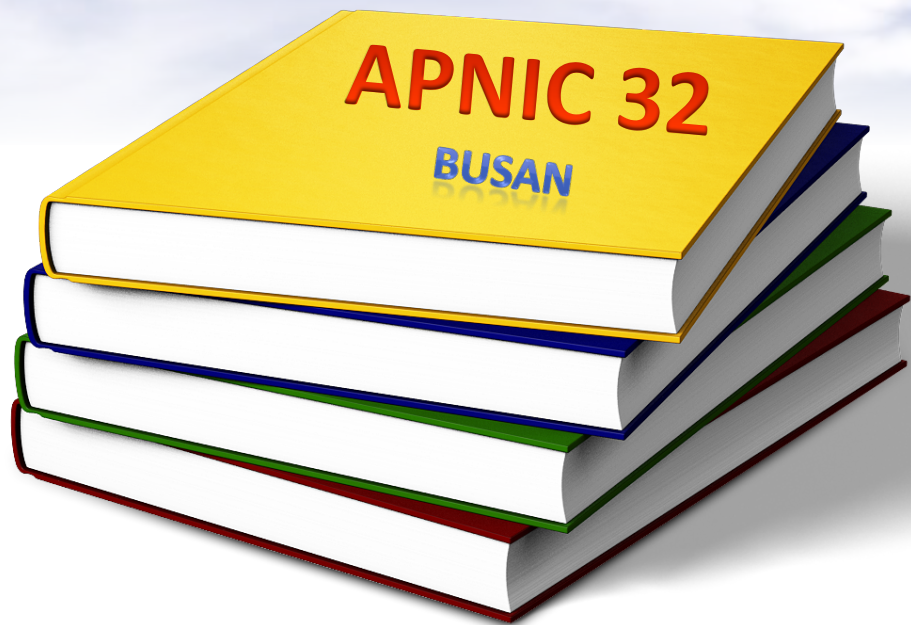


Working Group Report



Membership Voting
Rights

Background



- Executive Council is an elected body
- Members are expected to vote and elect EC members.
- Currently APNIC follows proportional voting system.

Membership Tier	Number of Votes
Associate	1
Very small	2
Small	4
Medium	8
Large	16
Very Large	32
Extra Large	64

Proposal...



- A new proposal on membership voting strengths was proposed by the proposer, Pavan Duggal.
 - Proposed during APNIC 30, Gold Coast.
 - Problem sited
 - A large section of the membership community are being rundown due to proportional voting system.
 - Proposal to introduce equal voting rights for all members in APNIC.
 - One member one vote system.
 - A member can cast votes equal to number of posts.

Working group



- A recommendation to form a WG was made by members.
- Desi Valli & Dr. Kenny Huang were made as co-chairs of the WG
 - Objective - To discuss possible changes to APNIC membership voting rights and report back.
 - Number of members – 67
 - Number of postings online – 225 (approx)
 - Number of active participants – 27*
 - In progress report was produced to members during APNIC 31

WG – APNIC 32



- Members were called for a meeting at APNIC venue 32.
 - Around 40-45 members participated
 - Resignation of Dr. Kenny Huang was announced.
 - Skeeve Stevens was nominated as the new cochair.
 - Members who oppose, support and also those who wanted to propose new formats were asked to deliberate their views.

Summary of discussions



- Members have expressed that the issues in the current system are not explicit.
- It is deliberated that the issues be derived out of a detailed analysis on the past & future of APNIC and Internet.
- There are views that the proposal may not be good enough to fix the issues that may prevail now.
- There were debates about the implications on NIR, and so the voting strengths of the members of NIR.
- Given the datum it is debated that the change in voting system will not shift the balance of regions, hence it is pondered that the change is not required.
- It is also been referred that the counterparts like ARIN, RIPE NCC follow the proposed method.
- It is viewed that the voting be restricted only through online methods, as it will eliminate cartelisation.

New proposals



- Three new proposals are posted
 - Recommending to maintain the status-quo.
 - A Nominations Committee be created to put forward suitably Qualified candidates for the various EC positions.
 - Each APNIC member be provided with at most two votes in each election.
 - One vote if they are an APNIC member; and
 - One additional vote if they hold APNIC or NIR resources.
 - Voting strengths shall be changed from 1 to 64 votes, to 1 to 4.

Agreement



- There is a general agreement that there is a need for more analysis on the existing system and the issues that prevail for various sections.
- Also there is an agreement that there is a need for more ideas & more thoughts.
- More options shall be deliberated among members so that a model can be built after understanding the demerits and merits.

Submission to EC



- A member has asked for a data that provides a census report on any of the past elections that helps to gather the information regarding participating tiers, by the secretariat.
- The current member data on various tiers of every economy, by the secretariat.
- The same be made available for better analysis of the problems.

Submission to members



- Finally; As expressed please post more ideas, thoughts & views to help the WG to make the recommendations.
- The details of the Working Group & the archives of the discussion can be found here...
 - <http://www.apnic.net/community/participate/join-discussions/sigs/wgs>