APNIC EC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 15 December 2004

Meeting Start: *11:10 am*

Minutes

Present:

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

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

Apologies:

N/A

Agenda:

1. Agenda bashing
2. Minutes from last meeting (19 November 2004)
3. Financial report for November 2004
4. ICANN/NRO status
5. WGIG discussion
6. AOB
7. Next meeting

1. Agenda bashing

The following topics are also to be discussed:

- Selection of AC member.

2. Minutes from last meeting (19 November 2004)

- The minutes from the meeting on 19 November 2004 were discussed and approved.

- There was a brief discussion clarifying the decision at the last meeting relating to the selection of the next AC member.

- ➢ **Action ec-04-029:** Secretariat to publish amended minutes from 19 November 2004.

3. Financial report for November 2004

- It was noted that some of the expenses have been revised and the report now shows a 0.6 percent variance between the actual expenses and budget, but the revenue is higher than budget.

- It was noted that the Australian dollar has risen against the US dollar. The Secretariat will be very conservative in the remaining weeks of the year to ensure a balanced financial position.

- There was a discussion in relation to the closure of members that become non-contactable. There was a review of the steps the Secretariat takes to try to contact members regarding their accounts.

- It was noted that there was a strong performance in new memberships in November.

[KWW joined the meeting at this point]

- There was a question about how many memberships have been closed because the member has transferred to its relevant NIR. The Secretariat will investigate this and include it in future reports.

- ➢ **Action ec-04-030:** Secretariat to report on the number of membership closures due to transfer to NIR.

4. ICANN/NRO status

- There were meetings in Cape Town which included discussions and presentations about the NRO. PW made a statement in a panel discussion, which has now been published on the NRO site. There was also a presentation in a closed session with the GAC, and an extended discussion about ASO and NRO issues. The meetings appear to have been useful in informing stakeholders and clarifying the role of the NRO.

- The GAC is proposing to set up formal liaison with APNIC and each other RIR. However, it was noted that, as a membership organisation, there is no mechanism in the APNIC structure to provide a formal status for such a liaison. This is an issue the membership or the EC may need to consider.

- It was noted that anyone is welcome to attend the Open Policy Meeting and Member Meeting, but there can be no formal roles or voting rights for such a liaison position without a change to APNIC's Bylaws.

- It was suggested there is a need to better understand the GAC's intentions before making any decision on this matter. There is a need for APNIC to receive a written proposal setting out the requested terms of liaison.

- There was a suggestion to invite some governmental participation in APNIC 19 to explain the intentions behind the liaison proposal and to improve communications between the governmental sector and the RIRs. The EC agreed to this suggestion. There was also a suggestion that it would be appropriate to invite the ICANN CEO.

- It was noted that the NRO is the vehicle the RIRs have created to liaise with ICANN. Therefore, formal liaisons between the GAC and individual RIRs may be outside the scope of that intention. It is also necessary to determine which is the best way for the RIRs to each work with national concerns within their respective regions.

- There has now been a proposal to incorporate the NRO in Uruguay. This is being evaluated by the respective legal teams. This proposal may help to resolve this outstanding issue.

- ➢ **Action ec-04-031:** Secretariat to include discussion of GAC liaison on agenda of January meeting.

5. WGIG discussion

- The first meeting of the WGIG was in Geneva just before the ICANN Cape Town meeting. There was some discussion of opening more of the WGIG sessions to observers.

- There has been some work on setting the process and defining "Internet governance", but there is not much to report at this point.

- Ray Plzak and Axel Pawlik are likely to attend the next WGIG meeting, which will happen in the week before APRICOT 2005.

- The RIRs have observer status in the process.
- The document clarifying aspects of the Zhao document to the ITU-T has now been distributed to the ITU and the other RIRs. There was a discussion of the background to this document.

[VN left the meeting at this point]

6. AOB

Selection of AC member

- The EC formally adopted the document describing the role of the AC member. The EC proceeded on the basis of this document to discuss appointment of a new AC member.
- There was a discussion of nominating a particular candidate to be appointed to the vacant position on the AC.
- There was a suggestion that it is advisable to ensure that any nominees read the document describing the role of the new AC member and understand what their responsibilities will be within the new ASO structure.
- It was agreed that no nominations would be confirmed until the nominees have agreed to the nomination under the terms described.
- It was suggested that the term for the new position should be one year, to ensure that each new AC is appropriately represented. It was noted that the term would need to be based on the calendar year, to align with the other regional representatives.
- ➢ **Action ec-04-032:** Chair to contact the nominated candidate to confirm his willingness to accept the nomination.

7. Next meeting

- 14 January 2005 11:00 UTC+10.

Meeting closed: 12:20 pm

Open action items

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- ➢ **Action ec-04-032:** Chair to contact the nominated candidate to confirm his willingness to accept the nomination.