

2022-April-19: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference

FINAL

Date: Tuesday, 19 April 2022, 11:00 AM UTC

Attendees

Executive Council:

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

Observers:

Pablo Hinojosa (PH)	APNIC
Kenny Huang (KH)	APNIC
Ernesto Majó (EM)	LACNIC
Esteban Lerscano (EL)	LACNIC
Chris Buckridge (CB)	RIPE NCC
Richard Jimmerson (RJ)	ARIN
Bill Sandiford (BS)	ARIN

Secretariat:

German Valdez (GV)	NRO Secretariat
Laureana Pavón (LP)	Minutes

Agenda

1.- Welcome

2.- Agenda Review

3.- NRO Strategy Review Plan

Status

- NRO Strategy Review Results Internal Communication Document.
- NRO EC to confirm next f2f meeting venue and participants (onsite and online) on 23 and 24 June 2022.
- Secretariat Support for next f2f Meeting.
- NRO MoU Signing.
- Start RPKI Program next steps

4.- AFRINIC Situation Update

Status

- NRO EC to discuss any last development on AFRINIC.

5.- Reverse DNS Resolution Content in the IANA SLA Update

Status

- In 2020 the NRO EC agreed to add reverse DNS resolution in the IANA SLA
- Last version of the document with both parties comments (November 2020)
- 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.
- NRO EC to review updates

6.- RIR CEO Updates

Status

- Optional updates from the CEO on internal news of their RIRs

7.- Open Actions Review

8.- Minutes Review

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New Resolutions

-No resolutions recorded in this meeting

Minutes

1.- Welcome

PW opened the meeting at 11:03 UTC.

2.- Agenda Review

PW went over the agenda, which was approved as written.

3.- NRO Strategy Review Plan

PW noted that he had shared the NRO Strategy Review Results Internal Communication Document from Glenn Price via email. He recalled that that the EC had agreed that, after its

approval, this report would be circulated internally among RIR staff and board and added that, while the report might be improved, it would be useful to get the information out.

JC said that he had looked at the report, that it was a good summary and suitable for internal sharing.

EK asked whether the 23 June NRO EC retreat would be with a member of each board, as AFRINIC will be having elections in early June.

PW replied that the decision was up to each RIR who they send as a board representative, but that it's usually a member of the board. He added that the intention was for the report prepared by Leadershape to go to the entire board of each RIR.

He then asked whether the venue had been decided for the 23-24 onsite retreat.

JC suggested first discussing why the NRO EC will be meeting. The EC jointly moving ahead with the strategy in the document is a pretty significant move, as suddenly we will have mutual accountability in a different way than we did before, and in some organizations board level sign-off may be required to make that structural change on how the RIRs work with each other. He mentioned that he thought the coming meeting was to get the boards onboard with the changes. He observed ARIN could probably sign off to this new way of working without the retreat, but if others believe it's important to get the others onboard, then he would agree to that.

JC said that if the ARIN chairman needed to be at the retreat on 23 June, the only option would be Miami.

He then asked whether having the board at the meeting was really necessary and what the EC would be trying to achieve there.

HPH said that, during the past RIPE board meeting, he did not have any official document from the retreat to share with his board. He had shared highlights of the draft strategy review, that his board had expressed interest, so he needs the document that the NRO EC just approved and a meeting with his board. Because the next RIPE board meeting will take place after the scheduled NRO EC retreat, HPH would have two options: either socialize this on the mailing list or call a special meeting with his board to discuss this. He said he does not foresee any issues with the content, so he tends to agree with JC that it might not be necessary for him to have that meeting with the board. However, the NRO EC has shared that this meeting will take place so there is the expectation that it will.

OR agreed with HPH: the NRO EC has created the expectation of meeting with their board members. In any case, OR is also interested in understanding what the NRO EC is trying to achieve as a group. Once the NRO EC aligns on that, the EC can see if the board needs to be present at the meeting in June. Also, he thinks it's important to have the RIR boards buy into the NRO EC's ideas. Inviting them would be a good opportunity to align with their expectations.

EK said he did not have much to add, just the need to confirm with his board.

PW mentioned a few things that had been discussed for the meeting: 1) signing off or continuing to tie up loose ends identified after the last meeting with Leadershape; 2) the EC agreed that what was produced at the last meeting with Leadershape was not a five-year strategic plan, so there is the need to address expectations; 3) signing the MoU (the face-to-face meeting might be an opportunity to do this).

Regarding the scope of the work that Leadershape is doing, PW wondered whether we still expect to produce something that can be called a “strategic plan” from this process (since we didn’t spend much time on strategy at our first meeting).

In response to PW, JC noted that the highest priority item he sees is that now that the EC has simplified things and the NRO EC, at least for the first year, will be acting as steering group for each project, we have high-level goals but we need to go one level lower to determine what the victory conditions are so we can hire someone and start the projects. JC agreed that there are some operational issues that the NRO EC did not decide with Leadershape. As for the MoU, it could be signed with RIR board chairs or senior executives present for a more illustrious ceremony. Finally, while we’ve all talked about it, we need to get organizational approval. It’s worthwhile getting together, but we need to know what the agenda is.

In EK’s opinion, there is enough for them to meet and get something productive from that session.

OR agreed. The date is set, we now need to finalize the agenda and complete the contents.

In reference to the venue, JC reiterated that he would like to have a chair available and that the only option for BS (present on this call) would be Miami, as he would already be there.

All agreed.

JC asked GV whether he would like to take the lead on organizing the hotel and so on.

GV explained that the Secretariat had some constraints regarding the dates and the venue for the June meeting, as he would not be able to travel during June. Additionally, LP’s US visa expired during the pandemic and the US embassy in Uruguay has long waiting times. He added that he and LP can still organize everything online but the support of somebody on site would be helpful. The support of ARIN staff for this one time would help us achieve success.

JC asked RJ (present on the call) to get together with GV and make this happen.

RJ replied that GV would have his full support.

PW said that unfortunately none of the candidates from the APNIC board would be able to make it to Miami and inquired whether remote participation would be available.

JC replied that it definitely would.

He then asked if PW might put together an agenda, perhaps together with GV.

PW suggested going back to Leadershape and getting their help in moving forward. If everyone agrees, Leadershape can help us with the implementation planning and keeping it on track with what we've been doing.

All agreed, so PW said he would let Leadershape know that the maximum time allowed for the June meeting will be two days.

PW then said that, during their last meeting, there was some talk about starting to prepare the RPKI Program immediately (not waiting for the next meeting).

JC replied that this would probably require our team and some experts, getting a strawman put together on what RPKI is and how this will work, define victory conditions. Our RPKI server is an outlier in many ways but having a single blueprint for this might promote deployment. There is no project manager, but JC volunteered to take the lead, get a couple of names from each RIR (CEOs and someone else) and have a Doodle poll to set up a kickoff meeting next week.

PW said he would welcome that. The EC needs to have a clear brief. Whether we were talking about RPKI as a single system or a coordination/federation between the five registry systems, that's what this team of people could decide (victory conditions). But we need to be clear that we're not asking for a re-architecture of five into one single RPKI system. He then went around the table to get everyone's opinion.

OR said that not re-architecting would be desirable, but if that's the only chance to have a resilient system and address our concerns, he would not establish that restriction at this stage.

JC agreed with OR. He would like not to have to re-architecture everything, but the NRO EC needs to have a set of goals and then work backwards from there. Since RPKI is happening before the NRO EC workshop, we need to have our requirements in advance and based on that perhaps rule out some approaches, but no more than that.

HPH agreed.

EK said that he is in the process of recruiting a COO but will assign one person right now.

PW concluded by saying that everybody should send the names of the people who would be working on RPKI to JC so that he could kick off the work.

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4.- AFRINIC Situation Update

PW asked EK if there is anything he needs from the EC.

EK replied that not much at this point, except if the others have additional ideas.

5.- Reverse DNS Resolution Content in the IANA SLA Update

HPH reported that he is close to having an update. He will send a new reminder to ICANN shortly to see if there are any news.

6.- RIR CEO Updates

OR:

- LACNIC will have its general assembly in two weeks
- A proposal is being presented to make some changes to the bylaws. One of these changes has to do with the introduction of objective criteria to allow candidates to run for elected positions.
- Another proposed change is to increase the number of board members from seven to nine (one this year, one next year), as the amount of work has been increasing over the last years. We have created committees, but at the end the board needs to decide. Also, we believe that by introducing two more members we will have wider views at board level and distribute the work.

HPH:

- We just had our SEE meeting in Ljubljana with one hundred people in person, a similar number online. Two days of workshops, conferences, a panel on the history of the internet in the ex-Yugoslavia. It was a dry run for the RIPE meeting that will take place mid-May.
- The ENOG meeting has been postponed or perhaps cancelled in light of the political situation in Eastern Europe.

JC:

- Yesterday a federal ruling mask mandate on transportation / airplanes has been struck down, masks are no longer required on airplanes. Also, the government issued a statement out of treasury regarding exports and sanctions: it appears nearly anything related to Internet & telecommunications will not subject to sanctions.
- The ARIN meeting will take place next week in Nashville.
- At their next meeting, the ARIN board will discuss the possibility of increasing the number of board members because of their workload level. We would be adding three

seats, bringing the board to a total of nine members plus myself. We would also add a three-term limit for serving on the board.

PW:

- APNIC 54 was announced as a hybrid meeting with face-to-face participation in Singapore, but from now on our meetings will be “online first”.
- We’re in the process of implementing the change in our fee structure (requiring historical holders to enter Member or Non-member agreement with APNIC), and that’s going smoothly.
- It’s a survey year for us, the results will be announced in 2024, survey people are noting differences in engagement and participation.

EK:

- AFRINIC will have its meeting at the end of May in hybrid format.
- Our community have not met for long and this will be a good opportunity, though Mauritius only allows gatherings of 50 people. The authorities have already removed the requirement of PCR testing prior to entering the country, though there are still some sanitary restrictions.

7.- Open Actions Review

GV confirmed that there are no open actions at this point.

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PW reminded anyone who is overdue to review the minutes of the January and February 2022 meetings.

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The meeting scheduled for 21 June 2022 will be skipped because it is two days before the face-to-face NRO EC meeting.

No comments were heard regarding the meetings scheduled for 24 May and 19 July.

10.- AOB

No other business was brought up for discussion.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 13:12 UTC.