2026-April-29: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference

FINAL

Date: Wednesday, 29 Apr 2025 **11:00 AM UTC**

Attendees

Executive Council:

Hans Petter Holen (HPH)	RIPE NCC	Vice Chair/Secretary
Mukom Tamon (MT)	AFRINIC	
John Curran (JC)	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
Bhadrika Panchal (BP)	APNIC
Richard Jimmerson (RJ)	ARIN
Nancy Carter (NC)	ARIN
Michael Abejuela (MA)	ARIN
Ignacio Estrada (IE)	LACNIC
Alejandro Guzman (AG)	LACNIC
Eduardo Jimenez	LACNIC
Athina Fragkoulli (AF)	RIPE NCC
Andrei Robachevsky (AR)	ASO AC
Hervé Clément (HC)	ASO AC
Esteban Lescano (EL)	ASO AC

Secretariat:

German Valdez (GV)	Executive Secretary NRO

New and Updated Action Items

New Action Item 260429-1 Lead Jia Rong Low: Respond to ICANN CEO requesting a discussion between RIR legal teams and ICANN legal team on ICANN's feedback on the RIR Governance Document.

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New Action Item 260429-5 Lead Germán Valdez: to update the ASO website with the new version of the ASO Procedures for Empowered Community Powers.

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New and Updated Resolutions

R-20260429-1: The NRO EC resolves to adopt the updated ASO Empowered Community Procedures.

Minutes

1.- Welcome

JRL welcomed everyone at 11:02 UTC.

2.- Agenda Review

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

3.- ICP-2 Review Process Update.

- ***PS:*** Align the RIR Governance Document workplan and communications so the drafting team, NRO EC, ASO AC, legal team, and ICANN have a shared, realistic timeline and clear handoffs (including how the draft is named and published).

The HC, EL and AR as part of the Drafting Team of the ASO AC were present on the call for this agenda item.

JRL reported that the NRO EC had had a meeting with the legal team to walk through ICANN's feedback.The next step would be to respond to ICANN CEO, including a request for a discussion between the RIR legal teams and ICANN legal team to clarify specific points in ICANN's feedback to version 2 of the RIR Governance Document. Meanwhile, our legal team will share items that ICANN has already provided with the drafting team so they can work concurrently.

JRL noted that the NRO EC intended to discuss the proposed overall timeline with ICANN, including ICANN's own internal process requirements, so that all parties could work from a shared timeline. A call with ICANN CEO had being arranged for 7 May for such purpose.

The ASO Drafting team representatives shared comments or issues regarding the current timeline:

- The deadline for sharing the draft with the AC should be extended to 4 May.
- The timeline should not be overly prescriptive about clarification questions unless such questions are actually required after feedback is received.
- The ASO AC's final draft, once handed over to the NRO EC, should be published to make the handover transparent and accountable.
- If more members are to be added to the drafting team so that all regions will be represented, this should be done as soon as possible.

JRL summarised the outcome of the discussion as follows

- Keep the timeline from being overly prescriptive and focus on the milestones.
- The handover version should be referred to as the Final ASO AC Draft.
- The timeline should include a clear step noting that the ASO AC formally hands over the Final ASO AC Draft to the NRO EC and ICANN, and that this version is published.

- The NRO EC will respond with a letter formally thanking the ASO AC on behalf of the community and then communicate this to the public.
- Add two more representatives to the drafting team (APNIC and AFRINIC).

Action items recorded after this discussion:

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HC, AR and EL left the meeting.

4.- Open Actions Review

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

5.- NRO Strategy (2026 -2028) |

***PS**:* Finalise NRO Strategy Document for publication.

JRL noted that JC had already provided his response and acceptance of the strategy document.

HPH said he had shared the strategy document with the RIPE NCC Board and executive team and had received no objections.

EM and TM said they was broadly comfortable with the strategy document.

JRL suggested the strategy document will remain on the table until Friday for final comments. Then the target will be to publish it on the NRO website.

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6.- ASO Empowered Community Procedures Gap

- GV to present on the ASO procedural gaps and proposed solution.
- ***PS***: EC to assess the proposal to fill the procedural gap.

GV presented the document titled ASO Empowered Community Procedures Gaps, which he prepared according to Action Item 260213-2.

All supported the adoption of the updated procedures and no opposition was heard.

R-20260429-1: The NRO EC resolves to adopt the updated ASO Empowered Community Procedures.

New Action Item 260429-5 Lead Germán Valdez: to update the ASO website with the new version of the ASO Procedures for Empowered Community Powers.

7.- ASO/NRO Activities ICANN 86

PS: Secretariat to update on ASO/NRO Activities during ICANN 86

JRL will not be able to attend ICANN 86 so HPH as vice-chair will be the NRO EC representative.

GV displayed and walked through the block schedule for ASO at ICANN 86. He explained that the ASO AC has decided that they want to focus on their final work and have scheduled 15 work sessions and have no specific plans to meet with other SOs or ACs during ICANN 86

As for the NRO EC's participation, the following action item was decided:

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8.- RIR Updates

PS: Sharing of RIR developments/challenges.

RIPE NCC update:

- A two-day SEE meeting was held in Belgrade.
- We continued engagement with Southeast European governments (two roundtables per year).
- The RIPE NCC General Meeting will be held in approximately three weeks and will include Board elections and the presentation of the next five-year strategy.
- The Board has made the decision to change RIPE NCC Executive Board structure from considering a two-tier model to adopting a one-tier board model (CEO becomes a full board member; clearer executive vs non-executive director structure).

LACNIC update:

- LACNIC is running an extraordinary election to fill the ninth seat on the Board.

- LACNIC is working in formalising relationship with legacy resource holders organizations.

ARIN update:

- The ARIN meeting in Louisville, KY has just concluded. There was a pretty extensive discussion of a policy proposal which is being discussed in ARIN and at the IETF called Taking IP To Other Planets (TIPTOP).

APNIC update:

- APNIC is preparing for its upcoming board meeting and that more substantive updates would be shared at the next NRO EC meeting.

AFRINIC update:

- AFRINIC held its Special General Members Meeting (SGMM) where the only item on the agenda was the approval of the 2021 financials.
- the AFRINIC Annual General Meeting will take place in Nairobi on 22-27 June.
- Outreach activities have started.
- The board appointed a Bylaws Review Committee which has one mission: to look at AFRINIC's Bylaws and identify every change that might be required to strengthen the organization.

6.- Minutes Review

Not discussed.

7.- Next Meetings

a) Tuesday 19 May 2026 Teleconference

b) Tuesday 16 June 2026 Teleconference

c) Tuesday 21 July 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.*

After some scheduling conflicts the NRO EC decided to skip the May NRO EC teleconference and look for a new date out of the regular schedule for June teleconference.

The NRO EC agreed in principle to use RIPE 93 in Sofia Bulgaria as the placeholder for the face-to-face meeting (Half of Friday 30 and Saturday 31 October 2026), subject to final confirmation from AFRINIC meeting calendar.

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8- AOB

- PACG to give an update on PACG coordination with IETF/IAB please.

JC provided the following update:

- There is a proposal for the PACG to create a joint Slack channel with IAB members for general updates and discussion of public policy issues.
- PACG is supportive of the idea but would like EC input on any concerns and on any ground rules needed before launch.

No objections were raised to the Slack channel but the following guidelines were provided by the CEOs:

- Use the channel for lightweight coordination and information-sharing, not for complex/deep processes.
- If questions arise about structural/relationship matters (RIRs–IETF/IAB), escalate to NRO EC and/or legal for official guidance.
- Keep an open path for inputs/questions on IETF-related topics.

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9.- Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 UTC.