

APNIC EC Meeting Minutes

Teleconference
Monday 14 July 2003

Meeting Start: 3:10 pm (UTC+10)

Minutes

Present:

Akinori Maemura (Chair)
Che-Hoo Cheng
Qian Hualin
Geoff Huston

Paul Wilson
Irene Chan
Gerard Ross (minutes)

Apologies:

Qian Hualin
Ma Yan
Yong Wan Ju

Agenda:

1. Agenda bashing
2. Minutes from last meeting (13 June 2003)
3. Financial report for June 2003
4. Budget update
5. ICANN status
6. AOB
7. Next meeting

1. Agenda bashing

The following topics are also to be discussed:

- Address Council election

2. Minutes from last meeting (13 June 2003)

- The minutes from the meeting on 13 June 2003 were discussed and approved without amendment.
- **Action ec-03-056:** Secretariat to publish minutes from 13 June 2003.

3. Financial report for June 2003

- This has been published as the semi-annual financial report and includes comparisons to the new budget.
- Accounts receivable shows little change from the last report. It is quite good for this time of year in comparison to previous years.
- This report shows that expenses are currently being held conservatively below budget. The revenue forecast is also below budget, to a slightly lower level.

- It was noted that June showed the largest growth in membership so far this year.
- It was noted that the cash reserve is held in a variety of different term accounts.
- It was also noted that APNIC holds additional long term deposits in AU dollars. Because these deposits have terms longer than one year they are shown as non-current assets.
- It was noted that this is a difficult time due to drops in the US dollar, so what has been done is about as best as can be expected. It was suggested that for the next budget, APNIC will likely be required to adopt an even more conservative approach.
- It was noted that the fall in US dollar actually means that members are benefiting from effectively lower fees.

4. Budget update

- This version of the budget was produced in response to movements in the exchange rate, based on information provided by APNIC's financial adviser. It was circulated for the information of the EC and does not require specific re-approval.
- It was noted that changes in exchange rate require some expenses to be reconsidered.
- The revenue estimate is now down by 4.6 percent, as most revenue is in US dollars.
- The current interest rates on AU dollar accounts are significantly higher than rates on US dollar accounts. Some money has now been shifted to accounts with higher interest rates, which should compensate for the rise in the AU dollar.
- Following discussions with financial advisers, most US dollar reserves have now been shifted into AU dollar accounts. This was done within the last month.

5. ICANN status

- GH has circulated notes following up from the GAR board's discussions in Montreal. The Numbering Resource Organization (NRO) MoU has been under discussion. There have been some changes to the "Next Steps" section of the document. The document has been put to all of the RIR legal teams and advice is expected this week. Once that advice has been considered, APNIC will need to consider signing the document and joining the NRO.
- An outstanding issue will be whether to incorporate the NRO and set it up as a distinct entity. This issue should be on the agenda in September or October.
- It was noted that there is a growing need for the RIRs to be able to work as one body in dealings with ICANN, and potentially in an environment where ICANN no longer exists.
- A second draft that has been circulated is intended to replace the ICANN MoU for the ASO. Under this draft, the NRO would eventually take over the role of the existing ASO. This draft would also change the composition of the existing ASO. There would be one individual nominated by each RIR board, and the open forums would appoint an additional two representatives per region. The intention of this draft is to create a body that would work better with the RIRs in its dealings with ICANN.
- The timetable is to form the NRO, then open negotiations with ICANN about the ASO, leading to a new ASO MoU with ICANN.
- This plan would allow the RIRs to have a greater say in ICANN activities.
- The NRO would be totally independent of ICANN. ICANN would not be a signatory to the NRO MoU.
- In Montreal and Barcelona, the RIRs have been told that DoC and ICANN do not currently wish to delegate the IANA function to the RIRs.
- There have been some conversations with the ASO AC Chair, Mark McFadden regarding the NRO plan. McFadden has also conducted a survey of the AC members, which demonstrated that they would be satisfied with the general principles contained in the NRO plans.

- It was suggested that once the NRO MoU is signed, the APNIC EC could write to the AC members from this region, to formally explain these developments. It was noted that there is also a meeting scheduled with the AC members at APNIC 16.

6. AOB

ASO Address Council election

- The existing ASO MoU still stands, so it will be necessary to hold the AC election at APNIC 16.
- Currently there are no nominations to replace Seung-Min Lee, whose term expires this year.
- The deadline for nominations is 23 July.

7. Next meeting

- To be held at APNIC 16.

Meeting closed: 4:05 pm

Open action items

- **Action ec-03-058:** Secretariat to provide a draft of the amended fee schedule and circulate it to the EC for their consideration in the July teleconference.
- **Action ec-03-059:** GH will circulate to the EC a draft APNIC response to the IAB.
- **Action ec-03-060:** Secretariat to publish minutes from 13 June 2003.