Consensus Measurement

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What is consensus measurement?

APNIC SIG Guidelines

- **1.7. Consensus**
  - Consensus is achieved when everyone consents to the decision of the group. The decision may not be everyone's first preference, but is acceptable to all participants.

- **5.1. Basic steps in the consensus decision making process**
  - The Chair may ask for a show of hands indicating:
    - Those for the proposal
    - Those against the proposal (or individual elements of the proposal)
    - Those who have no opinion on the proposal
  - The show of hands is not a vote. It is a way of broadly gauging opinion.

Show of hands

- It's a way for the Chair's to say: "Stop doing email for a minute and pay attention. I need to know if you have an opinion about this proposal."

- The question is not always the same.
  - The Chairs may want to understand which part is causing objections

- The Policy SIG Mailing list
  - Comments to the list are part of the discussion and part of the consensus
    - PDP Step 2: Consensus must be reached first at the SIG session and afterwards at the Member Meeting for the process to continue.
  - Sometimes a new draft can be introduced at the meeting.
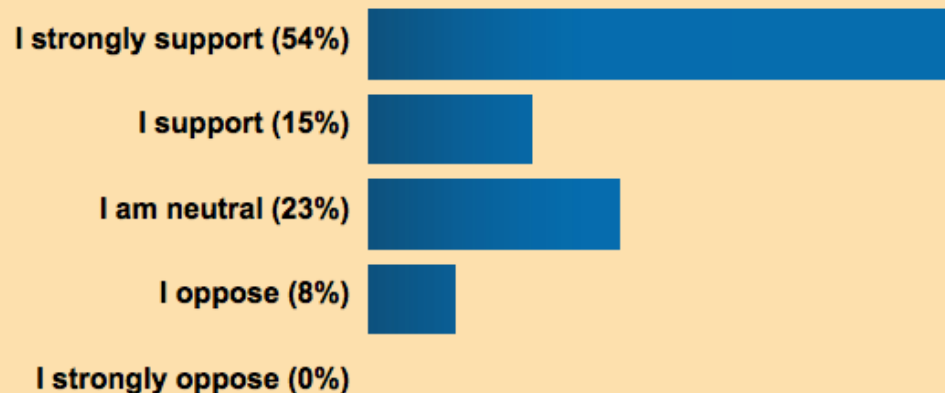
Why do we need this?

- Chat doesn't really work that well for this

- "My boss is here and I can't disagree with him"

- Level playing field for those who participate remotely

Hubs and Remote Participation

- APNIC ceased supporting Remote Hubs after APNIC 34
  - This has sparked a discussion about remote participation

- Webcast system (Adobe Connect) chat is the only way to interact with the OPM

- We get requests about remote hubs and the Secretariat is looking for a way forward

- Availability and affordability of participation should be a priority for the SIG

We did a test in New Delhi

Would you support the Policy SIG Chairs using something like this to help gauge consensus?
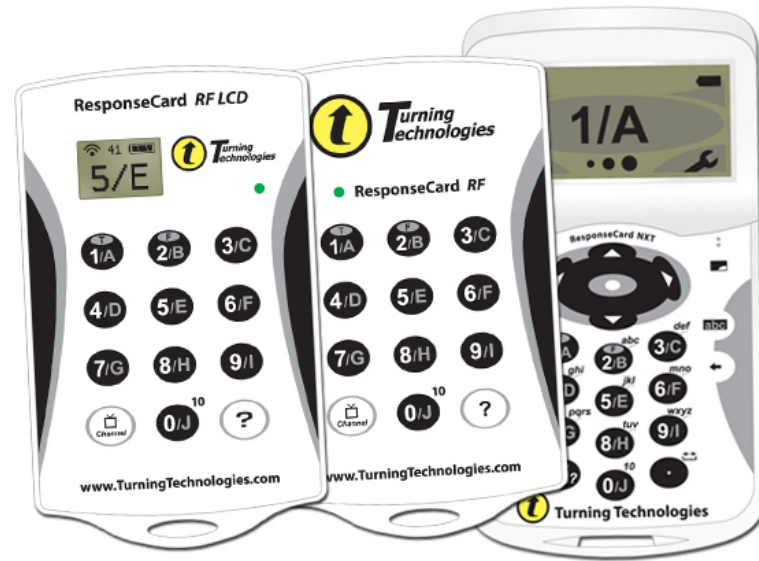
- I strongly support (54%)
- I support (15%)
- I am neutral (23%)
- I oppose (8%)
- I strongly oppose (0%)

Note: This graph reflects the submissions so far. It is not a final result.

Strong support, or opposition to a proposal here does not immediately result in a call of Consensus for or against this proposal. Consensus, as defined by the APNIC SIG Guidelines, require the Chairs to also take into account the discussion on the mailing list and at the Open Policy Meeting when gauging consensus.

Secretariat looked into it

- Audience Response System
  - http://www.keepad.com/

- Device, app, browser

- Proprietary system

- Capex + Opex

Adam's proposal

- This idea has the support of the Secretariat
  - And the secretariat is willing to invest in it if necessary
- This idea ends up on my quarterly objectives

- This proposal is not sanctioned by my manager
- This proposal is not sanctioned by the Policy SIG Chairs
- This proposal is intended to generate discussion
- Based on the discussion I will take a suggestion to the mailing list and following further consultation ask the Chairs to approve specifications for a solution.

Proposed Specifications

- Platform will be IOS & Android apps plus web browser

- It replaces the show of hands in the room
  - It will **NOT** replace the vote for electing Chairs
    - SIG Guidelines 2.6.3: Voting will take place by a count of a show of hands

- You will need to register
  - Registration will require a name and verifiable email address
  - Registration will be immediate/automated
  - You will be able to voice your opinion before the SIG Meeting

- There will be no audit trail
  - The results will be available only to the Chairs
  - Chairs will gauge validity of outcome
  - Results will be deleted and not form part of the archive

- Remote hubs are treated as individuals
  - Participation will be by individual regardless of their venue

Thank you