

APNIC 35 CONFERENCE

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PDP Discussion

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Background

- Current PDP has been in place for the last 10 years.
- No modifications to the PDP since then.
- Concepts or terms that are no longer in use.
- New concepts and roles that need to be recognised.
- No more parallel policy discussions in other SIGs

Highlights

- PDP is meant to remain as a high level document.
 - Procedural details should be contained in the SIG Policy Guidelines
- Elimination of terms no longer in use.
- Inclusion of new expectations in the PDP.
 - i.e the definition of specific problems and proposed solutions
- No changes in the actors, workflow and timing in the PDP
 - Except the requirement to obtain consensus again in the AMM

Section 1 - Introduction

- Make it clear that policy is developed by all stakeholders
 - Not just members
- Policy is developed only in Policy-SIG
 - for example mailing list, in person, on-line
- Participation in PDP (any stage) is open to anyone.
 - Current text refer only to meetings.

Section 2 - Scope

- Ensure that PDP is used for ALL changes
 - Current text make mention of “substantial” changes.

Section 3 - Definitions

- APNIC policies should be followed by NIR and account holders
 - Current text has APNIC members and secretariat
- Mention of PDP Chair(s) as democratically elected members of the Community. They are responsible for the activities of the Policy SIG and deciding consensus.
 - No reference to the nature of the Chair(s) in current document.

Section 4 – Proposal Process – Step 1

- Removes of Open Policy Meeting (OPM) as this nomenclature is no longer in used.
- Proposals can be submitted to Policy-Sig Chairs any time.
- Encourages the idea that proposals should include clear problems statement and specific solutions.
- It's up to the Chair to set the timeline for the submission of a formal proposal to the list.
- However to be considered for consensus should be submitted to the mailing list 4 weeks before the Policy-Sig meeting.

Section 4 – Proposal Process – Step 2

- Makes reference to Policy SIG guidelines document
 - This document should be updated and include the operational aspects of running and managing the APNIC PDP.
- Chair(s) are responsible to determine consensus
- Chair(s) are not required to make the decision right away. They can meet after the Policy SIG meeting and judge the state of consensus.
- The AMM will no longer be required to reach consensus again at the AMM but Chairs will report the outcomes of OPM.

Section 4 – Proposal Process – Step 3

- Now the title is “Last Call”.
- Better distinction with Editorial Comment Period.
- Period reduced to four weeks

Section 4 – Proposal Process – Step 4

- Confirming Consensus.
- Makes it clear that substantial objections can be sufficient to break consensus.
 - Chair(s) will then decide if the proposal is dropped or returned for further discussion at a future meeting

Section 4 – Proposal Process – Step 5

- Now the title is Executive Council Review.
- The Chair(s) ask the EC to implement the policy
 - EC retains the right to refer policy proposal back to SIG
- EC will determine an implementation timeframe in consultation with the Secretariat