as there are technical, legal, and operational factors involved. However, it was suggested that APNIC could play some role in helping in the issue. It was noted that APNIC is indeed holding a network abuse BOF in this Open Policy Meeting.

- APNIC's current activities in relation to spam and network abuse were explained, including BOFs, Apster articles, training course modules, public education via responses to complaints, and FAQs.

- The activities of TWNIC were also noted, including frequent information sessions for members.

- AP* have also held a recent meeting on these issues; however, several people in that meeting suggested that APNIC should take on the role, based primarily on resources.

- It was agreed that if there was a strong request from the community for APNIC to take a role, then it would consider such requests.

- It was suggested that if an AP-CAUCE formed, APNIC could consider cooperating with or joining that organisation. However, there was strong opposition expressed to this action. It was argued that APNIC has a clearly defined role, and that if were to begin intervening

in operational matters, it would damage the role of APNIC and jeopardise members' interests.

- It was suggested that it would be dangerous to move away from APNIC's core role into matters of Internet behaviour.

- It was suggested that as a member of APIA, APNIC would encourage APIA to take an active role in abuse issues.

- It was agreed that APNIC should take an active role in training and awareness raising.

APNIC-14 Social Event duties

- There will be a prize draw during the social event and some EC members will be required to assist.

Details of AC/EC meeting

- The EC should request that the ASO secretariat should be more proactive in dealings with the RIRs. In particular, the AC meeting agendas and minutes should be posted to RIR boards. The AC should also seek comments from the RIR boards in advance of meetings. However, it was noted that the APNIC Secretariat does have access to these materials and could take the initiative of passing them on to the EC.

- It was noted that the ASO and the RIRs are currently very separate and that there should be improved communication between the two.

Policy meeting

- SIG Chairs will prepare summaries of policy discussions to be discussed on Thursday evening.

10. Next meeting

- Friday 13 September

Meeting closed: 5:00 pm

Open action items

- ➤ **Action ec-02-006**: EC to present an AC election options statement at the next open ASO meeting (Akinori Maemura).
  AM has worked on a draft presentation to be discussed at this meeting. It was subsequently determined at that meeting that the anyone who attends APNIC meetings can vote and that members unable to attend can vote by proxy.

- ➤ **Action ec-02-011**: EC to work with the other RIRs to draft a common document outlining potential follow-up activities relating to ICANN evolution and reform (Geoff Huston)
  Progress report to come at this meeting

- ➤ **Action ec-02-014**: Secretariat to draft NIR proposal and submit it to the EC and NIRs for consideration as a proposal for membership adoption. Done - But ongoing discussion is required.

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