2025-September-16: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference

FINAL

Date: Tuesday, 16 September 2025, 11:00 AM UTC

Attendees

Executive Council:

Hans Petter Holen (HPH)	RIPE NCC	Chair
John Curran (JC)	ARIN	Vice-Chair
Ernesto Majo (EM)	LACNIC	
Jia Rong Low (JRL)	APNIC	Treasurer

Observers:

Joyce Chen (JC)	APNIC
Richard Jimmerson (RJ)	ARIN
Michael Abejuela (MA)	ARIN
Ignacio Estrada (IE)	LACNIC
Eduardo Jimenez (EJ)	LACNIC
Athina Fragkouli (AF)	RIPE NCC
Sander Steffan	RIPE NCC

Secretariat:

Laureana Pavon (LP)	Minutes
German Valdez (GV)	Executive Secretary

New and Updated Action Items

New Action Item 250916-1: HPH to circulate the Draft NRO Statement on AFRINIC Board Elections for the EC to review before publication.

New Action Item 250916-2: GV to response to ICANN's request on NRO position on Work Stream 2 Implementation Recommendations 02.3.1 and 02.3.2 as per R-20250916-2-and cc HPH and Hervé Clement.

New Action Item 250916-3: The Secretariat to draft a response to the Marconi Society and send it to HPH for review.

New Action Item 250916-4: GV to draft a response to the RSSG-WG re the public comment on the root server governance model and send it to EC for review.

New and Updated Resolutions

R-20250916-1: The NRO EC resolves to budget for an independent performance and operation review of the ASO as an ICANN Supporting Organization for next year in case we decide the review is needed.

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Agenda

1.- Welcome

2.- Agenda Review

3.- AFRINIC Update

Outline:

- NRO EC to discuss last developments in AFRINIC Situation
- Mr Dabee and Nirmal are not available for this meeting.

4.- ICP-2 Review Update

Outline:

- Report delivered by the secretariat on last status of the ICP-2 review process.

5 .- ICANN Topics

a) ICANN 84 Meeting Preparation

Outline:

- Secretariat to report on NRO/ASO activities during coming ICANN84

b) ASO Position WG Stream 2 Recommendation 2

Outline:

- Secretariat to brief NRO EC on ICANN request regarding WG Stream 2 recommendation 2.
- ICANN is requesting NRO position in recommendations 02.3.1 and 02.3.2.
- Email on subject sent to the NRO EC list on 11 September 2025
- NRO EC to discuss a possible answer on this request.

6 .- Post-mortem report for RDNS zone distribution delays

Outline:

- Secretariat to brief NRO EC on incident related to IANA ip6.arpa and in-addr.arpa reverse zones
- In Aug 18 IANA reported,there was a delayed distribution of updated Reverse DNS (RDNS) zones, specifically ip6.arpa and in-addr.arpa, all this across ICANN's distribution servers. As a result, the system's main method for quick zone synchronization, was unavailable for over 24 hours. IANA affirms that corrective actions have been taken now.
- We wanted that the NRO EC be informed of this incident report in case you'd like to have a say on this matter.

7 .- Marconi Society Collaboration request

Outline:

- Marconi Society has approached HPH and German Valdez asking for possible collaboration with the NRO
- NRO EC to discuss the value and possible action on this request.

8.- RIR CEO Updates

9.- Minutes Review

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11.- Open Actions Review

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- RSS GWG response?
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13.- Adjourn

Minutes

1.- Welcome

HPH welcomed everyone at 11:02 UTC.

2.- Agenda Review

The draft agenda was reviewed and approved as written.

3.- AFRINIC Update

GV shared that he had extended invitations to today's teleconference to Nirmal and Mr Dabee, but they were unable to attend. GV mentioned, he hasn't heard when the board will be functioning and a CEO will be appointed.

HPH shared that Ulka has prepared a draft message to congratulate them, which we can send this week or next.

JC agreed that it's a step forward.

EM also agreed. He noted that the AFRINIC staff are very happy and the NRO should express some support for this achievement

JRL agreed that the message should be sent.

After some further discussion, the following action item was decided:

New Action Item 250916-1: HPH to circulate the Draft NRO Statement on AFRINIC Board Elections for the EC to review before publication.

4.- ICP-2 Review Update

GV shared the following update:

- All the work that was committed after the ASO face-to-face meeting in Prague has been completed.
- Since the last NRO EC teleconference, the ASO AC has worked in collaboration with the RIR legals and communications teams and published the revised version of the RIR Governance Document published on 28 August, launching a new round of consultations in RIRs and ICANN which will conclude on 7 November. Additional documents include a redline comparing v1 am v2, as well as a summary of differences and the rationale for the changes in v2.
- Each RIR will now organize webinars and sessions at RIR meetings and ASO AC representatives will also attend AIS. Comms staff has worked with the AC on the materials for these presentations and have agreed on content for these engagement activities (https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/community-engagement/).
- In parallel, the RIRs are working on an impact analysis.
- The ASO AC will meet f2f in Montevideo on 12-14 November, with the aim of producing a final version of the document.

 All agreed that the feedback so far appears to be positive, with no major deal breakers

5.- ICANN Topics

a) ICANN 84 Meeting Preparation

GV observed that the agenda is not finalized yet and that sessions are still being confirmed. That said, he shared the ASO at ICANN 84 block schedule as it currently stands and went over the sessions that have already been confirmed. In addition, he has reserved a room for the NRO and ASO AC at ICANN 84, but it may not be available 100% of the time.

 He also stressed the importance of the ICANN review sessions on Monday and Thursday, as they might have an impact on our own independent review and NRO budget. GV will follow up closely with Hervé Clément and Akinori Maimura, who are part of the cross-community group that is discussing this matter.

About the ICANN review sessions, GV explained that the potential impact on the NRO budget has to do with the scope of the review.

HPH recalled that years ago the NRO had decided that this review should be paid by the NRO so that we would have more control over it (other constituencies' reviews are paid by ICANN).

JC also recalled that the NRO had hired a third party and paid for it, a review of the performance of the ASO, aka the NRO acting as the ASO within the ICANN structure, it's very narrow scope review, not a review of the activities of all the RIR activities.

HPH said that in his opinion we should keep this as it is.

JC agreed that for this cycle we should pay for it and be the contracting party.

HPH said that his understanding is that the way we conduct reviews are in the MoU or other governing documents between us and ICANN, so a cross-constituency working group and ICANN cannot change this unilaterally.

GV noted that the review has not been budgeted yet for next year. His understanding is that we are still on ICANN's cycle of reviews, which have been put on hold until they have a recommendation from this CCWG.

HPH suggested going back and checking the MoU and other agreements to make sure we get back to normal again with the reviews. Having the review in the budget and not conducting the review is better than needing the review and not having the budget.

JC agreed that it should be budgeted for this next year just in case, and recommended next year we make a conscious decision of whether to do it or not and inform our decision to ICANN.

EM and JRL agreed with the idea of budgeting this for this eventual review.

After some further discussion, the following resolution and action item were recorded:

R-20250916-1: The NRO EC resolves to budget for an independent performance and operation review of the ASO as an ICANN Supporting Organization for next year in case we decide the review is needed.

b) ASO Position WG Stream 2 Recommendation 2

 GV provided some background on this:

"SO/AC Accountability sub-group Final Report and Recommendations" (work stream 2 recommendations) dates back to March 2018. It discusses improvements to accountability, transparency, and participation within ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs) and the Board. ICANN Work Stream 2 Recommendation 2 is focused on creating guidelines for standards of conduct related to the "Empowered Community's" power to remove individual ICANN Board Directors. The recommendations aim to establish a framework that clarifies what "acting in good faith" means in this context.

GV said that they are now asking for input from the NRO.

JC proposed that the NRO respond "We believe that our existing processes in this regard are sufficient and will not be developing a standalone framework with respect to Recommendation 02.3.1 and Recommendation 02.3.2 of ICANN SO/AC Accountability sub-group Final Report and Recommendations Work Stream 2."

All agreed with JC's suggestion and the following resolution and action item were recorded:

R-20250916-2: The NRO EC resolves that it will not be developing a standalone framework with respect to Recommendation 02.3.1 and Recommendation 02.3.2 of ICANN SO/AC Accountability sub-group Final Report and Recommendations Work Stream 2.

New Action Item 250916-2: GV to response to ICANN's request on NRO position on Work Stream 2 Implementation Recommendations 02.3.1 and 02.3.2 as per R-20250916-2-and cc HPH and Hervé Clement.

6.- Post-mortem report for RDNS zone distribution delays

 GV shared that on 14 August we received from IANA a report that stated that during June there were delayed updates of the RDNS distribution servers, and the SLA for DNS Propagation Time was not met. According to their own investigation, notify messages from the signer systems were dropped due to a firewall rule change. The issue has now been resolved.

HPH said it's good having this on the agenda when we have reports like this.

JC added that he's read the incident report and doesn't see any systemic issue for us to deal with. He appreciates that they reported this to us and agrees that it's good practice to have this on the agenda.

JRL agreed that the corrective actions were fine but observed that APNIC technical staff had noted that the interruption was longer than the 30 minutes mentioned in the report. He asked whether we have a process to inform IANA what we saw (the delays were in hours).

JC said we don't have a process for something like that and suggested the APNIC team get back to the IANA and report what you saw.

After some discussion, it was decided that if they see something like this, each RIR team can look at it and then report to the IANA what we see (each RIR individually, not through the NRO).

7.- Marconi Society Collaboration request

HPH said he had had a meeting with them in Oslo, where they talked about some collaboration (HPH as RIPE NCC, not as NRO EC). It seems very open right now, but it appears they are asking for an invitation to one of our NRO meetings to tell us what they want.

EM said he had also talked to them in Oslo, and it was not clear to him what the purpose would be. If they have something to offer, then they should send it to us so we can discuss it.

HPH suggested replying along the following lines: We look forward to hearing more and to see if there's opportunities for collaboration, send us your proposal.

After some discussion, the following action item was decided:

New Action Item 250916-4: The Secretariat to draft a response to the Marconi Society and send it to HPH for review.

JC had to leave the call for another engagement.

8.- RIR CEO Updates

JRL:

- We just finished the APNIC meeting, where we had three big topics: 1) the Bylaws consultation about term length and term limits; 2) ICP-2; 3) getting the budget approved for next year.

EM:

- LACNIC strategic planning process it's completed and have been presented to the board.
- Internal work: changes to how the areas are working and we will create some facilities to strengthen collaboration and work together in some projects.
- Some major changes related to the staff and the organizational structure. Institutional legacy, preservation and transmission to the staff and the community.
- Information security and transparency will be key points for the next four years.
- Diego Mena and Carlos Martinez will be working with me, Diego Mena on the transversal issues and Carlos as technical advisor and coordinating activities at NRO level

RJ in place of JC:

- Annual election for board, there are three open seats, and we will have at least one new member.
- We are completing a datacenter move project.
- We are also facing a potential main office facility move, as the lease for our current office space ends in 2027.

HPH:

- We had a board meeting a few days ago, registry business continuity was something we highlighted, we are looking into escrow for registry data.

- We also discussed our efforts on further improving registry efficiency and accuracy, the high-level goals on that and how that affects software development.
- We're also working on a five-year strategy from 2027 to 2031.
- The RIPE meeting is coming up in four weeks.

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HPH noted he will try to allocate some time for reviewing past minutes.

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JRL and HPH said they wouldn't be able to make it on 21 October, so all agreed to have this meeting one week earlier (14 October).

11.- Open Actions Review

Action Item 250819-1: JRL to confirm the precise dates for the NRO EC f2f meeting in Jakarta during APRICOT 2026. **OPEN**

GV said that there are a couple of open action items on the PACG from March, so he will check with them about this.

Action Item 250218-1: Nathan Harvey and GV to produce a new version of the NRO Procedures document based on NRO EC feedback during Istanbul meeting. **IN PROGRESS**

GV said that Nathan will be ready to report on this at an upcoming EC meeting.

12.- AOB

EM asked for Eduardo Jimenez to be included in the EC mailing list, and no objections were heard.

RSS GWG response

https://www.icann.org/ar/public-comment/proceeding/functional-model-for-root-server-system-governance-11-08-2025

HPH observed that an invitation had been received from the ICANN Root Server System Governance Working Group to submit functional model input, and that JC had suggested that the EC should reply. He noted that although we have a contractual agreement with the IANA to take care of in-addr.arpa, and that the IANA is an observer in the proposed governance, we may want to make some remarks anyway. The end of the comments period is 22 September.

EM and JRL agreed that we should participate in some way.

HPH explained that the proposal that's currently on the table now is a new governance structure, which is either replacing or in addition to the Root Server Advisory Group. There would be 12 seats for the root server operators, and 12 seats for others. Although we don't operate any root servers, it would be possible to envision that one or two seats would be filled by the NRO. This is the time to raise our hand and say "we want to sit around the table," if that's what we really want.

JRL noted that we could easily say we are one of the three communities in ICANN (gTLDs, ccTLDs, and numbering) and should have a seat at the table. However, when we propose it, we must be ready and know who our representative will be if our proposal is accepted.

HPH observed that, at this stage, it's not about appointing anyone but about providing feedback. After the RSSG-WG finishes its work, it will share the output with the community for public comment, then it will go to the ICANN Board. He suggested that they make a brief statement now on the importance of iana.arpa in the system and that we would appreciate being included around the table as the numbers people.

RJ (in place of JC) agreed that it might be best that we ask for a seat at the table and identify ourselves as a stakeholder. Having one seat allows us to know what's going on and to inject information we think needs to be said, if necessary. He suggested that it might be best to make a statement saying that we are a stakeholder, we operate in-addr.arpa and ip6.arpa, we provide that data into the root, and for that reason we feel like we at least should have a seat at the table, perhaps a simple message at this stage.

After some further discussion, the following action item was decided:

New Action Item 250916-4: GV to draft a response to the RSSG-WG re the public comment on the root server governance model and send it to EC for review.

EM suggested another AOB for the next EC teleconference: how to improve our exchange of information related to security incidents in order to learn and anticipate potential problems."

All agreed. EM will invite Carlos, ARIN will invite Mark.

13.- Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 13:59 UTC.