

APNIC EC Meeting Minutes

Friday 8 October 2004

Meeting Start: 11:00 am

Minutes

Present:

Akinori Maemura (Chair)

Che-Hoo Cheng

Qian Hualin

Kuo-Wei Wu

Ma Yan

Paul Wilson

Geoff Huston

Irene Chan

Connie Chan

Gerard Ross (minutes)

Apologies:

Vinh Ngo

Agenda:

1. Agenda bashing
2. Minutes from last meeting (17 September 2004)
3. Financial report for September 2004
4. ICANN/NRO Status
5. AOB
6. Next Meeting

1. Agenda bashing

The following topics are also to be discussed:

- Korean Internet governance meeting.

2. Minutes from last meeting (17 September 2004)

- The minutes from the meeting on 17 September 2004 were discussed and approved.
- There was discussion about whether the proposed NIR fee schedule working group should be open or restricted to NIRs only. It was noted that there is a need to get the balance right between respecting that some NIR information is private and working broadly in an open forum. It was suggested that there could be private modelling of the NIR information but that once the generic data was available, it would be best to open the working group up to the broader membership. There was a discussion about whether this review should also apply to confederation members. It was noted that there can be no new confederations, but there are still several existing confederations. It was suggested that it would be appropriate to review NIR and confederation fees together. There was a suggestion that the continued existence of confederation memberships should be reviewed. It was decided to discuss this further at future EC meetings.

- **Action ec-04-024:** Secretariat to provide an analysis of the current status of confederation memberships, including the address resources held and the financial implications of current confederation members.
- **Action ec-04-025:** Secretariat to publish minutes from 17 September 2004.

3. Financial report for September 2004

- This report also contains a quarterly budget analysis. The expenses are about 2.4 percent below budget, while revenue is slightly above budget. All other expenses and revenues are expected to be stable for the coming months. It was explained that this report shows a comparison between the annual budget and the actual year-to-date expenses. It was noted that the variations are quite low, indicating that the predictions were reasonably accurate.
- There was a brief review of the reasons for membership closure and the impact on the distribution across membership categories.
- It was noted that most of the expenses from APNIC 18 have now been paid. The expenses from this meeting were relatively high, but there is not yet a final financial report available, although it is expected to be available for the next EC meeting.

4. ICANN/NRO Status

- It was noted that there were three topics discussed in a teleconference of the RIR Boards this morning.
- One was a view expressed from ICANN that the 60 day period for policy consideration in the MoU is not long enough. Currently, the intention is to proceed to sign the MoU in the current terms, although PW will write to Paul Twomey expressing the NRO's openness to reconsider the 60 day period.
- The second topic related to ICANN's view that the MoU should be signed by the respective RIR heads. There had been some concerns that this would make the NRO irrelevant, but that another view was that it was appropriate as the NRO is not yet incorporated. It was agreed that Ray Plzak would produce a final draft, with a signature page simply stating the name and organisation of each CEO.
- The third topic related to the incorporation of the NRO, including discussions of whether it was necessary to incorporate, whether it was legally appropriate to incorporate, and concerns about incurring an administrative overhead from incorporation. A document is to be produced summarising these issues.
- It was noted that the APNIC EC has consistently held the view that incorporation is a good idea.
- It was noted that it is not possible for incorporation to be accomplished before the MoU is signed on 21 October at the ARIN meeting. The new ASO structure would become official on that date.
- It is not yet clear whether the MoU will be signed by Vint Cerf or Paul Twomey.
- It was noted that the GAC has informally expressed concerns that the 60 day period for policy consideration is too short. However, there has been no formal communication of this concern from ICANN to the NRO.
- It was noted that Paul Twomey has already testified to the US Senate that the MoU is to be signed at the ARIN meeting. It was also noted that ICANN did put this MoU up for a comment period, but received no problems from the GAC during that period.
- It was noted that discussion of the ASO MoU was on the agenda of an ICANN Board meeting that was held on 30 September.

5. AOB

Korean Internet governance meeting

- It was noted that a department of NIDA in Korea is holding an Internet governance symposium. It was suggested that it would be desirable for APNIC to be represented at this meeting and to try to raise concerns about the status of IP addressing issues in the recent Korean legislation.
- The NIDA meeting will have a lot of international speakers. It will be held in English.

Status of NIRs

- There has been an approach from Afghanistan, proposing to hold a meeting in Brisbane in relation to establishing an Afghanistan NIR.
- There have also been expressions of interest from Malaysia, Laos, and Cambodia.

6. Next meeting

- TBA.

Meeting closed: 12:10 pm

Open action items

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