

2022-January-18: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference

FINAL

Date: Tuesday, 18 January 2022, 11:00 AM UTC

Attendees

Executive Council:

Paul Wilson (PW)	APNIC	Chair
Hans Petter Holen (HPH)	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
Chris Buckridge (CB)	RIPE NCC
S. Moonesamy (SM)	AFRINIC
Richard Jimmerson (RJ)	ARIN
Bill Sandiford (BS)	ARIN

Secretariat:

German Valdez (GV)	NRO Secretariat
Laureana Pavón	Minutes

Agenda

1.- Welcome

2. Agenda Review

3. AFRINIC Situation Update

Status

- NRO EC to discuss any last development on AFRINIC.

4. NRO Strategy Review Plan

Status

- NRO EC to discuss any last development on the NRO strategy review.

5.- Coordination Group Composition

Status

- Proposed by PW . NRO EC to discuss the staff involved in the NRO CG

6.- 2022 NRO Budget

Status

- NRO EC to review 2022 NRO Budget

7.- ASO Representative in the ICANN Empowered Community Administration

Status

- NRO EC to adopt a resolution appointing Hans Petter Holen (NRO EC Secretary) as representative to the ICANN EC Administration
- NRO Letter confirming the appointment

8.- ASO Procedures Changes

Status

- ASO AC is planning at some point after the conclusion of ICANN Board election this year to engage and a deep review of the ASO procedures. There has been several observation in the past about the lack of clarity and ambiguity in the text of the procedures that lead to confusion and different interpretation.

- ASO AC may ask support and resources to the NRO EC to complete this task.

9.- ASO Communication with ICANN Board.

Status

- ASO appointed members to ICANN Board have informally observed the lack of communication between the ASO and the ICANN Board recently.

10. 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

11. Coordination Group Updates

a) PACG/ISG

Status

- Report from Chris Buckridge

b) PSCG

i) Messaging, Malware and Mobile Anti-Abuse Working Group M3AAWG Annual Membership Renewal

Status

- NRO EC to approve renewal of the M3AAWG annual membership for 5000 USD. Included in the NRO budget.

12. RIR Updates

Status

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

13. Open Actions Review

14. Minutes Review

- **2021-December-14: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference - DRAFT (Pending: APNIC, ARIN, LACNIC, RIPE NCC)**
- **2021-November-30: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference - DRAFT (Pending: RIPE NCC)**

15. Next Meetings

a) Wednesday 16 February 2022 (f2f Dubai)

b) Tuesday 15 March 2022

c) Tuesday 19 April 2022

16. AOB

a) FY24 Strategic Outlook Program

Status

- ICANN invitation to the ASO to participate in the FY24 Strategic Outlook Program
- Sent to the ASO chairs list on 18 January 2022

17. Adjourn

New Action Items

New Action Item 220118-1: GV to make sure that there is a signed NDA in place to guarantee that any information shared with LeaderShape remains confidential.

New Action Item 220118-2: GV to check with LeaderShape whether they need a preparatory meeting with the EC prior to the face-to-face meeting in Dubai (CC'ing PW).

New Action Item 220118-3: GV to send a link with the names of the members of all coordination groups and the Confluence wiki to the EC mailing list for all to review.

New Action Item 220118-4: GV to draft a letter naming GV as ASO Representative to the ICANN Empowered Community Administration, have it signed by PW, and send it to ICANN.

New Action Item 220118-5: PW to draft a reply to Carlos Reyes politely declining the invitation for the ASO to participate in ICANN's Fiscal Year 2024 strategic outlook trend identification process.

New Resolutions

R-20220118-1: The NRO EC resolves to accept the proposed 2022 NRO budget.

R-20220118-2: The NRO EC resolves to appoint NRO Executive Secretary Germán Valdez as the designated representative to the ICANN Empowered Community for the ASO.

R-20220118-3: The NRO EC agrees to renew the NRO annual membership to the Messaging Malware and Mobile Anti-Abuse Working Group (M3AAWG) as a supporter member with a annual cost of US\$5,000.

Minutes

1.- Welcome

PW welcomed everyone and the meeting began at 11:05 AM UTC.

2.- Agenda Review

GV went over the proposed agenda while showing it on screen.

No additions or modifications were proposed.

3.- AFRINIC Situation Update

EK said that he did not have much to report on at this meeting.

4.- NRO Strategy Review Plan

PW inquired about the homework that Glenn Price had assigned the members of the EC.

GV replied that two action items were created after the last meeting with Glenn Price.

Action Item 211214-1: The five RIRs CEOs to provide GV the names of any additional staff and coordination group members who will be participating in LeaderShape's survey for the NRO Strategy Review. GV to circulate an email invitation making these persons aware that LeaderShape will be contacting them for this survey.

GV explained that the coordination groups will be consulted as well.

After some discussion on the matter, PW concluded by saying that the names of any additional staff and coordination group members who will be participating in the LeaderShape survey should be sent to GV, who will forward them to Glenn Price.

Action Item 211214-2: The five RIRs CEOs to consider and submit an analysis of risks and opportunities that should be considered in the NRO Strategy Review. Deadline: 4 February 2022.

At PW's request, GV reminded everyone that the analysis of risks and opportunities was part of the preparation for the retreat, adding that he had sent the summary report from the facilitator and some internal notes of the last NRO EC retreat in 2013 to the NRO EC list.

JC noted that, because this was confidential information, when ARIN supplies this he wants to make sure that it will only be available to LeaderShape and the RIRs exclusively.

PW agreed and observed that APNIC would normally ask for a confidentiality agreement.

At PW's request, GV agreed to follow up to make sure that there is a signed NDA in place.

New Action Item 220118-1: GV to make sure that there is a signed NDA in place to guarantee that any information shared with LeaderShape remains confidential.

GV then mentioned that because some new travel restrictions have been put in place in different countries due to the omicron covid variant and given the Dubai hotel's very strict cancellation policy, he put the reservation for the February meeting on hold. Now that he sees that all EC members are still planning to attend, he will confirm the hotel reservation. Just for this time, he may be coordinating participants individual reservations.

PW asked whether the EC is planning to have another meeting with LeaderShape before the Dubai meeting.

JC observed that he sees no need for a preparatory meeting, but that the Secretariat could check with LeaderShape.

New Action Item 220118-2: GV to check with LeaderShape whether they need a preparatory meeting with the EC prior to the face-to-face meeting in Dubai (CC'ing PW).

5.- Coordination Group Composition

PW explained that, with the new rotated chair and coordination group positions, APNIC is prepared to put their senior staff responsible for the respective coordination groups but was interested in asking for the others' opinions. With the strategy review, PW believes that having the senior-level members of staff in operational matters would be useful this year.

JC noted that he sees much of what the NRO does as operational, except for the EC which has more of a strategic role, adding that ARIN has always had and will continue to have senior staff involved in these coordination groups.

HPH said that he would have to check, but that he believes that the RIPE NCC has senior people in all the groups.

PW said each RIR has a different structure. He explained that he is going to assign his most senior staff to these groups, who may then decide to delegate later down the track.

EK said that for AFRINIC it is always the most senior staff.

PW explained that the CGs will be chaired by APNIC staff, except the finance CG, which will be chaired by ARIN (the NRO's treasurer). He added that knowing who is on what group is useful when the positions change within the EC, so the following action item was created:

New Action Item 220118-3: GV to send a link with the names of the members of all coordination groups and the Confluence wiki to the EC mailing list for all to review.

6.- 2022 NRO Budget

GV provided a quick explanation of the 2022 NRO Budget that was sent to the list, which includes some comparisons with the NRO budgets for 2021 and 2020 (pre-covid numbers) and has been reviewed by the CFOs. GV suggested that the NRO EC can perhaps approve the budget during their next meeting.

GV then went over relevant items included in the Budget such as no provision for the Independent ASO review, cost of the NRO strategy review plus a second EC retreat.

PW invited questions and comments.

JC observed that it looks like a fine budget.

Regarding the strategic consultancy, EK asked whether the amount they had not paid in 2021 would be moving on to 2022.

GV replied that this was correct: the NRO is moving to this year what the NRO did not pay in 2021.

PW asked when the final figures for 2021 will be available.

GV replied that the final numbers are under review, but that a couple of CFOs must still confirm that all figures are correct. It should be ready for the next EC meeting.

OR noted that the NRO EC must approve two different documents: 1) the 2021 budget execution and 2) the budget forecast for 2022, which is now final. He added that the two approvals do not need to happen at the same time and suggested approving the proposed budget for 2022.

OR moved to approve the 2022 NRO Budget as written, EK seconded the motion, no objections were heard, and the motion carried.

R-20220118-1: The NRO EC resolves to accept the proposed 2022 NRO budget.

7.- ASO Representative in the ICANN Empowered Community Administration

PW observed that the EC has previously agreed that the secretary of the NRO will serve as the ASO representative to the Empowered Community. However, he reiterated his suggestion that it would be more efficient for the EC to have a stable representative (e.g., the Executive Secretary) rather than a rotating role.

OR agreed with PW's suggestion, adding that it might solve many of the communication issues we have with the ICANN structure.

JC also supported the suggestion, noting that it makes sense for the Executive Secretary to fill this role.

EK noted that he has no objection to having this as a permanent position.

HPH also expressed his opinion in favor of PW's suggestion.

R-20220118-2: The NRO EC resolves to appoint NRO Executive Secretary Germán Valdez as the designated representative to the ICANN Empowered Community for the ASO.

New Action Item 220118-4: GV to draft the letter naming GV as ASO Representative to the ICANN Empowered Community Administration, have it signed, and send it to ICANN.

JC asked that this entire process be briefed to LeaderShape as something to be discussed: the NRO spends quite a bit of time handling a lot of ICANN overhead with uncertain benefit to our community.

All agreed.

8.- ASO Procedures Changes

PW mentioned that this information had been provided by Kevin Blumberg. This year, the ASO AC will have an election but will not be launching an election process for 2023, so they've decided to review their procedures and may require support from the EC (particularly legal support).

JC noted that the bulk of the work of the ASO AC is handling the elections so, in his opinion, it is very worthwhile for the ASO AC to embark on this review and the NRO EC should support them.

9.- ASO Communication with ICANN Board.

PW observed that there is nothing much for the EC to do right now but that they should expect an invitation.

JC replied that the EC should say yes as, in his opinion, it is worthwhile.

10. Reverse DNS Resolution Content in the IANA SLA Update

PW mentioned that there was an action on HPH.

HPH replied that he'd just updated the action item on Confluence with information from Kim Davies that ICANN's legal team wanted HPH to convey. First, they do not want a complete restatement of the SLA, instead, they want it executed as an amendment to the original agreement. Second, ICANN wants to confirm whether the RIRs have any transparency obligations on our side (e.g., need to put this for public comment or consultation and, if so, how these will be fulfilled).

HPH asked whether the NRO intends to send this in a public comment.

JC said that if ICANN wants to put out something saying it's also doing this, he doesn't mind, but this is an operational matter, not a policy matter, and is therefore not something that would normally be consulted with ARIN members.

OR agreed with JC: we're trying to document what ICANN does, not attempting to do anything else beyond the IANA's current practices and current capabilities. We were very sensitive not to come up with a very high SLA and that is what Kim Davies reviewed.

EK said he has no comment on this matter

PW agreed that it is an operational document, so APNIC will have no public comment.

HPH said he had also been asked whether there was any utility in memorializing the purpose for which these changes are being made.

OR said that in February 2019 there was some kind of malfunction in the IANA's reverse resolution service, we asked for a post-mortem report, we received it, we wanted to make sure that the necessary corrections have been implemented and they provided a thorough report. The other thing the NRO EC wanted to do is make sure there is something in place in our SLA, a measure to make sure both parties have the same expectations on the service.

All agreed.

HPH will continue the discussion with Kim.

11. Coordination Group Updates

a) PACG/ISG

PW mentioned that he'd received some updates from the coordination groups (e.g., the ECG is finalizing its workplan for 2022, the other agreed focus for the ECG in Q1 is to complete the work on the RDAP profile, some notes from the chair of the CFO coordination group as to what they are up to).

PW enquired about the expectations of the EC on how the work of the WGs are included in NRO EC meetings. He proposed sending any relevant updates to the mailing list prior to each meeting after asking the chairs if there's anything specific they feel should be reported.

All agreed.

b) PSCG

i) Messaging, Malware, and Mobile Anti-Abuse Working Group M3AAWG Annual Membership Renewal

GV explained that this membership (USD5,000) has been approved in the past.

JC moved to approve the expense, noting that it makes sense for the NRO to coordinate with M3AAWG and support this membership. No objections were heard, and the motion carried.

R-20220118-3: The NRO EC agrees to renew the NRO annual membership to the Messaging Malware and Mobile Anti-Abuse Working Group (M3AAWG) as a supporter member with an annual cost of US\$5,000.

12. RIR Updates

JC reminded the other EC members that ARIN has gone to a harmonized fee schedule in January 2022. Now all ARIN customers who have IPv4 or IPv6 resources under a registration services agreement will be ARIN members and can participate in ARIN governance activities such as voting in our elections. ARIN members who wish to participate must agree to ARIN's standards of behavior for participation in the community and agree to be published on the relevant public lists, but upon agreement will be considered "ARIN General Members" rather than the default membership category of ARIN Service Members. ARIN General Members who do not participate in any of the past three annual elections will revert to ARIN Service Members.

PW asked whether this harmonized structure includes legacy resource holders.

JC explained that there are that ARIN's policies apply to all resources in the registry, whether issued by ARIN or legacy resources assigned by ARIN's predecessor. When ARIN was formed,

the board decided to provide free registration services to non-contracted legacy holders. Legacy holders have the right to enter a contract with ARIN if they wish to receive the certainty of contractual rights and access to newer services developed by the community. To non-contracted legacy resource holders ARIN provides basic service without any contract or fee. ARIN had had about 8,000 ISP members and about 8,000 end-user members, these now became 16,000 ARIN Service Members. Once things stabilize, 1,000 to 2,000 of those Service Members will be General Members who get involved in voting and elections. ARIN has another 15,000 non-contracted legacy customers and a similar number of ASN-only customers.

PW thanked JC for his report.

OR commented that LACNIC had its board meeting in December. One of the topics they discussed was the Board's concern about having well-prepared board members, that many in the LACNIC community believe that board work is technical, but most board activities are related to Corporate Governance, so some training will be offered once the directors are on the board. This year LACNIC is doing an assessment on corporate governance skills to provide training in this area to make sure that, once elected, board members are as prepared as possible and make decisions in benefit of the LACNIC community. OR will let the others know when LACNIC starts the assessment and training process (training began last year).

PW thanked OR for his report, adding that they have all faced this issue some times.

JC observed that ARIN has been looking at governance practices and trustee qualifications. ARIN has a nominations committee that, amongst other things, looks at corporate governance experience when building the election slate of candidates. ARIN has also invested in trustee development and has a fund for corporate governance and related training. This is an open discussion, and the Board has a Governance Working Group of the Board looking into many aspects of nomination and election.

HPH then reported that the RIPE NCC had a board meeting in December during which the five-year strategic plan was approved and is now published. Also, HPH is recruiting a chief information security officer and will be doing the interviews when he gets back from Dubai.

HPH agreed that board governance is an interesting topic and shared that he signed up for a six-week online corporate governance course which provided him some more insight into different governance models. Something like this course but not so Nordic centered might be possible for all the CEOs. Also, while there is no nomcom for board members, RIPE did make money available a couple of years back to board members.

PW added that APNIC is asking legacy holders to enter into formal agreements with APNIC to eliminate non-contracted free service, adding that isn't likely to cause many problems.

13. Open Actions Review

Action Item 211214-1 and Action Item 211214-2 were already discussed under agenda item 4.

14. Minutes Review

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PW reminded everyone of the action on all NRO EC members to complete the review of past meeting minutes.

15. Next Meetings

a) Wednesday 16 February 2022 (f2f Dubai)

No comments.

b) Tuesday 15 March 2022

HPH has a board meeting and will be unable to attend.

After discussing possible alternatives, PW proposed moving the meeting to 22 March and the others agreed.

c) Tuesday 19 April 2022

PW asked that if anyone has an issue with these dates, they should let the others know.

16. AOB

GV mentioned that there was a direct communication to ASO chairs from Carlos Reyes noting that ICANN is kicking off the Fiscal Year 2024 strategic outlook trend identification process and asking directly if the ASO is interested in participating in this process. The ASO AC would typically ask for the NRO EC's confirmation of whether you'd like them to participate.

After asking for the others' opinions and hearing none, PW suggested politely declining.

New Action Item 220118-5: PW to draft a reply to Carlos Reyes politely declining the invitation for the ASO to participate in ICANN's Fiscal Year 2024 strategic outlook trend identification process.

17. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 UTC.