

APNIC EC Meeting Minutes

Friday, 28 January 2005

Meeting Start: 11:05 am

Minutes

Present:

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

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

Apologies:

Kuo-Wei Wu

Agenda:

1. Agenda bashing
2. Minutes from last meeting (15 December 2004)
3. Annual financial report for 2004
4. ICANN/NRO status
5. RIR response to ICANN strategic plan
6. WGIG discussion
7. Discussion of GAC liaison
8. APDIP igov project and mailing list
9. AOB
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1. Agenda bashing

The following topics are also to be discussed:

- Proposals to host APNIC 20 (AOB)
- Voting mechanisms for current EC election (AOB)

2. Minutes from last meeting (15 December 2004)

- The minutes from the meeting on 15 December 2004 were discussed and approved.
- **Action ec-05-001:** Secretariat to publish minutes from 15 December 2004.

3. Annual financial report for 2004

- The report circulated is a draft, pending final adjustments and approval from the auditors.
- APNIC's total assets increased by approximately three percent during 2004.

- The total receivables has increased as at the end of 2004, however this is due to large NIR invoices sent late in the year, which are not yet due for payment.
- Expenses for 2004 were 0.6% higher than budget, and 13 percent higher than 2003.
- The final position for the end of the year shows a surplus of AU\$69,000.
- It was noted that this is a remarkable result given the fluctuating economic climate in 2004.
- It was stressed that this is still a draft report and that tax figures and other aspects still need to be finalised as the end of year accounts and audit are completed.
- It was explained that because of gains in the AU dollar, the final US dollar reporting of assets will show an apparent gain.
- It was suggested that APNIC could now consider moving some AU dollar assets to US dollar investments as a hedging mechanism. However, the Australian interest rate is likely to remain considerably higher than the US interest rate.
- There was a discussion of the component of the budget taken up by travel expenses. This is the second highest amount in the budget. There was a discussion of obtaining a detailed breakdown of travel costs over the past two years from the APNIC travel consultant.
- By end of 2004, there were 978 members in 47 economies. There was a net gain of 99 members for the year.
- There was a discussion of the difference between applications and new memberships. Generally, about half of the total applicants ultimately become members. Often, this is because applicants realise that they are better off obtaining address space from an upstream provider.
- There was a brief discussion of the mission of the working group that has been established to revise NIR fees.
- There was a review of the membership closures throughout 2004. The majority of closures are at the small membership category. There was a brief discussion of procedures undertaken when members become uncontactable.
- There was a discussion of the process of closing accounts and it was noted that APNIC does reclaim resources from closed accounts.

4. ICANN/NRO status

- There is an NRO EC meeting scheduled for the coming week. One of the items to be discussed is the location for incorporation of the NRO. The proposals for Geneva and Bermuda have been accepted by the RIR boards, but there is now a proposal to incorporate in Uruguay, which may be favourable to all parties. The RIRs' legal advisers are expected to finalise their advice regarding this matter in the coming weeks.
- There remains a need for the NRO to finalise negotiations for a service contract between NRO and ICANN. Again, this issue is currently in the hand of the respective RIR lawyers. It was noted that in 2002 there was an advanced draft of a services contract. The new contract will be quite different, as the policy development process and other issues are now covered by the ASO MoU. The legal advisers still need to determine whether the contract will be signed by the NRO or the individual RIRs.
- ICANN has made a public call for comments on the draft ICANN strategic plan, and APNIC has made a call for comments from the AP community. APNIC has not currently received any comments on this document. It was suggested that it would be very useful to receive comments from the NIRs, either to ICANN directly or through APNIC.
- It was also noted that the ASO AC is planning to make comments.
- AfriNIC is expecting to receive full recognition during the ICANN meeting in Argentina.

- APNIC's role in the AfriNIC transition is smaller than that of ARIN and RIPE NCC, nevertheless APNIC is extending whatever help it can. It was noted that AfriNIC has a small staff that is extremely busy, which makes their task very challenging.

5. RIR response to ICANN strategic plan

- This item was discussed during the previous agenda.
- It was suggested that the document is very substantial and so the NRO should commence work on a response as soon as possible.
- The APNIC Secretariat will prepare a draft of the APNIC response to the ICANN strategic plan and circulate it to the EC.
- **Action ec-05-002:** The APNIC Secretariat will prepare a draft of the APNIC response to the ICANN strategic plan and circulate it to the EC.

6. WGIG discussion

- The WGIG has been producing various draft documents, which they plan to release for public comments next week.
- APNIC will need to prepare responses to those drafts, possibly with the other RIRs.
- It is not yet known whether the next set of WGIG meetings will be open to the public or observers.
- The official timeline for completion of the WGIG work is July 2005.

7. Discussion of GAC liaison

- There has been proposal for a GAC liaison with the RIRs. However, to date, the details of how this liaison should work have not yet been made clear. The GAC has noted that its members have sometimes misunderstood RIR issues and positions. They have also drawn attention to numerous other matters that they wish to have resolved. The GAC feel that these problems could be resolved by improving the liaison relationship and are nominating a group of regional liaisons.
- It was suggested that the RIRs should seek to negotiate this liaison relationship in an open and constructive way.
- It was noted that one of the proposed GAC AP regional liaison people is intending to attend the APNIC meeting. It would be very useful to arrange a meeting with this individual at that time.
- **Action ec-05-003:** AM and APNIC Secretariat to arrange a meeting with proposed GAC liaison person during APNIC 19.

8. APDIP igov project and mailing list

- UNDP-APDIP has launched a project called "Open Regional Dialogue on Internet Governance", or informally 'igov'.
- APNIC has been supporting this project and has contributed staff support for certain aspects of administration.
- This is a serious, well supported project. It currently features an online debate on Internet governance issues. It was suggested that it would be useful for the APNIC EC to monitor the debate and make contributions.
- APNIC will host an official meeting of this project during APNIC 19. The EC members were encouraged to invite appropriate people to attend this meeting.

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9. AOB

Proposals to host APNIC 20

- Proposals have been received from 2 organisations to host APNIC 20, the second meeting in 2005.
- The Secretariat is currently analysing the proposals in terms of cost and feasibility. This will be completed shortly and then circulated to the EC.
- The normal process is for the EC to discuss the proposals in detail at their meeting during APRICOT. Pending analysis of the proposals, it may be worth inviting proponents to attend that meeting.

Voting mechanisms for current EC election

- The MyAPNIC voting system could be launched at any time. It has been thoroughly tested internally, but has never been tested live in a real election.
- It was noted that the proxy system has not been well used and that electronic voting would make it more likely that there would be greater participation in the vote.
- It was suggested that it is too late to announce electronic voting for this election. However, it was suggested that the system should be used for the AC election in APNIC 20, followed by the EC election at APNIC 21.
- It was suggested there could be a public test of the system soon after the Kyoto meeting.

10. Next meeting

- 22 February 2005 9:00

Meeting closed: 12:40 pm

Open action items

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