

Minutes of the .nz Oversight Committee Meeting

Monday 11 December 2006, 5.00pm

Attendance

Present: Frank March, Colin Jackson, Chris Streatfield, David Russell, Andy Linton, Roger Hicks, Richard Currey, Debbie Monahan, Alison McKenzie.

Apologies: Colin Jackson tendered his apologies for lateness as a consequence of a family emergency.

The meeting started with a NZOC members, staff excluded, session.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the last NZOC meeting were passed as true and accurate.

Matters arising: The Committee discussed the monitoring of DNS availability and it was agreed that the registry manager would be asked to provide an update for the next NZOC meeting.

There were no further matters arising that were not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

2. DNC Reports

The DNC spoke to her reports covering the months of August, September and October.

Though the report for November was not yet available, the DNC updated NZOC on some of the ongoing matters including the court action being taken against NZ Domain Registration Limited and the Dispute Resolution Service figures.

NZOC thanked the DNC for her reports.

The DNC provided a brief update on the APTLD meeting she attended in November. This meeting included sessions on the implementation of Internationalised Domain Names (IDN) which is something .nz is planning to start looking at. Following on from this, the Chair provided an overview of his recent trip to the ICANN meeting and commented that a written report would be provided to the committee shortly.

4. Internationalised Domain Names (IDN)

There was a general discussion about the sort of issues that would need to be worked through in respect of introducing IDN into the .nz domain name space. NZOC approved the Terms of Reference for a Working Group to be set up to look at this and agreed that the DNC should seek expressions of interest and bring names to the next NZOC meeting for consideration.

5. Policy Development Process Policy

The Committee approved an amended version of the .nz Policy Development Process Policy. Changes were made to make the content current.

6. Proposed .iwi.nz Moderation Policy Change

NZOC declined the request from the .iwi.nz moderator to amend the current moderation policy. Changes to the moderation policy require near unanimous agreement from current registrants under clause 6.9 of the Second Level Domains policy. This level of agreement was not reached by the current registrants of .iwi.nz names who were contacted directly for their comments on the changes proposed.

7. RMC Policy Review - Oral update

A general update was provided to NZOC. The second consultation on the Registering, Managing and Cancelling Domain Names Policy continues. This consultation is based on submissions received as part of the first consultation undertaken.

This consultation period is due to end on 17 January 2007. No submissions had been received at the time of the meeting.

8. End of Year Forecast and Draft Budget for 2007/2008 Financial Year

The Committee noted the end of year forecast for the 2006/2007 financial year.

NZOC approved the draft 2007/2008 budget as presented, and set the management fee for the 2007/2008 financial year. The DNC is to formally advise NZRS of the management fee which is a small increase (approx 4%) over the current fee.

NZOC will develop a Reserves Policy to define the level of reserves to be protected by the DNC and NZOC.

9. Domain Name Fee Setting Process

A summary of the process used for setting the domain name fee last year was provided by the DNC. The subcommittee approach worked well and was easy to manage. A repeat of this process was suggested and approved.

The subcommittee will consist of the DNC, and two NZOC representatives (Richard Currey and Frank March) and the General Manager of NZRS and two NZRS representatives (to be confirmed).

The next NZOC meeting will be held on 1 March 2007, in time to consider any work undertaken by the subcommittee and together with NZRS prepare a joint recommendation to the InternetNZ Council for their 17 March meeting.

10. AOB

Structural Review - Oral report from Roger Hicks

The Structural Review Task Force will present a progress report to the InternetNZ Council meeting, scheduled to be held on 16 December 2006. First steps will involve information for staff and internal parties.

Name of Organisation

The Committee noted that the name of the office would progressively change to the simplified version of Domain Name Commission.

Next meeting

The next meeting of NZOC is scheduled for Thursday 1 March 2007.

Meeting closed 7.50pm