RIPE NCC Annual General Meeting 2001
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Minutes

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ABSTRACT:

Traditionally these minutes reflect the detailed discussions for the benefit of those unable to attend the meeting. Those interested in a summary may want to refer to the Appendix listing the decisions.

AGM 2001 AGENDA

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1. Welcome

The Chairman Kees Neggers opened the meeting at 10:50

He asked the attendees to introduce themselves with their names. Afterwards the Board members introduced themselves.

He explained that the RIPE NCC works so that not all members need to be present at the AGM but can still participate in the direction of the RIPE NCC as the agenda and proposed resolutions were published to the members prior to the meeting.

The Chairman asked the RIPE NCC Managing Director, Axel Pawlik, to give the RIPE NCC update.

2. Operational Report from the RIPE NCC

Axel Pawlik presented the status report from the RIPE NCC.

For details about his presentation please see:

http://www.ripe.net/ripencc/about/agm/agm2001/presentations/index.html

Questions: - Frode Greisen asked why DNSsec is not deployable at this time.

A: Main hindrance are complexities of distributed key management.

Lajos Balint commented about the membership of RIPE NCC with ISOC. This was not mentioned in the presentation. He was happy that the RIPE NCC has the platinum membership.

Wilfried Woeber asked whether all the RIRs have the same problem with signing the ICANN contract or whether it was only a RIPE NCC problem.

A: The RIRs are together in their hesitance to sign a contract. They all want to get it right together.

Lajos Balint asked why APNIC has such a high rate of IPv6 allocations.

A: New applications have pushed Japan to make more use of IPv6 address space. China says that they have more people than IPv4 can accommodate and Europe has 3G mobile services that will need IPv6 space. Hence you see more activity than in the US.

3. Approval of the Financial Report

The Chairman reported that the Financial report was made available to all. He commented that the RIPE NCC was in a good financial standing and that the accounting was running very well.

He mentioned that the RIPE NCC made a large surplus last year. He does not think that surplus is bad and mentioned that an agreement was made with the Dutch authorities that allows to keep 3 times the annual turnover of the RIPE NCC and not be taxed on the capital. These reserves belong to the members and are managed by the RIPE NCC clearing house.

He asked if there were any questions regarding the report. No questions were asked and he asked if the attendees could approve the financials.

- The formal resolution: "The general meeting adopts the 2000 Audited Financial Report of the RIPE NCC." It was unanimously accepted with no objects and no abstentions.

4. Interim Financial report

Kees Neggers presented the participants the current financial standing of the RIPE NCC. Profit and Loss statements were shown.

He confirmed that the financial administration at the RIPE NCC is in good shape, managed appropriately and provides up-to-date figures.

In preparing the 2002 financials the management was slightly less conservative in their budgeting, as requested by members at the previous AGM.

There were no questions regarding the interim financial figures.

5. Postponing the AGM 2002

Approval of the financial report does not justify holding a meeting in itself and Kees Neggers proposed to postpone the AGM 2002 meeting.

-The formal resolution:

"As no special circumstances are foreseen the general meeting proposes to extend the period to approve the audited financial statements 2002 as stated in article 14.2 of the RIPE NCC Articles of Association to 30 October 2002. The board shall send the audited financial statements to the members upon receipt of the auditors final report and audited financial statements".

All in favour , no objections.

6. AP2002

Axel Pawlik provided a presentation to propose the AP 2002 activity plan. He outlined the activities the RIPE NCC will continue to undertake and the new activities planned for 2002.

The budget for the 2002 operating year was proposed to the participants.

Axel mentioned that the budget was based on estimated 1.25 new members per day. The charging scheme was proposed and represented a decrease in the fees for all member categories. This represents a decrease in the fees for the last 4 years. The sign up fee remains stable.

For details about his presentation please see:

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Questions:

Alain Bidron: Do we see that ENUM will become a separate activity in the NCC budget?

A: For the current year we have a contingency for unforeseen activities (5% of the budget).

We have not seen the need to make this a separate budget line for 2002, due to the low associated workload..

Lajos Balint: He would like to see that the presentation of the AP doc looks at the history of a few years back for comparative purposes.

Wim Vink: Disagrees with this as we should look into the future.

Kees Neggers: Commented that to a certain degree this is done and that the figures are shown from the previous years.
When the AP for the upcoming year is developed only the figures of the first months are available. All historical data is available and will be processed in producing the budget for the following year.

Lajos Balint: Asked why the special reserve is already distributed among the activity areas. He thinks that if there is nothing that is foreseen than why does this not just remain in the budget as a separate budget line.

A: Axel Pawlik said that we cannot approach the members for more funds and as there are unforeseen activities that may affect all activity areas and therefore is simply distributed amongst all.

-The formal resolution:

"The general meeting adopts the RIPE NCC Activities, Expenditure and Charging Scheme 2002" The AP2002 was unanimously accepted.

7. Approval of the Arbiter List

Comment Wim Vink: Daniele Bovio is on the list of arbiters. This clashes with his nomination as a board member.

A: No board members are to be on the committee.
Axel Pawlik explained that he collected volunteers early this year. Should Daniele Bovio be elected as a board member he will be removed from the Arbiter list automatically. Of course it is very much appreciated that more arbiters candidates will be found.

-The formal resolution:

"The general meeting approves the list of arbiters as follows:

Daniele Bovio AOL
Carsten Schiefner Board Member DE-NIC, Primus DE
David Kessens IPv6 WG Chair, Nokia
Kurt Kayser MBone WG Chair, self employed
Keith Godber Test Traffic Chair, Energis
Wilfried Woeber Database WG Chair, Vienna University
Keith Mitchell former NCC Chair, ExchangePoint

16 accepted
2 abstentions - Wilfried Woeber & Daniele Bovio

List of Arbiters was accepted.

8. Report from the Board

Kees Neggers provided an update of the activities of the Executive Board.

ICANN/ASO
-We are continuing our efforts on working on the RIR contracts

Outlook 2001/2002
-Continuing support for ICANN
-Finalising ICANN contract
-Rob Blokzijl's term on ICANN board will expire

Rob Blokzijl is seriously considering to stand again for re-election. The board of directors will be elected by the Address Council.

For details about this presentation please see:

http://www.ripe.net/ripencc/about/agm/agm2001/presentations/index.html

Questions: Wim Vink: stated that having the right representation on the ICANN Board is important . He also mentioned that lobbying for international organisation is crucial. Axel Pawlik: assured that the RIPE NCC was active in these areas both in our region and together with the other RIRs. He will together with Mirjam Kuehne represent the interests of RIPE NCC to international organisations.

9. RIPE NCC Executive Elections

Kees Neggers stated that two Board members' terms expire. Wim Vink and Mike Norris will not stand again for election.

3 nominees were presented and asked to stand and present themselves:

Alex Bligh, XO Communications
Daniele Bovio, AOL Europe
Janos Zsako, BANKNET

All three nominees presented themselves to the participants.

The voting procedure was explained and two neutral non -members were asked to count the votes.

1st round voting

14 - Daniele Bovio
23 - Janos Zsako
9 - Alex Bligh
1 - blank vote was submitted

Janos Zsako was appointed to the Board

2nd round voting

33 - Daniele Bovio
13 - Alex Bligh
1 - blank vote was submitted

Daniele was appointed to the Board.

Terms begin on 12 November 2001

10. Closing

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APPENDIX: Decisions of the Meeting

The general meeting adopts the 2000 Audited Financial Report of the RIPE NCC.

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The general meeting adopts the RIPE NCC Activities, Expenditure and Charging Scheme 2002.

List of Arbiters was accepted.

Janos Zsako was appointed to the Board

Daniele Bovio was appointed to the Board.

List of Participants, RIPE NCC AGM 2000

Name	Country Code	Affiliation
Vladimir Kerkhoff	NL	Pins Nederland
Erich Hochstoeger	AT	Mobilkom Austria
Arnold Nipper	DE	DE-CIX
Yves Sandfort	DE	COMDivision
Philip Kriener	DE	COMDivision
Hidde Korenstra	NL	HCCNet
Werner Brakeman	DE	Bertelsmann Mediasystems
Simone Merli	IT	4u S.r.l.
Lajos Balint	HU	HUNGARNET
Hussam Al-Qura'an	JO	Jordan Telecommunications Group
Daniele Bovio	EU	AOL Europe
Kees Neggers	NL	SURFnet
Jan Diegelmann	DE	n@work Internet Informationssysteme
Mustafa Sokullu	TR	DATASSIST
Mike Norris	IE	HEAnet
Jan Gruntorad	CZ	CESNET
Frode Greisen	DK	Ebone
Alain Bidron	FR	France Telecom
Janos Zsako	HU	BankNet
Alex Bligh	UK	XcangePoint
Antonio Esposito	IT	PAth.Net
Hans Petter Holen	NO	Tiscali
Wilfried Woeber	AT	Vienna University ACOnet
Wim Vink	NL	Via NET.WORKS
Nigel Titley	UK	PacketExchange