

2020-May-21: Minutes NRO EC Meeting Teleconference

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Date: Thursday, 21 May 2020, 10 am UTC.

Attendees

Executive Council:

Oscar Robles (OR)	LACNIC	Chair
John Curran (JC)	ARIN	Vice Chair/Secretary
Paul Wilson (PW)	APNIC	Treasurer
Eddy Kayihura (EK)	AFRINIC	
Hans Petter Holen (HPH)	RIPE NCC	

Observers:

Subramanian Moonesamy (SM)	AFRINIC
Pablo Hinojosa (PH)	APNIC
Paul Andersen (PA)	ARIN
Richard Jimmerson (RJ)	ARIN
Ernesto Majó (EM)	LACNIC
Chris Buckridge (CB)	RIPE NCC

Secretariat:

German Valdez (GV)	NRO Secretariat
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Agenda

0. Welcome
1. Agenda Review
- 2 . RIR Technical support to NRO.
3. Secretariat Support
4. Next NRO EC F2F Meeting (NRO EC Retreat Style Meeting?)
5. RIR Cooperation Agreement
6. Next Teleconferences
 - a) Tuesday 16 June 2020 Teleconference
 - b) Tuesday 21 July 2020 Teleconference
7. AOB
8. Adjourn

Resolutions

No resolutions were passed during this meeting.

New Action Items

The following action Items were assigned during this meeting:

New Action Item 200521-01. GV to document the technical support for the NRO.
New Action Item 200521-02 PW to draft a review of the NRO MoU considering the set of common NRO projects under discussion and the current relationship with ICANN

0. Welcome

OR welcomed all participants and started the meeting at 10:03 AM UTC^[L]_[SEP]

1. Agenda Review

PW proposed to add the RIR Cooperation Agreement as part of agenda.

OR agreed to add it as point 5.

2. RIR Technical support to NRO.

GV reported to the NRO EC the list of supporting tasks from the RIRs to the NRO secretariat. These are:

- RIPE NCC: Technical support of mailing lists, ASO website, NRO website and wiki space.
- APNIC: HR support, Travel and expense claim supervision and zoom app
- LACNIC: Voting system

GV added that some support tasks rotate annually with the NRO roles, so in 2020 these are distributed as

- APNIC (Treasurer) payments on behalf of the NRO and according to the NRO Budget
- ARIN (Secretary) Graphic designer
- RIPE NCC on-site support for IGF event.

GV commented that the IGF event is logistical supported mostly by the RIR of the region where the IGF is held.

PW said that APNIC can continue the HR support if a new consultant is hired.

HPH commented about the technical difficulties suffered in the past, especially in the first month, when the NRO secretariat support used to rotate. HPH said that he was not against any particular rotation but must be reasons for doing that.

PW agreed with HPH and considered a valuable exercise to review now the distribution of the RIR support. He noted that the rotation of technical hosting and employment may be unrealistic, and added that if there are any problems it's the right time to discuss it.

JC welcomed the report and suggest summarising in a document the elements of the technical support that the NRO needs. JC said that it'd be good to have the technical requirements as a reference in case we end up having to look at hiring a supplier.

OR agreed with JC and asked GV to produce the next level of detail in that documentation.

New Action Item 200521-01 GV to document the technical support for the NRO.

3. Secretariat Support

GV briefed the NRO EC on the status of filling the existing vacant role in the NRO secretariat.

GV noted that the main reason for filling the role is having a backup in the NRO secretariat, GV added that sometimes there are parallel meetings where the secretariat must provide the support to two groups at the same time.

GV commented that an option could be to assign a RIR staff to the role or go ahead with hiring an external consultant.

JC agreed on filling the current vacancy in the NRO secretariat role.

PW said that the role primarily helps to provide some sort of 24 hour support. PW said that someone with communication background would be welcomed in the role, he added that someone in a different time zone could help to cover the RIRs business day.

OR said that the role should be filled as soon as possible.

GV agreed that time zone covering was important. GV said he would comeback in the NRO EC list to discuss specific options and possible names for the role.

4. Next NRO EC F2F Meeting (NRO EC Retreat Style Meeting)

OR reminded that he has been proposing to organise a retreat style meeting during 2020, he noted it was a good time to organizing it having now two new CEOs and the last strategic meeting being organized years ago.

PW agreed with OR that the NRO hasn't had a more intensive strategic meeting for quite long time and it is need it. PW added that the NRO needs to discuss further on the group joint aspirations and commitments.

PW said that we need to be realistic about what we as a group can do together, given the realities of our mandates, it's a detailed discussion that needs preferentially a face to face meeting.

JC agreed with PW that the NRO is overdue for an open strategic discussion.

JC supported the idea of having significant workshop sometime in the second half of this year, if travel will be possible.

After a review of possible scenarios in the next rounds of RIR meetings and travel restrictions in each region PW asked if an online meeting could be possible, something similar to this set of May meetings where strategic topics can be discussed

OR proposed to keep monitoring the development of the restrictions and decide later in the year of having a face to face meeting or organize a similar set of teleconferences focusing on strategical topics.

5. RIR Cooperation Agreement

PW noted that the current NRO MoU is an old document due for some revision, it was not a pressing need but at the same time there are some fundamental and important agreements under discussion. PW mentioned the examples of the joint cooperation Agreement, the global registry proposal, the legal status of IP addresses, the personal data protection and RIR Fraud handling frameworks, etc. PW said that it's important to review all these agreements consistently, PW suggested that NRO MoU should be the vehicle for a holistic agreement. PW added that the NRO MoU could be reviewed considering the current relationship with ICANN and evaluate what is still needed.

JC agreed with PW. JC pointed out that the NRO should discuss in a strategic manner and figure out what is we are trying to do collectively for the RIR communities.

OR invited the NRO EC don't wait for a strategic retreat to start having such discussions. OR said that discussion could start with teleconferences with similar format as this week.

PW volunteered to take a first cut into the NRO MoU and enumerate the list out of the common issues the NRO is engaging.

OR acknowledge that it could take some time but welcomed PW offered.

New Action Item 200521-02 PW to draft a review of the NRO MoU considering the set of common NRO projects under discussion and the current relationship with ICANN

6. Next Teleconferences

a) Tuesday 16 June 2020 Teleconference

b) Tuesday 21 July 2020 Teleconference

The NRO EC agreed in the dates for next NRO EC Teleconferences.

7. AOB

JC asked to amend one of the open action regarding the JPAA (New Action Item 20200518-2) to better NRO's coordination role.

GV acknowledged the request.

8. Adjourn

OR Thanked all participants and adjourned the meeting at 11:09 AM UTC