APNIC EC Meeting Minutes

Teleconference
Friday 12 September 2003

Meeting Start: *3:05 pm (UTC+10)*

Minutes

Present:

> Akinori Maemura (Chair)
> Qian Hualin
> Geoff Huston
> Kuo Wei Wu
> Ma Yan
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> Paul Wilson
> Irene Chan
> Connie Chan
> Gerard Ross (minutes)

Apologies:

> Che-Hoo Cheng
> Yong Wan Ju

Agenda:

1. Agenda bashing
2. Minutes from last meeting (19 August 2003)
3. Financial report for August 2003
4. ICANN status
5. Consideration of Adoption of NRO MoU
6. Review of MyAPNIC voting system
7. Proposal to host APNIC meeting in 2004
8. NRO Number Council selection procedures
9. AOB
10. Next meeting

1. Agenda bashing

The following topics are also to be discussed:

- none.

2. Minutes from last meeting (19 August 2003)

- The minutes from the meeting on 19 August 2003 were discussed and approved without amendment.
- ➢ **Action ec-03-062:** Secretariat to publish minutes from 19 August 2003.

3. Financial report for August 2003

- Overall expenses and revenues are still below budget. There are no major changes to report since last meeting.

- The current exchange rate being used is .6551. The rate has fluctuated a bit in the last few months. A drop in the exchange rate in August has helped create some unrealised gains.

- There has been a member recently upgrade from medium to very large. Membership is now approaching the projection.

- It was noted that we are now tracking very close to the revised budget.

- There have been many new membership applications in August.

4. ICANN status

- The RIR Boards met last week in conjunction with the RIPE meeting. At this meeting, consideration finished in respect to the NRO document. There is a second document - the agreement with ICANN - which is currently with the legal team.

- There will be another conference call on Monday 15 September. This meeting will be to review the agreement and to discuss a cover note to be posted on the RIR web sites for a period of at least 30 days. The RIRs will call for comments during that period, before moving to sign the agreement.

- It is important to communicate that the intention is not to split with ICANN. This is why it is necessary to put both documents up together with the cover note.

- The EC was asked to endorse publishing these documents on the APNIC web site for at least 30 days before making a decision to endorse the documents.

- There was a request to include in this documentation the comments regarding transition.

- The comment period will inform the community of the general intentions and give them the opportunity to ask questions.

- There have been no discussions about synchronising the release of the documents in all RIRs, but there is a general expectation that all will approach this in a similar way.

5. Consideration of Adoption of NRO MoU

- See "ICANN status" above.

- The following text was proposed to be released with the NRO document and the draft ICANN contract.

   - That the Executive Council seeks public comment on the proposed measures relating to interfacing with ICANN, including the proposed Number Resource Organization and the restructuring of the Address Supporting Organization. The APNIC EC will determine whether to formally adopt these documents after these documents have been posted for comment for a period of 30 days.

- **Action ec-03-063:** GH and Secretariat to publish documents and establish process for receiving comments. GH to direct EC members to online documentation to seek approval before making link publicly visible.

6. Review of MyAPNIC voting system

- This item is raised as a reminder of the discussion that took place in the Taipei meeting. It will be necessary to take the discussion further and determine how to implement online voting.

- It was noted that it would be good to have this available for the next EC election in February 2004.

- It was noted that the only issue that is certain to go to the vote at the next APNIC meeting is the EC election. It is possible of course that other voting issues could arise in the meantime.

- It was suggested that it would be preferable to trial the voting system on an issue other than an EC election and to get the members used to the online voting system on a less important issue before making this available for EC elections.

- It was noted that online voting arises from a long standing request to make this system available, as it is allowable under the existing By-Laws.

- It is not necessary to make any specific decisions about this now, but it has been raised because implementing the system will require considerable preparation.

- It was noted that there will be a need to develop a procedure before introducing electronic voting.

- It was agreed that APNIC should develop and document an online voting procedure on the web site then announce that one item will be selected for a trial online vote at the Kuala Lumpur meeting.

- There was a discussion as to whether electronic voting would replace other forms of voting. It was agreed that online voting should be considered as just another way of lodging a valid vote.

- It was suggested that there would need to be a procedure for determining which issues would be decided by electronic vote.

- It was noted that very few matters actual require a vote and that these generally have a long lead time.

- There is no mention in the By-Laws relating to electronic meetings. It may be necessary to determine whether it would be possible to have an election outside of a meeting.

  - ➢ **Action ec-03-064:** Secretariat to draft guidelines regarding electronic voting.

7. Proposal to host APNIC meeting in 2004

- There was a discussion of the need to make the call for proposals as soon as possible to allow all maximum time to prepare for the selection. An early announcement also allows the maximum time for members to prepare for the meeting.

8. NRO Number Council selection procedures

- It was noted that in 2004 there will be no open election for the NRO Number Council.

- It was noted that the EC needs to make a decision as to how to select the RIR person for the NRO Number Council. It was noted that there is no need to decide this right now as it can be decided after the comments have been received on the NRO document.

- It was argued that there is much to be said for appointing the EC Chair as the RIR's NRO NC representative. This would help overcome the existing problem of a lack of integration and communication between the EC and the ASO AC.

- It was also noted that the EC and the Director General could form a selection committee to select the person best qualified to serve in this position.

- This will be discussed further at the next EC meeting

9. AOB

- none.

10. Next meeting

- It is preferable to schedule the meeting for 17 October to allow for comments on the NRO document to be considered.

Meeting closed: *4:10 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-03-062:** Secretariat to publish minutes from 19 August 2003.

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