

# 2025-November-18: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference

**FINAL**

**Date: Tuesday, 18 November 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:**

Nirmal Manic (NM)	AFRINIC
Profr Adewale Adedokun (AA)	AFRINIC
Joyce Chen (JC)	APNIC
Jeremy Harrison (JH)	APNIC
Nathan Harvey (NH)	APNIC
Richard Jimmerson (RJ)	ARIN
Michael Abejuela (MA)	ARIN
Nancy Carter (NC)	ARIN
Ignacio Estrada (IE)	LACNIC
Eduardo Jimenez (EJ)	LACNIC
Alejandro Guzman	LACNIC

**Secretariat:**

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

## New and Updated Action Items

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**New Action Item 251118-7:** JRL will spend some time together with GV and start preparing the agenda for the NRO EC f2f meeting in Jakarta. GV will send out a draft so that everybody can prepare for the meeting.

## New and Updated Resolutions

**R-20251118-1:** The NRO EC resolves to postpone the ASO Independent Review until 2028.

## Agenda

1.- Welcome 

2.- Agenda Review

3.- AFRINIC Update

Outline:

- NRO EC to discuss last developments in AFRINIC Situation

4.- 2025 Expenses and 2026 NRO Budget Update

**Outline:**

- Topic presented by Nathan Harvey.

**5.- ICP-2 Review Update**

**Outline:**

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

**6. - ASO Topics**

**a) Request for f2f meeting for 2026**

**Outline:**

- ASO AC is requesting Two f2f meetings during 2026.

**b) Role of the ASO AC in the implementation of the Governance Document**

**Outline:**

- The ASO AC is asking if they should participate in the redaction of an implementation document or follow the application of the principles of the document.

**7.- ASO Independent Review**

**Outline:**

- Based on October discussion, the NRO EC to formally adopt a resolution to align with ICANN Board decisions and postpone ASO Review for 2028

**8.- ICANN Continuous Improvement Program CIP**

**Outline:**

- NRO EC to discuss on the ASO participation/involvement in the ICANN CIP

**9.- ICANN Leadership Program**

**Outline:**

- ICANN has requested the appointment of two ASO representatives to the ICANN Leadership Program

**10.- NRO RPKI Program Vacancy.**

## **Outline:**

- NRO EC to discuss vacancy in the RPKI Program

## **11.- NRO EC f2f Meeting**

### **Outline:**

- NRO EC to confirm 1 or 2 days meeting in Jakarta
- Proposed date Friday 13 February 2026.

## **12.- RIR CEO Updates**

## **13.- Minutes Review**

- 2025-October-14: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference - DRAFT (Pending APNIC, ARIN, LACNIC, RIPE NCC)
- 2025-September-16: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference - DRAFT (Pending APNIC, ARIN, LACNIC, RIPE NCC)
- 2025-August-19: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference - DRAFT (Pending APNIC, ARIN, RIPE NCC)
- 2025-July-15: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference - DRAFT (Pending APNIC, ARIN, RIPE NCC)
- 2025-June-17: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference - DRAFT (Pending ARIN, RIPE NCC)
- 2025-May-18: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference - DRAFT (Pending RIPE NCC)
- 2025-April-15: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference - DRAFT (Pending RIPE NCC)
- 2025-March-18: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference - DRAFT (Pending RIPE NCC)
- 2025-March-9: Minutes NRO EC f2f- DRAFT (Pending RIPE NCC)

## **14.- Next Meetings**

- a) Tuesday 16 December 2025 Teleconference
- b) Tuesday 20 January 2025 Teleconference
- c) Tuesday 17 February 2025 Teleconference (week after the proposed f2f meeting in Jakarta)

## **15.- Open Actions Review**

## **16.- AOB**

## **17.- Adjourn**

# **Minutes**

## **1.- Welcome**

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HPH welcomed everyone at 11:03 UTC.

## **2.- Agenda Review**

The draft agenda was reviewed and approved as written.

## **3.- AFRINIC Update**

AA said it was a pleasure to be on the call and thanked the NRO for all the assistance to AFRINIC and AFRINIC staff during the crisis. He reported that the receiver is still in office as he was appointed by the courts and is waiting for the decision to discharge him. He added that the board has now appointed a three-member interim management committee and that the process for selecting the CEO has also commenced.

HPH thanked AA for his update, wished him good luck with their further work, and said the NRO is available if they have any request.

## **4.- 2025 Expenses and 2026 NRO Budget Update**

Nathan Harvey shared on screen the Draft NRO Budget for 2026 and walked through each line of the document, highlighting some items that are yet to be decided. All in all, he observed that there's a slight reduction of the budget in 2026.

All thanked Nathan for his presentation.

Subject to the discussion of the pending topics, the draft budget will be adjusted and approved in December.

## **5.- ICP-2 Review Update**

GV reported on the ASO AC f2f meeting in Montevideo:

- The ASO AC, the Legal Team, the CCG and ICANN staff met in Montevideo for three days (12-14 November).
- The ASO AC decided to repeat the same methodology used during the previous round of consultations, i.e., to and classify the different issues as low, medium, or high priority, split into teams to triage the issues, and reflect the results of their discussion on a shared spreadsheet, agreeing on a cluster of issues that make up the core of the ASO AC discussion.
- ASO AC reviewed diligently all feedback received article by article. For each issue, the group decided on the next steps (no change, change drafting text, further discussion).
- Sam Eisner presented on behalf of ICANN their input to the document which was well received and helpful in the consideration for the next draft.
- On the last day the group discussed the timeline for 2026, and the recommendation was to avoid any rush in the preparation of a new draft before the RIR meetings of the first

semester and allow the group more time to discuss a drafting version that could respond properly to the community input received in this round.

- Finally, some next steps were agreed:
- No communication is planned at the moment as all agreed the work is still in progress, however the CCG will prepare a report for the second consultation.
- The group will continue discussion on those articles marked for further discussion.
- The conversation about the 2026 timeline will be brought to the attention of the NRO EC.

MA added that the ASO AC did a lot of work, highlighting that they considered all of the feedback that came in. From a community engagement perspective, they went through every piece of feedback. The AC is still aiming to complete the work before the end of 2026.

JC observed that the timeline is getting fairly long, it would be remiss if we didn't mention this. Having said that, if the AC believes this is the best way to conclude the process, he thinks the EC should support the AC's plans, making it clear that we expect this to be concluded in 2026.

JRL and EM agreed.

JRL stressed the need to have an agreed deadline for the process. HPH agreed.

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

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## 6. - ASO Topics

### a) Request for f2f meeting for 2026

EM said that he understands the value of the ASO AC's work and is in favor of this request, but that the dates should be aligned with the timeline.

HPH agreed and suggested the following action item:

**New Action Item 251118-3:** GV to communicate to the ASO AC that the EC is tentatively in favor of approving the ASO AC's request for two f2f meetings in 2026, but will consider the request in the context of the timeline aimed at finalizing the RIR Governance Document in 2026.

### b) Role of the ASO AC in the implementation of the Governance Document

JC noted that the ASO AC has one priority right now, which is to complete the ICP-2 review and proposed the following action item:

**New Action Item 251118-4:** GV to draft a message for HPH to send to the AC noting that the ASO AC must prioritise their work in the review of the ICP-2 process.

## **7.- ASO Independent Review**

GV explained that in May this year the ICANN Board resolved to deferred Organizational Reviews until the first cycle of the Continuous Improvement Program (CIP) is complete. An organizational review as we know it has been deferred at least until the end of 2028. If the ASO wants to align with ICANN and postpone our review until 2028, a formal resolution is needed that can be minuted as we've done in the past.

JC moved to postpone the ASO Review until 2028, HPH seconded this motion, no objections were heard, so the motion passed.

**R-20251118-1:** The NRO EC resolves to postpone the ASO Independent Review until 2028.

## **8.- ICANN Continuous Improvement Program CIP**

After some discussion, all agreed to discuss this next month via teleconference or f2f in Jakarta.

## **9.- ICANN Leadership Program**

After some discussion, the following was decided:

**New Action Item 251118-5:** HPH will reply that the ASO will not be sending anyone to participate in the ICANN Leadership Program at the ICANN meeting in Mumbai.

## **10.- NRO RPKI Program Vacancy.**

JC said that this is a complicated topic. We have to consider the specifics of the RPKI program and the challenges it posed. He is not sure that the role needs to be filled at this time, as the technical team is working on a clear task and can maintain the momentum. He prefers to defer this until the EC's f2f meeting.

JRL said they can review the program together at the EC's f2f. First, the RPKI steering group should continue working on what they are working on.

EM supported waiting until the EC's f2f and then communicate our decision. He agrees that in the meantime the EC probably needs to task someone from our staff to track the process. And communicate that they are doing a good job and continue focusing on that. He suggested to request the RPKI team to appoint someone to chair or be the secretariat for that group.

After some discussion on whether the person who will be tracking this group will be from APNIC (NRO chair after rotating on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026) or selected by the group itself, it was decided to ask the RPKI team to appoint someone until the EC discusses this topic at their f2f.

**New Action Item 251118-6:** HPH to draft a message to the RPKI team asking them to appoint someone to serve as chair/secretariat for the RPKI Program until the EC meets f2f and makes a decision re the RPKI Program vacancy.

## **11.- NRO EC f2f Meeting**

JRL suggested blocking the full two days (13 and 14 February) and then preparing the agenda.

All agreed and shared their travel plans for Jakarta.

**New Action Item 251118-7:** JRL will spend some time together with GV and start preparing the agenda for the NRO EC f2f meeting in Jakarta. GV will send out a draft so that everybody can prepare for the meeting.

## **12.- RIR CEO Updates**

JRL mentioned the topic of address leasing and registry accuracy, and all agreed on the need to talk about the impacts of that.

JC observed that, on the address leasing topic, it's quite possible that APNIC will end up in a leadership position. The community is seeking clarity on this, as it is variable. Until someone sees a model that works in one of the regions, it won't be emulated in the others.

HPH said that leasing is very simple and fairly common in the RIPE region.

JC presented a brief update about ARIN, which included the following:

- The recent ARIN fall meeting in Arlington TX, with great discussions, a keynote by Geoff Houston, a well-received, nicely handled event.
- Bill Sandiford's term ends this year, Nancy Carter is shadowing him
- We've just completed our strategic planning process, a very structured planning effort, not a huge shift for ARIN, but about understanding what we're trying to do and setting priorities.
- One thing we'll do is include more outreach.

EM:

- Since 1<sup>st</sup> November we have a new structure, with Carlos Martinez and Diego Mena moving to new positions (Chief Technology Strategist and Chief Strategy Officer) and reporting directly to EM. Also some movements within the technology department (operational and RPKI).
- LACNIC had a very successful event in El Salvador.
- There was a policy proposal for "sub-allocation" (leasing), which did not reach consensus.

HPH asked EM re resolution R-20251014-1 (starting a joint project for sharing security information in case of incidents). EM would collect the names of someone at each RIR to contact in case of a security incident.

EM replied that he will begin the conversation with Adil, Eleonora, Cristian, and Graciela.

HPH:

- We've published a new strategy after a process of approximately 12 months.
- He has also been working with the board on the governance structure. He is now planning a session with the board and an external facilitator for this.
- On the policy side, there is a discussion going on about legacy space.

### **13.- Minutes Review**

All agree to review pending minutes.

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HPH has a board meeting on 20 January, so all agreed to have the January teleconference on January 13<sup>th</sup> at the same time as usual.

They also decided that there will be no EC teleconference in February.

### **15.- Open Actions Review**

Postponed for lack of time.

### **16.- AOB**

### **17.- Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 13:02 UTC.