APNIC EC Meeting Minutes

Teleconference
Friday 20 December 2002

Meeting Start: 11:10 am (UTC+10)

Minutes

Present:

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

Paul Wilson
Irene Chan
Gerard Ross (minutes)

Apologies:

BK Kim

Agenda:

1. Agenda Bashing
2. Minutes from last meeting (14 November 2002)
3. Financial reports for November 2002
4. ICANN Status
5. Next APNIC meeting proposals (August/September 2003)
6. AC voting system
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1. Agenda Bashing

- Simultaneous interpretation and ITU membership to be added to AOB.

2. Minutes from last meeting (14 November 2002)

- The draft minutes had the wrong date. This is to be corrected.

- There were some clarifications made to the discussion of ICANN issues.

- There was a review of the open action items.

- It was noted that VNNIC have now submitted their NIR recognition application.

- Subject to the issues discussed, the EC approved the minutes from 8 November 2002.

- ➢ **Action ec-02-034:** (updated) (Secretariat to initiate and encourage research into the most appropriate collocation sites, bearing in mind the bandwidth and other issues discussed. Done.) PW to circulate draft call for expressions of interest in relation to the root server location.

- ➢ **Action ec-02-035:** Secretariat to publish minutes from 14 November 2002.

> **Action ec-02-036:** PW to circulate VNNIC application for discussion at next EC meeting.

3. Financial reports for November 2002

- The Accounts Receivable increased due to a large number of renewals, particularly in the larger member categories. Currently only 18 percent of the accounts receivable is overdue.

- There was a discussion about the level of the projected per allocation fee for IPv4 addresses. The Secretariat will investigate the basis for this projection. It is possible that an adjustment of this figure may vary the revenue by approximately one percent.

- It was noted that the depreciation projection appears to be low. It was explained that depreciation on equipment purchased this year was omitted from the budget at the start of the year. It was also noted that in this report, "capital equipment" includes property as well as equipment.

> **Action ec-02-037:** The Secretariat will investigate the basis for the projected per allocation fee for IPv4 addresses.

4. ICANN Status

- There no longer seems to be any prospect of ICANN supporting the proposal for the RIRs to take over the role of IANA.

- The RIRs want to propose policies about how IANA works, and for ICANN to say yes or no quickly. There appears to be some support from Vint Cerf on this position. It also seems that ICANN is close to agreeing on this.

- The RIRs also want to ensure that if ICANN fails, the numbers should be held in an accessible and stable place.

- In other discussions, there was a distinction made between policy and appointments to the ICANN board. There have been some preliminary discussions about redefining the ASO structure. It appears that on this issue, the RIRs and ICANN may be close to a heads of agreement document, which would be one step away from forming a new MoU and a contract.

- In recent talks with ICANN, it has been acknowledged that ICANN consider that there is an opportunity for the RIRs to redefine the ASO. It is possible that the RIRs could form a policy coordination group outside the current ASO structure, leaving the ASO to concentrate on its function as an election committee.

- It is anticipated that APNIC may be involved in some more communications with the EU.

- It is now expected that a final position can be agreed by the end of January.

5. Next APNIC meeting proposals (August/September 2003)

- There was a discussion of the proposals received to host the next standalone APNIC Open Policy Meeting.

- There was a suggestion that it is surprising that APNIC has not yet held a meeting in China and that perhaps it is time to hold a meeting in Beijing.

- It was noted that to date, CNNIC has not yet provided a full financial breakdown of the proposal, although there is enough time to receive that information before an announcement needs to be made.

- It was noted that the proposals are all of good quality and are comprehensive.

- It was noted that there was a need for closer inspection of the proposals in terms of comparing the quality.

- It was noted that there has not yet been a meeting in South Asia.

- There was a request for the Secretariat to base the comparison on the following points: financial, operational convenience, other factors.

- CNNIC should also be asked to provide more details, especially in terms of the financial breakdown. It was noted that in the past, APNIC has allowed each proponent to provide additional information as required.

  ➢ **Action ec-02-038:** Secretariat to request CNNIC to provide more details, especially in terms of the financial breakdown. The deadline for this information should be two weeks before the next EC meeting.

  ➢ **Action ec-02-039:** Secretariat to prepare a detailed breakdown and comparison of proposals (financial, operational convenience, other factors) in time for the next EC meeting.

[Kuo Wei Wu had to leave the meeting to meet another engagement]

6. AC voting system

- There is no formal proposal yet, as the composition of, and voting for, the AC will depend upon the outcome of the ICANN discussions.

- A suggested process is to hold another open ASO session in Taipei where the APNIC EC can inform the community of the progress of the ICANN reform and propose an election procedure. From this session, feedback could be received which would refine the proposal in time for the next APNIC meeting.

- It was suggested that, following the IETF model, it should be suitable to require that persons attend at least one out of the past three meetings in order to be eligible to vote. This formula would reduce the possible administrative burden and ensure that the eligibility list is more manageable and accurate.

- It was noted that currently the ASO carries out two roles: first, they nominate individuals to serve as ICANN board members. Second, they act as a policy group between RIRs and ICANN. It is this second role that may change as a result of current ICANN reform processes (discussed previously in this meeting)

7. AOB

Simultaneous interpretation

- In order to purchase equipment before the end of the year, the Secretariat has gone ahead on the basis proposed by the EC, which is to provide capacity for interpretation of the local meeting language as well as English (as the "floor language" of the meeting).

- It was proposed to make the equipment available at cost to other relevant meetings.

- There is also a desire to investigate the use of the real time scribes. APNIC has received feedback on the system used by the scribes at the ICANN meeting. There is still a need to investigate the costs of a professional stenographer.

- The EC approved continued action on this matter.

ITU-T membership

- Membership of the UTU-T confers benefits such as certain recognition and access to considerable resources from the ITU.

- There would be both pros and cons in being seen to be a member of the ITU-T. While it is good to be seen as open and communicative, it could also be seen as an endorsement of the role of the ITU in Internet address administration, governance, or even in the ICANN process.

- It was noted that APNIC would pay one half of a "membership unit", for which the fee is established every 2 years.

- It is not yet known the opinions of the other RIRs on this matter.

- It was suggested that it would be useful to gain access to ITU documents and agendas and to be directly informed of their activities.

- It was noted that although there may be some problems of perception, there would be significant benefits.
- It was clarified that the membership is annual, and may be dropped if it is felt that the benefits are not significant.
- It was noted that APNIC would need to be careful in terms of possible criticism. It was suggested that if negative feedback were received, it would be possible for the EC to make an informal statement. It was suggested that the EC could make an informal statement on the GAR boards list to explain APNIC's reasons for joining and clarifying APNIC's relationship to the ITU.
- The membership should also be reviewed after one year.
- ➢ **Action ec-02-040:** Secretariat to post message on behalf of the EC to the GAR boards list briefly explaining the reasons for joining the ITU-T.

8. Research scientist position

[Geoff Huston left the meeting voluntarily at this point.]

- Paul Wilson noted APNIC's intention to offer a contract for the position of "Senior Internet Research Scientist" to Telstra, to provide the services of Geoff Huston for one year (75% of FTE).
- Geoff would continue to work in Canberra as a Telstra employee, with 75% of his time spent on research projects specified by APNIC. The contract would reimburse to Telstra 75% of Geoff's salary plus a nominal "on-cost" fee.
- Geoff has offered to step down from the position of Secretary of the EC, but with permission of the EC, wishes to continue as an EC member for the rest of his term (ending March 2004).
- The EC noted that Geoff would contribute very strongly to APNIC through this position. It was agreed that Geoff should continue as an EC member, and that any case of possible conflict of interest would be dealt with in according to APNIC policy at the appropriate time.

9. Next meeting

- To be arranged.

Meeting closed: 12:40pm

Open action items

- ➢ **Action ec-02-025:** Secretariat to investigate past meeting attendance data and prepare a proposal for determining AC voting entitlement.
- ➢ **Action ec-02-033:** Secretariat to seek legal advice on preparing an addendum to the membership agreement or alternatively developing a separate NIR membership agreement.
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