

# APNIC EC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 11 March 2005

*Meeting Start: 11:00 am*

## Minutes

### Present:

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

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

### Apologies:

Billy Cheon  
Qian Hualin

### Agenda:

1. EC officeholders election
2. Agenda bashing
3. Minutes from last meeting (22 February 2005)
4. Financial report for February 2005
5. ICANN/NRO status
6. Proposed visit to China
7. AOB
8. Next meeting

### 1. EC officeholders election

- The interim Chair outlined the procedure for electing the three officeholder positions for 2005.
- The following nominations have been received:
  - Chair: AM, VN
  - Secretary: BC, MY
  - Treasurer: KW
- The interim Chair declared KW to be elected unopposed as Treasurer.
- MY withdrew his nomination so BC was declared elected unopposed as Secretary.
- VN and AM both acknowledged their willingness to serve as Chair and expressed their reasons for standing.

- The interim Chair called for a vote for the position of Chair. AM was re-elected to the position of Chair, and commenced chairing this meeting.

## 2. Agenda bashing

The following topics are also to be discussed:

- Recent /8 allocation

## 3. Minutes from last meeting (22 February 2005)

- The minutes from the meeting on 22 February 2005 were discussed and approved, subject to an amendment adding Qian Hualin to the attendance list.

**Action ec-05-004:** Secretariat to publish minutes from 28 January 2005.

**Action ec-05-005:** Secretariat to prepare a trial of the MyAPNIC voting system on the subject of future hard copy publication of the Annual Report. The vote is to be scheduled for mid-2005.

- **Action ec-05-007:** Secretariat to publish minutes from 22 February 2005, subject to the amendments discussed.

## 4. Financial report for February 2005

- It was noted that the comparison of budget and year-to-date expenses in this report is not particularly instructive, as many expenses are yet to be reflected in the actual figures.
- There was a request for membership data to allow analysis of the membership growth.
- It was noted that membership growth in February has been good, despite it being a short month and including the Chinese new year holidays.
- There was a discussion of controlling expenses throughout 2005 if any financial difficulties arise. It was noted that delaying planned recruitments and cutting travel would be the most likely candidates for significant cost saving. There was a discussion of the current practices of increasing salaries. It was noted that these issues will not arise if membership growth stays healthy.
- It was explained that APNIC, because it is not like a normal commercial business, does not seek to aggressively market for new memberships. It was noted that it is more appropriate to create awareness of APNIC's role in the community, through training and other outreach activities. It was noted that working closely with the ISP associations (particularly in South Asia and the Pacific) is a good thing and should be expanded into other parts of the region. There was a brief discussion of the range of positions that ISP associations take in different parts of the region.
- It was noted that the liaisons with ISP associations are reported in Apster and the Annual Report.
- There was a discussion of using Internet telephony services to reduce expenses. It was noted that the Secretariat will implement VoIP in the coming months to reduce costs to members of calling the helpdesk. There is potential for this system to be extended to teleconference needs.
- **Action ec-05-008:** Secretariat to provide certain membership data to KW for further analysis.

## 5. ICANN/NRO status

- The incorporation discussions are still ongoing, pending further legal work from the LACNIC lawyers on incorporation documents. When finished, these documents will be circulated to the RIRs' joint legal teams. If acceptable at that point, incorporation in Uruguay will follow.
- There has been some recent progress on the proposed service agreement between the NRO and ICANN. This draft has been circulated to EC members. This agreement is

separate from the ASO MoU and deals primarily with service level requirements and payments. A summary of the draft agreement was provided.

- It was noted that this is a first draft of the agreement and that there will likely be several aspects of it which ICANN will question.
  - The EC were requested to discuss this draft by email over the coming week so that it can be returned to ICANN before the next EC meeting.
  - It was noted that this draft attempts to clarify that fees paid to ICANN by the NRO should be service-based. Such a clarification would provide a better basis for questioning future ICANN fee rises.
- **Action ec-05-009:** EC to discuss the draft NRO/ICANN service agreement by email.

## 6. Proposed visit to China

- It was reported that further contacts will be required with Madam Hu, as she is currently busy with another conference. PW will be available in China from the end of March until early April. There was a suggestion of involving more Ministry of Information Industry people in the dialogue with Madam Hu to increase awareness of the issues.
- There has been a suggestion that the best time to reach media will be during the IPv6 Summit. There will be APNIC presentations during that Summit and APNIC representatives will also seek out other press events during that time.
- There was a request to prepare news releases in the local language.
- It was also noted that the IPv6 Forum would be a good opportunity to counter some myths about IP addressing issues in China. It was noted that there have been articles in Apster and on the web site and that CNNIC has also been helpful in dealing with the issue.

## 7. AOB

### Recent /8 allocation to Softbank BB

- It was noted that an article has been published in Japan dealing with the recent /8 allocation, noting that it was made following normal procedures. There has since been some concern in the Japanese community that the allocation was too big for a network based in one country only and that this has implications on IPv4 consumption. However, it was emphasised that a detailed analysis of the request was conducted and it was determined that there was a legitimate need for the addresses, under current address management policies.
- It was noted that although some people say that addresses are hard to get, APNIC continually explains that it is not hard to justify requests for address space and this recent large allocation illustrates this. It was also noted that if people in the community are concerned about the current procedures then they should consider proposing policy changes in the normal manner.
- It was suggested that if allocations of this size continue to be made, that it will raise fears of exhaustion of IPv4 address space. This particular allocation was made on the basis of new VoIP technologies and if other large ISPs around the world make similar applications then consumption rates will change significantly.
- There was a discussion of whether there are any special circumstances that would justify APNIC issuing a press release about either this or other large allocations.

### ICANN's public call for comments on policy proposal

- It was noted that ICANN is currently calling for comments on the proposed "Policy for allocation of IPv4 blocks to Regional Internet Registries". It was explained that it is up to ICANN whether or not they wish to call for comments; however, the new ASO MoU does impose limits on the time ICANN takes to make decisions on global policy submissions.

## 8. Next meeting

- 15 April 2005.

**Meeting closed:** 12:20 pm

## **Open action items**

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