APNIC Executive Council (EC) Election

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General Principles

- The EC election is a formal election under the APNIC By-laws

- Voting ballots are secret

- The APNIC EC has adopted recommendations made by the 2010 Election Review Panel (ERP)

ERP Recommendations

- The appointment of an Election Chair
- The use of Secretariat staff to serve as Election Officers to manage the elections process and Election Tellers to count the ballots
- The appointment of independent Scrutineers to observe the vote counting
- The documentation of the EC Election procedure

2011 APNIC EC Election

- Four vacant seats on the APNIC EC
  - Two-year term starting from 25 February 2011
- Call for nominations ended 9 February 2011
  - http://www.apnic.net/publications/news/2011/ec-noms-open
- Online and on-site voting available to APNIC Members only
  - http://www.apnic.net/elections

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Election Chair

- Election Chair
  - Appointed by the APNIC EC
- Responsibilities:
  - Oversee the election process
  - Appoint the Election Scrutineers
  - Declare the election results
  - Resolve disputes

Election Officers

- Election Officers
  - Appointed by the Director General
  - Selected from APNIC Secretariat staff

- Responsibilities:
  - Administer the call for nominations
  - Manage the online and on-site voting processes
  - Supervise the ballot paper collection
  - Perform the vote counting with the Election Tellers
  - Retrieve the online voting reports

Election Tellers

- Election Tellers
  - Appointed by the Director General
  - Selected from APNIC Secretariat staff

- Responsibilities:
  - Supervise the ballot box
  - Validate and count the votes
  - Report the results to the Election Chair

Election Scrutineers

- Election Scrutineers
  - Appointed by the Election Chair
  - Selected from staff of other RIRs, ICANN, and ISOC who are on site
  - Do not vote and must be independent from any APNIC Member, or candidate

- Responsibilities:
  - Observe the Election Tellers in counting the votes
  - Not handle or touch the ballot papers
  - Notify the Election Chair in case any anomaly or issue is identified

Voting Entitlement

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- Only current Member's Corporate Contacts, and authorized contacts with voting rights can vote

- The number of votes are determined by the Membership tiers

Membership Tier	Votes
Associate	1 vote
Very Small	2 votes
Small	4 votes
Medium	8 votes
Large	16 votes
Very Large	32 votes
Extra Large	64 votes

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Online Voting

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Online Voting

- Voting period
  - Started: 11 February 2011
  - Ended: 09:00 (UTC+8) Wednesday, 23 February 2011

- Online voting is accessible via MyAPNIC
  - The system preserves anonymity, storing a record of who has voted, and a separate record of votes cast

On-site Voting

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On-site Voting

- Voting period
  - Starts: As announced by the Election Chair
  - Ends: 14:00 (UTC+8) Friday, 25 February 2011

- Corporate Contacts, contacts with voting rights, or appointed proxies can collect ballot papers from the Voting desk until 14:00 (UTC+8) Friday, 25 February 2011

On-site Voting Logistics

- The Voting desk is set up outside the APNIC Member Meeting (AMM) room
- The ballot box is placed at the Voting desk after the opening of on-site voting is announced
- The ballot box is supervised by the Election Tellers at all times
- Enquiries should be directed to the Election Officers at the Voting desk

Voting Ballot Paper

- Voting ballot papers provide clear voting instructions and are marked with a unique stamp

- A ballot paper is invalid if:
  - No boxes are marked
  - More than four boxes are marked
  - It has ambiguous marking
  - It does not bear a validation stamp

Voting Ballot Paper

- Ballot papers with 1, 2, 4, 8, and 16 votes are used

- Members who wish to split their vote may exchange their ballot paper at the Voting desk for a set of single-vote papers equal to the Member's total voting entitlement

Voting Ballot Paper

Proxy Appointment

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- Proxy appointment period
  - Started: 11 February 2011
  - Ended: 09:00 (UTC+8) Wednesday, 23 February 2011
- Proxy holders are appointed by Corporate Contacts to vote on the Member's behalf
- Proxy holders need not be from the Member organization but must be registered for the AMM

Counting Procedure

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Counting Procedure

- Votes are counted in the presence of the Election Scrutineers
- All ballot papers are checked
- Tally forms are used to count, record, and verify the total number of check marks for each candidate
  - They are validated and checked by multiple Tellers
- Online voting reports are printed during the vote count
- The total votes for each candidate are calculated by combining the total votes from online and on-site votes

Declaration of Result

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- The result of the election will be announced by the Election Chair
- This declaration will include:
  - The name and total vote count received by each candidate in the election
  - The total number of valid and invalid ballots
  - Notice of any disputes and resolutions
  - Disclosure of any communication from the Election Scrutineers regarding any anomaly or issue

Dispute Resolution

Notice of Dispute

- Any complaint regarding the conduct of the election must be lodged in writing with the Election Chair at the Meeting
- Such notices must be lodged no later than one hour before the scheduled Declaration of the Election
- Notices may only be lodged by Members through their authorized voting representatives

Resolving Disputes

- The Election Chair shall resolve the dispute at his or her discretion

- The Election Chair shall provide notice of all lodged disputes and the Chair's decision at the Declaration of the Election

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