

2024-October-15: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference

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Date: Tuesday, 15 October 2024, 11:00 UTC

Attendees

Executive Council:

Oscar Robles (OR)	LACNIC	Chair
John Curran (JC)	ARIN	Vice-Chair
Hans Petter Holen (HPH)	RIPE NCCC	Treasurer
Jia Rong Low (JRL)	APNIC	

Observers:

Nirmal Manic (NM)	AFRINIC
Pablo Hinojosa (PH)	APNIC
Jeremy Harrison (JH)	APNIC
Richard Jimmerson (RJ)	ARIN
Ernesto Majo (EM)	LACNIC
Eduardo Jimenez (EJ)	LACNIC
Athina Fragkouli (AF)	RIPE NCC

Secretariat:

German Valdez (GV)	NRO Secretariat
Laureana Pavon (LP)	Minutes

New and Updated Action Items

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New Resolutions

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Minutes

1.- Welcome

OR welcomed everyone and the meeting began at 11:00 UTC.

2.- Agenda Review

The agenda was displayed on screen and approved as written.

3.- AFRINIC Update

NM reported that the ruling came in two minutes ago. The receiver will be back for two months, during which he will have to organize the election.

OR thanked NM for the wonderful news and said that he hopes everything will go smoothly.

4.- ICP-2 | ASO AC Monthly Report

GV explained that the global consultation is now underway. The comms departments and legals of each RIR have done a great job. The consultation was made public on 8 October. The information about the Principles document is available on the ASO and NRO websites and comments are being received from the community.

AF added that the goal had been to have the questionnaire up and running in time for the LACNIC meeting and it will remain open until mid-November. She is looking to publish an article on this topic in time for the RIPE meeting, which the other RIRs can then translate and share, of course.

OR thanked her for the excellent work. OR Confirmed the link to the questionnaire was shared at the LACNIC meeting.

JC noted that there is also a revised timeline document from the ASO and that the task might be completed in 2025. This may change, but it is looking good. We now need to see with the legals how this will get enacted once it's complete (formally send it to ICANN somehow and so on), sketch out the post ASO-AC steps for ICP-2 v2.

5.- ICANN 81 Preparation

JC shared that, while recovering from a health issue, he will be joining the meetings remotely for the next month or two.

OR said that EM will be there as incoming LACNIC CEO, as will HPH and JRL.

To organize the logistics, GV said he would like to confirm who will be in Istanbul on site. So far, we have the CEOs and their +1s.

EM, HPH, and JC agreed.

EJ noted that all legals will be there.

GV displayed on screen the calendar with the NRO-EC activities and proceeded to go over the proposed schedule for ICANN 81.

All sessions match the structure and schedule of the ICANN 81 sessions. Our meeting room will be available until Thursday in case the NRO EC needs it.

GV then asked whether the EC has any questions for ICANN at the public forum (submission deadline is the end of the month).

HPH replied that, rather than going through this Q&A format, if we have a clear message HPH would like to be more assertive in getting our message out clearly. Let's look at this a bit. If we have a call in the next week or two, we can make a draft and circulate it (Action Item 240820-2).

HPH then suggested having a dinner on Sunday with all NRO EC and guests who are already in Istanbul.

All agreed.

HPH then brought up the RSSAC session scheduled for Monday. He noted that policies might be needed, as there are many ideas for making root servers more resilient, but there is not really an understanding of the consequences. We have not had a new global policy in a long time.

After some discussion, HPH suggested the EC put their heads together to see how we work with the RSSAC. Having some experts invited to the RSSAC Caucus would be a start, but there are multiple ways we can get around the table. We need to volunteer some policy experts to explain things.

OR agreed that joining this conversation is a good starting point.

6.- RPKI Program Challenges

OR explained that this topic was suggested by Sofia.

JC commented that we will shortly have a set of work objectives from the Steering Committee, so we need to decide which are priority and to which we can commit as common RIR goals, not individual RIR goals. JC believes Sofia is looking for the NRO to agree on the need for common goals and activities for the RPKI program.

HPH noted that the EC has a meeting scheduled with her on Thursday and suggested discussing this with her. We need to make firmer decisions on how to sign contracts, that's something we could consider having a procedure for. As for ambition level, staffing level at the different RIRs, HPH is a bit concerned that we don't have a concrete plan for next year. Ideally, these plans should have been here so we could have them budgeted. Have we made sure that our teams are able to deliver what's required from the program? We cannot have ad hoc activities. We need to align the NRO planning with the RIR planning.

Decision: Discuss this topic during the meeting with Sofia this Thursday.

7.- A Technical Community Coalition for Multistakeholderism Proposal

GV explained that there is now a Statement on the Global Digital Compact (GDC) and they are looking for signatories. Is this new technical community group something that the RIRs will be supporting? Should the NRO be involved in this?

HPH observed that the RIPE NCC has considered joining this program and made the conscious decision not to participate. He sees that APNIC has joined. HPH believes this is an important area, he has a team of 7 people working on IG and public policy, we are doing a lot of work, but we are trying to be very specific.

JC mentioned that ARIN was approached and has been monitoring the mailing list. Someone from ARIN will probably participate in their meeting, but at this point, ARIN is an observer.

OR observed that there are two implicit invitations: first, an invitation to participate in the process; the other to sign this statement. LACNIC hasn't considered this yet, as we haven't been invited. We don't know what we will do with this. It's good to hear your opinions.

HPH then wondered what would be better, joint vs individual statements? Do numbers count or is it better that we are all together?

JC replied that ARIN doesn't sign on to many statements. there are ARIN members who don't want ARIN supporting positions they didn't have the chance to comment on (i.e., no consultation) unless directly related to keeping the registry system running, so he is very cautious about things like this.

OR noted that the TCCM statement is already finalized, which is a problem for LACNIC. We should have had the chance to say something during the drafting phase. He doesn't think LACNIC will sign.

HPH suggested asking the PACG to be more coordinated and share the statements that we make within our own RIRs, not to draft joint statements but to see if the other RIRs want to submit similar statements, each with our own tone. The PACG could actually do more if we encourage them to. This might help us appear more coordinated if we all send out statements.

OR agreed that, in this process, if we want to say something, it would help us to appear more coordinated among the RIRs.

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8.- NRO annual M3AAWG Renewal

GV mentioned that, although this expense has already been approved in the NRO budget, the amount requires special approval for processing the invoice. No objections were heard, so GV will implement the payment.

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9.- RIR CEO Updates

JC:

- ARIN will be having its meeting in Toronto in a couple of weeks. It will be a good meeting, well-attended and with many interesting discussions.
- We've changed our fee schedule so it can be adjusted yearly by the trustees. Everyone seems pretty satisfied. We also adopted a long-term financial plan with cost targets for the organization through 2030 to bring revenue and cost into alignment. To some extent, this has probably helped diffuse concerns.
- We're taking care of business as usual.

HPH:

- One more week until the RIPE meeting starts.
- Our activity, plan and budget for next year are on the agenda. We had an open house and didn't get many critical questions.
- Next year we will focus on increasing security and compliance next year, and how to measure that.
- How do we measure and report accuracy across the numbers registries? This could be a topic for discussion at one of our upcoming meetings.

OR:

- We use Internet Technical Health Indicators (ITHIs, an initiative by ICANN, not a joint program) to measure accuracy in our registry. The initiative is no longer in operation, but it did help us have a conversation among the registration services managers and define a set of indicators of quality at the Registry.
- OR will share the numbers/metrics with HPH

JC:

- There's a presentation next week by John Sweeting about us launching our registration accuracy program. We are using the ITI framework in terms of how we're measuring, so we'll be producing some numbers, too

JRL expressed his desire to learn from the others on this topic.

OR:

- We had our event in Asuncion (LACNIC 42). We had 500 attendees, it's not an easy place to travel to and there were a couple of major events in Brazil as well. We don't have the survey results yet, but I believe it was a good event.
- We had a meeting with the governments, tried to convey a message on internet technical principles and the unintended consequences of internet blocks (legal, economical and other POVs).
- The CEO transition is running smoothly and will conclude in two weeks. We've been taking care of the legal powers we need to transfer. LACNIC has two individuals with the same powers. Now I have to transfer those powers to another person to maintain the same backup system in place.

JRL:

- This is my second week on my new job, I am in Brisbane finalizing my onboarding. Current priorities: I'm reviewing our strategic plan and activity plan.
- Last month we had the APNIC meeting in Wellington. The EC met and talked about having the staff look at auditing, and transparency ties in with this as well, so I'm happy to learn from all of you.

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OR asked everyone to review the pending minutes.

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JC observed that 21 January is the week of the Pacific Telecommunications Council conference, where he is participating in a panel. If it turns out there's a conflict, JC may have to step out of the 21 Jan 2025 teleconference for a little while.

12.- Open Actions Review

Action Item 240917-1: The legal team to email the latest edits on the Principles document to the NRO EC shortly after this meeting. The EC will have time until Friday to share any comments. If there are no comments by then, the document will be considered approved and the process will continue (the document will be sent back to the ASO drafting team and then to the comms team to prepare for the survey). **CLOSED**

Action Item 240917-3: OR to reply to ICANN saying the NRO EC has no objections regarding Draft-IETF-6man-addr-assign and it should be moved to last call. **IN PROGRESS**

GV will work with OR to close Action Item 240917-3 promptly.

Action Item 240917-4: GV to follow up with Jeremy to see how to proceed to have the RIR-SLA signed by APNIC. **ONGOING**

GV noted that OR might need to sign the RIR-SLA once again now that JRL has been added. GV will discuss this tomorrow with Jeremy and JRL to have this signed before OR leaves LACNIC.

New Action Item 240820-2: GV to look for the questions the NRO EC sent for the ICANN Board to ask at the ASO public session with the ICANN Board and send them to OR and the other members of the EC so they can prepare the questions for ICANN 81. **CLOSED**

GV added another aspect, a fair observation from HPH about a discussion we had in June regarding RIR collaboration on Internet governance topics. Back in June, we discussed that HPH would follow up with the PACG about how they coordinate Internet governance and how the NRO interacts with governments. We discussed this topic and agreed and agreed on the proposal that HPH would follow up with them and ask them come up with a plan. However, we did not record this action item in the minutes so GV will add this topic so we can do the follow up.

Although he had not initially seen this as an action item on himself, HPH will now take this action item on himself.

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HPH suggested that it would be more efficient to accept the minutes more quickly so we can approve new and updated action items.

13.- AOB

OR shared that he had a conversation with HPH to help him with the transfer of the chairmanship of the NRO EC. He told HPH to feel free to reach out to him for anything he may need. This is my last meeting as part of LACNIC and the NRO EC, it's been a pleasure working with everyone.

14.- Adjourn

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