

2026-March-31: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference

FINAL

Date: Tuesday, 31 Mar 2025 11:00 AM UTC

Attendees

Executive Council:

Hans Petter Holen (HPH)	RIPE NCC	Vice Chair/Secretary
Michael Abejuela (MA)	ARIN	Treasurer
Ernesto Majo (EM)	LACNIC	
Jia Rong Low (JRL)	APNIC	Chair

Observers:

Nirmal Manic (NM)	AFRINIC
Joyce Chen (JC)	APNIC
Jeremy Harrison (JH)	APNIC
Richard Jimmerson (RJ)	ARIN
Nancy Carter (NC)	ARIN
Ignacio Estrada (IE)	LACNIC
Athina Fragkoulli (AF)	RIPE NCC
Sander Steffan (SS)	RIPE NCC
Hervé Clément (HC)	ASO AC
Esteban Lescano (EL)	ASO AC

Secretariat:

German Valdez (GV)	Executive Secretary NRO
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New and Updated Action Items

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New and Updated Resolutions

Minutes

1.- Welcome

JRL welcomed everyone at 11:01 UTC.

2.- Agenda Review

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

3.- ICP-2 Review Process Update.

- ***PS:**NRO EC to raise any questions and align with the current state of the review process and next steps including clarify expectations in the finalisation of the review process.*

HC and EL reported that discussions held during ICANN 85 in Mumbai were productive.

It was noted that:

- A response to the GAC is being prepared.
- A report summarising the takeaways from the ICANN 85 community sessions is also being prepared.
- These materials are intended to support transparency and demonstrate that consultation with the broader ICANN community has taken place.

The core issue discussed was the finalisation process for the document and, specifically, when the ASO AC's role should end and when the NRO EC should take over.

JH presented a draft timeline for discussion

Two broad approaches were discussed:

- Option 1: ASO AC retains the pen to the end

HPH expressed the view that, in principle, since the ASO AC was tasked with the work, it should keep ownership through to finalisation.

A concern was raised that transferring ownership too early could weaken the community-led nature of the process and create a perception problem.

- Option 2: ASO AC concludes in Sevilla; NRO EC takes over final phase

EM and MA supported the view that the ASO AC should complete its work by the Sevilla meeting and then hand the document to the NRO EC for the final phase.

This was seen as more efficient and better suited to managing discussions with ICANN on procedural or institutional issues.

It was stressed that this should not be understood as a substantive renegotiation of community-developed content.

AF noted that if ICANN is expected to perform a role under the final document, some discussion with ICANN is unavoidable to ensure that role is acceptable and workable.

After some discussion the NRO EC agrees to:

- The NRO EC would take responsibility for the final phase after Sevilla.
- The ASO AC drafting team would remain plugged in - with a rep from each region - and could be consulted if material changes became necessary.
- Clarifying what issues actually require discussion with ICANN.
- Any significant departures from the Sevilla version would need to be clearly explained.

JRL noted that further work would be needed on how to preserve ASO AC involvement during the final phase and to clarify ICANN procedural expectations.

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3.- Open Actions Review

Decision of status of each pending action is recorded in Actions Items Table.

Some new Actions Items were recorded during the review.

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4.- NRO Strategy (2026 -2028) |

***PS:**NRO EC to discuss and agree on the content of the NRO Strategy Document, and to discuss which outputs of the working group/task forces should/can be published: (i) RIR Governance document; (ii) Program and (iii) Security Threat Intelligence coordination.*

JRL introduced the draft strategy document, developed based on the Jakarta face-to-face discussion. He reminded that the draft was intended as a publishable strategy document setting out objectives, intended outcomes, and, where applicable, references to possible outputs or work plans. JRL also raised for discussion whether such work plans or outputs should be made public in support of transparency.

The discussion included:

- whether high-level work plans should be published, especially where this would improve transparency without exposing sensitive detail (re security coordination);
- the need to distinguish between public strategic outputs and internal operational material, particularly in the security area; and
- the wording used in the IPv6 section, especially the phrase referring to a future “where IPv4 is no longer dominant.” HPH and EM both supported further clarification of the IPv6 language, noting that the phrase would require explanation if used publicly.
- MA supported the overall direction of the draft and also supported publication of sufficiently high-level work plans where doing so would improve transparency.

JRL proposed that members continue wordsmithing the text offline and that the document remain open for additional drafting input for the next couple of weeks.

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5.- RIR Updates

NM provided the AFRINIC update:

- AFRINIC’s Special General Members’ Meeting is planned for 14 April 2026;
- AFRINIC AIS meeting is tentatively expected in Nairobi, Kenya, from 22 to 26 June 2026;

APNIC update:

- JRL observed that APNIC is increasingly engaging with members whose operational realities are shaped by regulatory obligations and low tolerance for service disruption. He suggested that this may require APNIC to rethink how it creates space for those members in its processes and how it frames technical initiatives, including RPKI measures.

MA presented the ARIN update:

- ARIN's upcoming members meeting will take place in Louisville, Kentucky, from 19 to 22 April 2026.
- A new logo has been designed.
- ARIN is a quarter away of all deployed software and services would be running on Kubernetes.

LACNIC update:

- LACNIC had already informed the group about the decision to relocate two LACNIC meetings.
- In connection with the second NRO EC face-to-face meeting of the year, Ernesto Majó noted that the earlier Panama option was no longer available and that the new venue arrangements create scheduling complications with RIPE and ICANN meeting in Oman.

RIPE NCC:

- RIPE NCC's RIPE meeting in Edinburgh begins on 18 May 2026;
- RIPE NCC is also progressing its own strategy work, including further refinement of measures of success and expected outcomes.

6.- Minutes Review

The Secretariat noted that pending minutes remain under review, including minutes from the February meeting, which still require revision and recirculation.

7.- Next Meetings

a) Tuesday 21 April 2026 Teleconference

b) Tuesday 19 May 2026 Teleconference

c) Tuesday 16 June 2026 Teleconference

- **PS:** NRO EC to confirm/adjust next 3 NRO EC Teleconferences.
- **PS:** NRO EC to discuss alternative plans for next f2f meeting after LACNIC October meeting date changes.

Conflicts were immediately identified, especially in April and May. The April date was therefore left open pending further scheduling consultation.

8- AOB

JRL advised the NRO EC of his travel conflict affecting ICANN Sevilla attendance. HPH will represent the NRO EC.

EM informed that an extraordinary board election process is under way to fill one board position.

9.- Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 UTC.
