

APNIC EC Meeting Minutes

Friday 11 June 2004

Meeting Start: 11:25

Minutes

Present:

Akinori Maemura (Chair)
Che-Hoo Cheng
Qian Hualin
Vinh Ngo
Ma Yan

Paul Wilson
Geoff Huston
Connie Chan
Gerard Ross (minutes)

Apologies:

Kuo-Wei Wu
Yong Wan Ju

Agenda:

1. Agenda bashing
2. Minutes from last meeting (14 May 2004)
3. Financial report for May 2004
4. ICANN status
5. AC transition plan
6. Stakeholders Survey
7. APNIC tax status renewal
8. Authority to sign APNIC membership agreements
9. AOB
10. Next meeting - 16 July 2004

1. Agenda bashing

The following topics are also to be discussed:

- none.

2. Minutes from last meeting (14 May 2004)

- The minutes from the meeting on 14 May 2004 were discussed and approved.
- **Action ec-04-013:** Secretariat to publish minutes from 14 May 2004.

3. Financial report for May 2004

- It was noted that the Secretariat is currently keeping expenses below budget. There are now some unrealised gains entering the reports as the US dollar recovers. This is bringing the revenue up to budget, but should not be relied on exclusively.

- It was noted that the main reason revenue is down on this report is because interest has not yet been fully credited.
- Individual expense items are up and down for various reasons, owing to uneven payments throughout the year.
- It was noted that it is customary to revise the budget mid-year. The Secretariat will present a revised budget for the July EC meeting.
- The month just past was the highest in terms of new membership since mid-2001, however, there were also many closures during the month.

4. ICANN status

- The ASO MoU comment period has now ended. There has been an active discussion on the GAR Boards list about how to incorporate the comments. A new revision should be available shortly.
- There has been no suggestion yet that the revised document will require a further comment period.
- It was noted that some changes proposed for the document are separate from what arose on the comments list and may need public discussion if considered substantial by any of the parties.
- APNIC recently made a further payment to ICANN, bringing APNIC's total payments up to 50 percent of the accrued fees.
- Raúl Echeberría is the NRO Treasurer. He is preparing a submission in response to the proposed ICANN budget, noting some concerns about the budget group process.
- It was noted that if RIR concerns about the performance of IANA are significant, then the RIRs should make those concerns public.
- It was noted that as ICANN is now budgeting more money for domain name work, then the RIRs may need to review the proposed ICANN fees.

5. AC transition plan

- The RIR boards have proposed a transition plan for the ASO Address Council. It has been discussed but not yet formally agreed. The proposal is that if the new MoU is signed, then the seats expiring on the AC this year will be filled with appointments from the RIRs.
- There is a problem arising from the fact that the current MoU requires a call for nominations for the election at APNIC 18.
- It was noted that since the EC has already given notice of the intent to sign a new MoU. Therefore, it may be appropriate for the EC to issue a notice deferring the election until the negotiations over the new MoU are finalised.
- It was suggested that APNIC could issue a call for nominations under the terms of the current MoU but with a footnote to the effect that if the new MoU is signed then the election may not be required.
- It was noted that although the election happens in August, the new member does not take their seat until the start of 2005.
- The EC resolved to defer the AC election until March 2005, pending developments with the new MoU.
- **Action ec-04-014:** Secretariat to announce EC's decision to defer the election. Secretariat to also approach Kenny Huang to ask him to extend his position until the matter is resolved.

6. Stakeholders survey

- John Earls has communicated his thanks for the assistance received from AM in Japan and CHC in Hong Kong.

- It was noted that it is desirable to get a high level of detail received on certain issues. However, it was noted that the level of detail asked in the second part of the survey could convey the impression that all the services mentioned are now up for a membership vote. It was suggested that the level of detail relating to specific services may be inappropriate for the EC to ask. It was agreed that the covering letter needs to be carefully drafted to ensure that the survey does not convey the wrong impression, especially in relation to any perceptions that the Secretariat may be planning to raise fees.
 - It was suggested that the cover letter, which is already in two parts, should reflect the difference in roles between the EC and the Director General.
 - It was noted that the first part of the survey is seeking feedback to the EC about how APNIC is doing in general. The second part of the survey is seeking feedback to the Director General in relation to prioritising services and setting appropriate directions.
 - It was noted that many services are important and have to be delivered, even though some members may not see direct benefits from them.
 - It was agreed that the cover letter could be amended as suggested and sent back to the EC for final approval.
- **Action ec-04-015:** Secretariat to amend survey cover letter and send to EC members for final approval.

7. APNIC tax status renewal

- It was explained that the current tax status of APNIC was granted in 1998 for a six year term. APNIC now has eight months to apply for the current tax status to continue.
- As part of the application process, the Secretariat has been working with KPMG and compiling details of changes to the corporate documents since the status was first granted.
- If the taxation status is not reviewed, then APNIC could consider appealing the decision. However, if APNIC lost the current status, it would not make a very large difference to current operations, as APNIC is now operating a balanced budget, without generating the annual surpluses previously required for expansion.

8. Authority to sign APNIC membership agreements

- The EC were advised formally that the DG has authorised Irene Chan to use facsimiles of the Director General's signature on membership agreements and related documents.

9. AOB

- none.

10. Next meeting

- July 16, 11:00am (UTC+10).

Meeting closed: 12:25

Open action items

- **Action ec-04-011:** Paul Wilson to raise issue of ERX resource recovery with NRO EC.
- **Action ec-04-013:** Secretariat to publish minutes from 14 May 2004.
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