

APNIC EC Meeting Minutes

Friday 13 May 2005

Meeting Start: 11:10 am

Minutes

Present:

Akinori Maemura
Che-Hoo Cheng
Vinh Ngo
Kuo-Wei Wu
Billy Cheon

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

Qian Hualin
Ma Yan

Agenda:

1. Agenda bashing
2. Minutes from last meeting (15 April 2005)
3. Financial report for April 2005
4. Approval of policy decisions
5. ICANN/NRO status
6. AOB
7. Next meeting

1. Agenda bashing

The following topics are also to be discussed:

- Secretariat staffing changes.

2. Minutes from last meeting (15 April 2005)

- The minutes from the meeting on 15 April 2005 were discussed and approved, subject to adding an action item relating to the per-address fee discount.
- **Action ec-05-012:** Secretariat to publish minutes from 15 April 2005, subject to the addition of an action item relating to the per-address fee discount.

3. Financial report for April 2005

- The exchange rate in April was slightly lower than in previous months. This variation has been favourable to APNIC, as shown in the statement of activities.
- The accounts receivable is high, but normal for this time of year.
- The per-allocation fees are down in comparison to other years, but it was noted that they are unpredictable and come in large amounts at irregular periods.

- April was the best month ever for new memberships since the membership structure was first implemented (32 new members and 9 closures).
- The Secretariat is maintaining a conservative approach to expenses.
- One reason for expenses being lower than budget at this time of year is that some budgeted salary expenses (new recruitments and salary increments) are not yet payable.
- The EC approved this report.

4. Approval of policy decisions

- The EC was asked to consider the following policy proposals, which have reached consensus in meetings and have been open for comments on the mailing lists.

[prop-026-v001] APNIC to publish address assignment statistics

- This proposal for APNIC to publish address assignment statistics was presented at the Database SIG at APNIC19 and received consensus to proceed. No comments were received on the mailing list during the 8 week comment period.
- The EC endorsed this consensus relating to this proposal.

[prop-027-v001] The second phase of Large Space IPv4 Trial Usage Program for Future IPv6 Deployment

- This proposal to extend the duration of the existing large scale IPv4 trial usage program and impose certain additional conditions was presented at the Policy SIG at APNIC19 and received consensus to proceed. Four comments were received on the mailing list during the 8 week comment period, none of which were objections to the proposal proceeding.
- It was noted that this is an extension for a two year period, but there is no guarantee that there will not be any requests for a further extension.
- There was a discussion about the ongoing reporting of this trial.
- It was also noted that there is some concern in Japan for this project to finish at the end of this currently proposed extension to ensure a consistent policy approach within Japan.
- The EC endorsed this consensus relating to this proposal.

Special allocation policies for African members

- The EC was also asked to formally withdraw the allocation policy exceptions that were temporarily applied for members within the African region as documented in "IPv4 allocations for African economies within the APNIC region". These exceptions are no longer required now that AfriNIC has become fully operational.
- The EC withdrew this policy.

5. ICANN/NRO status

- AfriNIC has held its first meeting since receiving formal recognition.
- It was noted that there has been additional discussion about aspects of the global policy development process. One issue relates to the time period allowed for ICANN to consider global policy recommendations. The NRO has already expressed its willingness to negotiate on this issue, but it is now up to ICANN to return with an alternative proposal.
- It was also noted that ICANN has now released its revised strategic plan for comments.
- It was noted that the United States government has indicated it will not consider any changes to ICANN until at least September 2006.
- It was noted that other discussions recently have related to the difficulty of concluding WGIG and proposing an alternative to the current ICANN structure. There have been some suggestions of forming a body that is within the UN but is not part of the ITU.

- There are also questions as to whether an inter-governmental solution has to necessarily be a UN solution.
- It was noted that it is necessary for APNIC to understand the suggestions that arise in this regard, to inform discussions at NRO level. This may also require discussion among the combined RIR boards.
- It was noted that there appears to be a significant deadlock in the WGIG between competing positions, meaning that the WGIG recommendations are unlikely to be substantial. This will raise the importance of the Prepcom in September, as this will be the forum that most influences the Summit in November.
- It was noted it is important for APNIC to demonstrate that it understands both the technology and the policy positions, and to engage in dialogue with the boards of the RIRs. It is necessary to stress that the RIR structure is already capable of accommodating technical, industry, and national concerns.
- There was a discussion as to finding the right person to speak to about ITU positions. There was concern expressed about whether the ITU gives appropriate recognition to the RIRs.
- It was noted that Europe has changed its position by indicating that it supports the development of a new inter-governmental institution other than the ICANN GAC.
- **Action ec-05-013:** GH to draft and circulate a document discussing the issues raised by a potential "third way" proposal from the WGIG.

6. AOB

Secretariat staffing changes

- It was noted that Anne Lord was appointed Director of Communications at the start of this year, sharing some of the management responsibilities with PW.
- George Michaelson's role has now been changed. He is moving into a role that is more technically oriented and Sanjaya is taking over as the Technical Services Manager.

7. Next meeting

- TBA

Meeting closed: 12:50 pm

Open action items

- **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. [Underway]
- **Action ec-05-011:** Secretariat to implement IPv6 per-address fee discount.
- **Action ec-05-012:** Secretariat to publish minutes from 15 April 2005, subject to the addition of an action item relating to the per-address fee discount.
- **Action ec-05-013:** GH to draft and circulate a document discussing the issues raised by a potential "third way" proposal arising from the WGIG.