

2021-March-16: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 16 March 2021, 11 am UTC.

Attendees

Executive Council:

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

Observers:

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

Secretariat:

German Valdez (GV)	NRO Secretariat
Laureana Pavón	Minutes

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Resolutions

R-20210316-1 The NRO EC resolves to accept the 2020 NRO Distribution Formula

R-20210316-2: The NRO EC resolved to appoint Hervé Clément to the Ethos Award Nomination Committee in 2021

R-20210316-3: The NRO EC no longer to participate in the Ethos Award nomination committee starting in 2022.

New Action Items

New Action Item 210316-1: CB to communicate to the PACG to start a coordination effort on regulatory threats to the RIR.

New Action Item 210316-2: The Secretariat to draft a response letter to the NRO EC regarding their work on the 2020 IANA RC Report. HPH to sign the letter, which will be addressed to Bertrand Cherrier, current chair of the IANA RC.

New Action Item 210316-3: HPH and GV to have a meeting later in the week to establish a structure for following up on the review of the NRO MoU and keep it moving forward.

New Action Item 210316-4: HPH to follow up with Kim Davies about the date of the new SLA that should include reverse DNS operation.

Minutes

1. Welcome

HPH welcomed everybody and opened the NRO EC meeting at 11:07 AM UTC.

2. Agenda Review

HPH added one topic to the AOB.

OR requested to add the topic SLA 2.0 and reverse DNS to the agenda.

3. Regulatory Threats

HPH said that that the RIPE board had had a meeting on Thursday, they had come up with a resolution and asked him to bring this topic to the NRO.

He said the RIPE board had recently noticed attempts by some governments to achieve control over the Internet's operation and goals with regulations and control mechanisms and that these attempts seemed to be intensifying. He mentioned that the question was whether other regions would want to discuss this, work on this together, consider possible solutions to mitigate this, and eventually come up with a position statement.

PW wondered if there were any specific suggestions from the RIPE NCC about how this would run, e.g., what sort of scope or structure the NCC board had in mind, perhaps provide some examples.

HPH replied that the outcome was open, that the board had no clear expectations. As for his personal expectation, it was for the EC to agree whether they want a joint position or statement on this or simply to exchange experiences.

He noted that he wasn't sure whether this was a common challenge or specific to the RIPE service region.

EK noted that, even though this was not currently the reality in Africa, this didn't mean that it couldn't eventually happen in his opinion it would be good to have a common view on this, adding that they should all get involved so that, if the problem were to arrive, they would have a common stand and solution.

OR noted that he shared the same concern.

OR He said they hadn't found how to deal with this internally in the region, but that it might happen during the regional coordination.

JC said they all face this type of issues, that ARIN has faced them, He said that, in his case, it was important where this was going, as ARIN is a trade association and has to use care when crossing into regulatory and lobbying activity. Overall, ARIN supports the concept that the registry should be free and open and should not be encumbered by political purposes.

PW noted that this was not a new issue, neither the advent or the possibility of political interference. In his part of the world, there had been no great acceleration. Business has been quite as usual, with no big increases. In his opinion, they need to have a better way of routinely sharing information on these issues, so he supported writing a coordination mechanism to share notes regularly about what is going on.

PW said that, like JC, he wasn't sure what APNIC was asking for, that a possibility was for it to go through coordination mechanisms.

HPH summarized by saying that they all appeared positive to the initiative, but they're not sure how much coordinated action they want to do, if any. He asked the following question: should we refer this to an existing coordination group, or should we set up a new one?

EK asked whether the legal team had a formal coordination group, HPH replied that they had decided against it.

HPH asked CB if it could be referred to the PACG. CB replied that it might be good to work on this from the PACG and expressed his concern regarding adding too many people to the group.

JC said he had no issue with coordination via the PACG.

PW said that the membership of each group could be decided by each RIR, that it didn't have to be the same in every region.

OR agreed that it would be wiser not to create a new group and for each RIR to decide who would participate.

New Action Item 210316-1: CB to communicate to the PACG to start a coordination effort on regulatory threats to the RIR.

4. 2020 IANA RC Report Response

GV explained that the IANA RC had published their 2020 Report recently and that not incidents to report. He added that this committee performs in an advisory level with the EC and that, once the report was published, the next step would be for the NRO EC to consider some sort of response to the IANA RC for their work. He proposed the following action item:

New Action Item 210316-2: The Secretariat to draft a response letter to the NRO EC regarding their work on the 2020 IANA RC Report. HPH to sign the letter, which will be addressed to Bertrand Cherrier, current chair of the IANA RC.

No objections were heard.

5. 2020 NRO Distribution Formula

GV explained that this formula was based on the registration services revenue, the criteria agreed back in 2013 as the way to distribute NRO expenses. He then showed the ICANN NRO contribution 2021 spreadsheet on screen, reading each RIR's revenue for registration services in 2020 and the differences with respect to 2019. He added that these numbers had been validated by the five RIRs.

GV reminded the EC that they had committed to review these values every year and deciding whether they wanted to continue with this form of distribution.

After going over the numbers, HPH observed that he would sign off on the numbers but would perhaps have a look at the distribution formula next year.

JC prosed a motion to approve the 2020 NRO Distribution Formula, OR and PW seconded the motion, no objections were heard, and the motion carried.

As a follow-up, GV said he would liaison with the treasurer for the payment of the ICANN contribution that was approved last meeting and that each RIR would need to put their amounts forward for this payment.

6. NRO Strategic Planning

GV observed that the next point was the NRO strategic planning that HPH had suggested bringing up again. GV said that the next step would be to draft a call for proposals to hire an external consultant to help them through the strategic planning process, adding that he hoped to send a draft of the request for proposals before the end of the week.

GV noted that another aspect that was moving forward was that a subgroup of the legal team would be meeting to advance in the review of the NRO MoU. He added that he had committed with HPH to bring this topic for every meeting.

New Action Item 210316-3: HPH and GV to have a meeting later in the week to establish a structure for following up on the review of the NRO MoU and keep it moving forward.

7. NRO/RIR Global Announcements

PW explained that there had been a discussion some time ago about the long series of announcements by the Secretariat, that it could be more streamlined to make those announcements directly to their mailing list, rather than going through the CCG. He said that APNIC would trust GV to post things that are routine and asked how the other felt about this.

JC said that the blanket prior approval to post announcement to the ARIN community probably could only happen in specific categories, e.g., anything required per our empowered community obligations, etc. He said he would be happy to agree to this for certain specific topics, but that he would need a list.

OR said he had no strong feelings either way, i.e, going through the comms team of each RIR or having GV post directly on their behalf.

EK commented that, in AFRINIC, the general announcements were translated into two or four languages, so he would prefer for it to be shared with their team, as this also allows also checking the timing.

HPH agreed with JC that it could be a list that could go directly but said he did understand the need for translation in AFRINIC and LACNIC. Personally, he would prefer to go through his comms department. He added that there was sympathy for PW's proposal, but that the translation issue made it not possible.

PW observed that he would ask his team to take this to the CCG if they had any further concerns.

All agreed that things would continue as they are for now.

8. ASO Procedures Review

HPH said he' had a meeting with the AC chairs who had informed him that they had started to review the procedures, one of the reasons for doing so being that they had found some challenges in interpreting them given that the historical perspective had been, the other being that they were not flexible enough to accommodate things now that things are not being conducted face-to-face.

Initially, the AC thought they could do this themselves, but had later concluded that they might like the help of someone to help them in this, most likely members of the staff.

PW asked whether the Secretariat would be able to help them.

HPH asked GV if that was ok with him and GV agreed.

9. Ethos Awards Nominations

HPH said that Hervé Clément had volunteered to serve on this committee.

PW said that he had no problem with ICANN's choice to have this award, and a nomination committee including interested sectors of the community. He said that, without turning it into a strategic issue, we can simply choose whether or not to participate in this ICANN activity. He noted that he did not feel strongly about this, and would be happy for us to withdraw if that was the consensus.

OR agreed with all of the above. He also observed that he appreciated the volunteer work of people from the community, so he was in favor of accepting this volunteer from the RIPE region, while saying that this was the last time they participate in this committee.

HPH said he observed some indifference and some clear opinions to step down. He added that in the past they'd had two appointments (NRO EC and ASO AC). He suggested that they might compromise and say they would appoint one member (Hervé Clément) and that next year they would no longer appoint anyone.

A motion was proposed to appoint Hervé Clément to the Ethos Award nomination committee in 2021 and to discontinue their participation in this committee starting in 2022.

All agreed and the motion carried.

R-20210316-2: The NRO EC resolved to appoint Hervé Clément to the Ethos Award Nomination Committee in 2021

R-20210316-3: The NRO EC no longer to participate in the Ethos Award nomination committee starting in 2022.

10. Coordination Groups Reports/Consultations.

a) Secretariat. Report on ICANN Board Election

GV provided a quick update on the ICANN board election, noting that they were in the middle of the second round of interviews, that they had received 10 nominations for Seat 9, that the ASO AC had moved eight candidates forward to the round of video interviews, that they had already completed seven of these interviews, that given the large number of candidates nominated this year they would need to extend the interview phase as well as the date for announcing the winning candidate, which was originally scheduled for end of April, but may need to be extended by at least one week.

HPH asked what the process was after the NRO BC has selected the winning candidate.

GV replied that ICANN needs to run a due diligence review of the candidate. Since the recent adoption of the empowered community, the Secretariat needs to draft a letter to the empowered community regarding the selection, which must be done in coordination with the announcement of the elected candidate.

HPH asked GV that, if possible, as soon as he has the AC's decision, he prepares that letter to the empowered community so the EC can approve it in a timely manner without the need for a separate meeting to do so.

11. Open Actions Review

Action Item 20210216-5: HPH to go back to Marcus Kummer and talk to him about the IGFSAs' long-term plans for the future and the ways to increase their revenue stream, and postpone the NRO EC decision on their contribution to the IGFSAs until the next NRO EC meeting.

HPH said he hadn't done this yet.

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HPH said he would look at the minutes this week. No further comments were heard

13. Next Meetings

- a) Tuesday 20 April 2021
- b) Tuesday 18 May 2021 (DURING RIPE 82)
- c) Tuesday 15 June 2021

At HPH's request, the 18 May meeting was moved to Tuesday 25 May.

14. AOB

SLA 2.0 and reverse DNS

OR reminded the EC that they have this pending issue with the IANA. He said he would share this with HPH, as HPH probably needs to follow up with IANA in case they are still interested.

New Action Item 210316-4: HPH to follow up with Kim Davies about their (second round of) comments to our proposal to include reverse DNS resolution in the SLA.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, JC proposed a motion to adjourn, PW seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 13:25 UTC.