

APNIC EC Meeting Minutes

Teleconference

Wednesday 16 April 2003

Meeting Start: 11:15 am (UTC+10)

Minutes

Present:

Che-Hoo Cheng
Geoff Huston
Kuo Wei Wu
Qian Hualin
Ma Yan
Akinori Maemura (Chair)
Yong Wan Ju

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

Apologies:

none

Agenda:

1. Agenda Bashing
2. Minutes from last meeting (14 March 2003)
3. Financial report for March 2003
4. ICANN Status
5. AOB

1. Agenda Bashing

The following topics are also to be discussed:

- None.

2. Minutes from last meeting (14 March 2003)

- The minutes from the meeting on 14 March 2003 were discussed. Subject to reformatting and updating of the action list, the EC approved the minutes.
- **Action ec-03-050:** Secretariat to amend and publish minutes from 14 March 2003.

3. Financial report for March 2003

- The loss shown in the financial report for March was discussed. It was noted that because APNIC uses a fortnightly pay cycle, there will sometimes be three pay cycles in a single month. It was noted that the expenses shown in March are all within the budget.
- It was noted that the travel and meeting expenses shown in the March report include the expenses from APNIC 15.

- It was noted that the overall summary shows that the budget is being tracked within a two percent margin. It was noted that the exchange rate fluctuation was 2.3 percent. It was noted that budget is still tracking quite accurately.
- There are positive indicators. Accounts receivable and new memberships are strong. There is also a strong increase in new membership applications.
- It was noted that the time to finalise a new membership can be anywhere from two weeks to two months.
- In relation to closed memberships, it was noted that APNIC will find out quickly about mergers and acquisitions from the transfer request. Many closures are due to members becoming uncontactable.
- The reasons for members becoming uncontactable include business closures, relocations, and lack of response to APNIC communications. In these cases, APNIC recovers the resources.

4. ICANN Status

- The RIRs are still close to completing work with ERC. Three issues remain outstanding, namely, the form of the global policy process including the role and structure of the ASO, the form of arbitration or mediation which should apply to disputes, and what happens if ICANN folds.
- On the issue of the role and structure of the ASO, it was noted that the RIRs had previously been told that this was theirs to define, but since then, the ERC has asked for representatives to be involved in the relevant parts of the ASO process. It was noted that various opinions have emerged from the RIRs on this issue and that a common position will need to be negotiated.
- The new leadership at ICANN appears to be eager to close off old problems as quickly as possible.
- GH is currently writing a summary of the ERC position for the GAR boards.
- The DoC position now appears to be that the temporary extension of the ICANN contract will be extended again.
- There appears to be some consolidation in ICANN with the new CEO.
- Discussions of the IPv6 sparse allocation policy are currently stagnant, as are discussions of IETF liaison.
- It was clarified that it will not be necessary to change the ICANN ByLaws, only the ICANN ASO MoU.
- It was noted that the Rio meeting was fairly uneventful with only minor agreements reached. One ERC member suggested it may be necessary to have a single large meeting to sort out all major outstanding points. The RIRs responded that is not entirely possible as the process must allow for the RIRs to take these agreements to their communities. It was noted that Paul Twomey was listening carefully to everyone in Rio. He does appear to believe that it is urgent to get the RIR negotiations finally sorted out.
- It was noted that the current proposal from GH is exactly what the RIRs had agreed upon some time ago. It was also noted that GH's summary to the GAR boards will be very useful.
- Regarding the DoC relationship, it was noted that an early draft of the ICANN-RIR contract included a provision that the RIR contract would revert back to DoC if ICANN failed. It was noted that the RIRs had previously opposed this clause; however, it may be worthwhile to review that decision. This would prevent the situation of the RIRs being left in an uncertain position if ICANN fails.
- One possible outcome of ICANN failing would be that DoC may appoint a lighter body with more delegation. However, it was also noted that it may not be realistic to expect any major change in policy or function if a new body were to arise.

- There does not appear to be any formal action currently required by the APNIC EC.
- It has already been proposed that the ASO discussion should not be discussed as part of Evolution and Reform. It may be worth considering putting out a statement of closure on ER and then moving to the next step of working on a contract.
- In relation to the issue of providing for the failure of ICANN, the options are to either execute a second agreement with DoC that would only come into effect if the ICANN contract fails, or to join the DoC in the ICANN-RIR contract.
- **Action ec-03-051:** GH to provide a full summary of negotiations and issues to the GAR Boards.

5. AOB

- Concern was expressed regarding APNIC staff travel in SARS affected regions. It was noted that some training activities have been postponed. APNIC staff are monitoring the WHO and Australian government advisories, which both advise deferring non-essential travel. It was noted that the Secretariat does not require staff to travel to areas with current travel advisories.
- The information on real time reporting was received this week. The cost is AU\$500 per hour for the reporters. The total cost would be approximately US\$10,000. This is considerably less than the costs incurred at ICANN meetings, but it is enough to exceed current meeting budget guidelines in some cases. This is an issue the EC would need to consider. The real time reporting would also be able to be multicast live. It was noted that the real time reporting would make comprehension much easier for many people in the region. There were expressions of support for real time reporting. It was agreed to exclude the cost of the reporting from the APNIC 16 budget on a trial basis. It was clarified that there is no requirement for any additional equipment purchase.

6. Next Meeting

- 9 May 2003

Meeting closed: 11:50 am

Open action items

- **Action ec-03-033:** (Updated 25/02/2003) Secretariat has received legal advice on whether to prepare either an addendum to the membership agreement or alternatively develop a separate NIR membership agreement. Either option is acceptable. Secretariat to now complete draft of new agreement. (Open)
- **Action ec-03-046:** Secretariat to amend format of monthly and quarterly financial reports to include year-to-date actual figures with budget comparisons. (Open)
- **Action ec-03-047:** Secretariat to select one or more staff members to participate with Geoff Huston and Takashi Arano in the IETF Directorate discussions. (Activity noted in March minutes). (Open)
- **Action ec-03-048:** GH to prepare a document summarising the current state of discussions with the GAR boards and proposing a restricted role for the ASO. (Open)
- **Action ec-03-049:** Secretariat to amend the minutes from 25 February 2003 and publish on the web site. (Open)
- **Action ec-03-050:** Secretariat to amend and publish minutes from 14 March 2003. (Open)
- **Action ec-03-051:** GH to provide a full summary of negotiations and issues to the GAR Boards. (Open)