

# 2026-January-13: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference

FINAL

Date: Tuesday, 13 Jan 2025 11:00 AM UTC

## Attendees

### Executive Council:

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

### Observers:

Nirmal Manic (NM)	AFRINIC
Profr Adewale Adedokun (AA)	AFRINIC
Joyce Chen (JC)	APNIC
Jeremy Harrison (JH)	APNIC
Richard Jimmerson (RJ)	ARIN
Michael Abejuela (MA)	ARIN
Nancy Carter (NC)	ARIN
Ignacio Estrada (IE)	LACNIC
Athina Fragkoulli (AF)	RIPE NCC
Sander Steffan (SS)	RIPE NCC

### Secretariat:

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

## New and Updated Action Items

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**New Action Item 260113-3:** GV will send a communique informing the IANA CCG of the rotation of the NRO EC chair and the resulting change of their representative to the group.

## New and Updated Resolutions

**R-20260113-1:** The NRO EC resolves to maintain the M3AAWG Membership in 2026.

**R-20260113-2:** The NRO EC resolves to appoint Jia Rong Low to the IANA CCG to take the place of Hans Petter Holen. The NRO representatives to the IANA CCG will now be Jia Rong Low, John Curran, and Germán Valdez.

## Minutes

### 1.- Welcome

JRL welcomed everyone at 11:01 UTC.

### 2.- Agenda Review

GV walked through the agenda, which was approved as written.

### 3.- Open Actions Review

JRL shared that a “Lead” column has been added to the Open Actions page on the wiki, focusing on 2026 and those carrying forward from 2025.

After today’s meeting, the status of Open Actions is as follows:

**Action Item 251216-1:** The Secretariat to draft a letter expressing interest in the CIP program but putting off formal engagement with it until we have an RIR Governance Document executed between the RIRs and ICANN. **CLOSED** (Message sent by JRL on Jan 14, 2026)

**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. **CLOSED** (Agenda shared on the EC list by GV on Jan 12, 2026)

**Action Item 251010-2:** The legal team to put together an agreement to cover information sharing in case of security incidents. **OPEN**

Re Action Item 251010-2, JH identified himself as the lead given that APNIC is NRO Chair this year

**Action Item 251010-1:** The CEOs to have a kick-off call with our information security and lead technical people to see how information security sharing in case of incidents might be implemented. The team working on this will be led by LACNIC. **OPEN**

Re Action Item 251010-1, EM will begin preparing a proposal for discussion in Jakarta.

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

Re Action Item 250916-3, the NRO EC agreed to close the action as a long time has passed since the first approach from Marconi Society.

**Action Items 250309-1:** The PACG to propose common messaging for WSIS+20. **CLOSED**

**Action Items 250309-2:** The PACG to document the current definitions of the Internet used by the different RIRs and present one or more proposals for a common definition of the Internet to be used in the future so we can have a concrete discussion on the wording. **CLOSED**

Action Items 250309-1 and -2 were closed as they are no longer relevant or have been overtaken by events.

It was decided to add the problem statement of Action Items 250309-2: (definition of the Internet) to the agenda for the f2f meeting in Jakarta.

#### **4.- ICP-2 Review Process Update**

GV provided a brief update of the ICP-2 Process.

After some discussion the below action was agreed.

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#### **5.- ICANN 85 Program**

GV displayed the ASO at ICANN 85 block schedule and went over the activities. (

All discussed the activities and their logistics.

GV has secured a small room for the EC in case it's needed to hold meetings during the week from Sunday through Thursday.

JRL will work separately with GV to discuss which specific sessions JRL will attend, the support he may need, etc. and then coordinate with the CCG.

## **6.- NRO EC f2f Jakarta Meeting |**

JRL provided a brief overview of the agenda, particularly of the strategy items:

- RIR Governance Document 2nd Version Issues List
- NRO Strategy Review Plan
- Joint Session with NRO RPKI Steering Group
- Future and coordination of NRO RPKI Program

Re the RIR governance document v2, although the timeframe is tight, all agreed that the goal would be for the AC to come up with a list of hard issues before Friday 23 January, each RIR analyzes these in advance. As discussed earlier, not the whole list but the list of items they anticipate the RIRs would need to agree on, a short list of hard items or structural decisions on which we need our boards to agree on. (See New Action Item 260113-1 above.)

Re the NRO Strategy Review Plan, the EC discussed what would be the best moment for a new cycle should begin and agreed that three years is enough for each cycle, but that the EC should wait until the RIR Governance Document is finalized.

They EC discussed the possibility of replacing the current strategy with a simpler document, something more general or even a one-pager until we develop something more thorough, just document the strategy for the next three years rather than having a major process. Possible topics to document might include the RPKI program and security coordination. Another topic might be the Joint Internet Number Registry in the new MoU. Include light-weight but key issues, clarify what the NRO is before focusing on strategy (which is not a plan).

All agreed to the following suggestion: stick to the process of three-year cycles, then in Jakarta the EC can start working on updating the strategy plan focusing on keeping it light weight to see if something can be ready by mid-year or end of the year .

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Re the topic of GV's objectives for 2026, JRL shared that he is finalizing the goals for GV for the first half of 2026, which GV will share with the EC along with the things he's focusing on, key initiatives, and changes we've implemented so far.

## 7.- M3AAWG Membership

GV spoke to the NRO's M3AAWG Membership (USD 5000 had been budgeted for this for 2026). He has checked with the PSCG about their interest, and either the RIRs are already members/partners themselves or have no interest in this. No MoU was signed as the NRO.

After some discussion, it was decided to maintain the M3AAWG Membership in 2026 and then discuss this membership in the NRO EC Strategy review.

**R-20260113-1:** The NRO EC resolves to maintain the M3AAWG Membership in 2026.

## 8.- IANA CCG and IETF Trust Update

GV updated the NRO EC on the latest actions of the IANA CCG regarding IETF Trust Change, to close the cycle of reporting of this matter. In short, the transfer of the IANA IPR has been confirmed, but some work will still be needed from the IANA CCG as there are still 5 agreements to release the IETF Trust from all past and future rights and obligations.

With the change of the NRO chair, the EC decided to change the composition of the IANA CCG. It's members will now be Jia Rong Low, John Curran, and Germán Valdez.

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## 9.- RIR Updates

AA provided the AFRINIC update:

- The OR is still in office but will be discharged by the courts in the next two weeks.
- AFRINIC has an activity plan for 2026 and are hopefully returning to full mode, including an AGM and a public policy meeting during the first quarter.
- The CEO recruitment has started with the goal of having a CEO assume by 1st June.
- We still have two elected positions to fill in the ASO AC and in our Governance Committee.
- The board has agreed to constitute a Bylaws Review Committee.

JRL presented the APNIC update:

- We're preparing for our APRICOT meeting, which is currently our main focus.

JC presented the ARIN update:

- This week is our organizational kickoff meeting (to set the organizational officers and committees and review our plans).
- We also have a strategy review to finalize our priorities.

EM then presented the LACNIC update:

- Next week we will have our first board meeting, the first meeting of the year where the Board approves the new positions (of the members of the Board) as well as the appointment of the ASO AC member.

Finally, HPH spoke about RIPE NCC:

- We have a training course with the Board next week on board governance.
- I have appointed an interim CTO who will focus on internal operations.

#### **10.- Minutes Review**

- 2025-December-16: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference - DRAFT (Pending ARIN, RIPE NCC)
- 2025-November-18: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference - DRAFT (Pending RIPE NCC)
- 2025-October-14: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference - DRAFT (Pending RIPE NCC)

JRL observed that many have pending minutes have already been reviewed and thanked everyone for that. Next month this list should be mostly cleared.

#### **11.- Next Meetings**

a) Friday 13 February and Saturday 14 February 2026 face to face meeting in Jakarta

b) Tuesday 17 March 2026 Teleconference

c) Tuesday 21 April 2026 Teleconference

It was decided to change the March meeting to the 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **12- AOB**

#### **13.- Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 UTC.

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