

Minutes of the .nz Oversight Committee Meeting

Thursday 17 May 2007, 4.30pm

Attendance

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

1. Minutes

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

Matters arising: The Technical Architecture Review Paper due to have been received from NZRS has not yet been received. NZRS will be asked when this is likely to be received.

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

2. NZOC Register of Interests

Any changes to the Register of Interests as provided to NZOC should be emailed to the DNC. The NZOC Register of Interests will be included as a permanent agenda item for future meetings. A copy of the Register will be provided to NZOC at the first meeting following the appointment of any new NZOC members.

3. DNC Reports

The DNC spoke to her reports covering the months of February and March, and discussed matters that may be covered in the April report. It was agreed that the DNC would email NZRS to propose some additional figures to the DNS reporting. NZOC also agreed that the Chair would write to the NZRS Chair seeking clarification of a couple of points arising out of the 62 minute SRS outage in March.

NZOC were updated on ongoing matters and the DNC was thanked for her reports.

4. .bank.nz Application

No response had been received prior to the meeting from the New Zealand Bankers' Association in relation to the DNC's request for clarification of the proposed moderation policy for.bank.nz. The Committee will discuss this matter again when a response is received.

5. Registering, Managing and Cancelling Domain Names Policy Review

NZOC approved the operational changes to the Registering, Managing and Cancelling Domain Names Policy, with amendments. Registrars will be advised of the changes made, and the changes will come into effect one month following the notification.

Work continues on the draft of the third consultation paper discussing the changes to registration principles that were suggested during the earlier rounds of consultation for this policy review. NZOC agreed with the general tenor of a draft paper presented to them but would like to see key questions asked, and specific examples highlighted, in order to ensure that submissions received address the operational implications of any change in registration policy. A further draft of the paper will be presented to the next NZOC meeting.

6. Internationalised Domain Names (IDNs)

Richard Currey, Convenor of the IDN Working Group, gave an oral update on the membership of the group and advised that a planned meeting had been deferred but was now expected to take place in July. Wareko Te Angina, from Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (Māori Language Commission), and Philip Greene, the InternetNZ Victoria University Cyberlaw Fellow, have joined Dave Moskovitz, Karaitiana Taiuru, Sam Vilain and Nick Wallingford on the Working Group.

7. DNC Reserves Policy

NZOC approved the following statement regarding the DNC reserves:

NZOC notes the InternetNZ Financial Reserves Policy adopted by the InternetNZ Council. It further notes that the policy includes a contribution for the DNC for the windup obligations but does not include the DNC's litigation contingency. NZOC agrees to continue maintaining a contingency of around 6 months operating budget.

This statement will be included in the May NZOC report to Council.

8. Any other business

- The Committee noted that the appointment process for NZOC was in progress, and that interviews for applicants would be conducted in the coming days.
- Reduction of the wholesale fee for domain names from \$1.75 to \$1.50 (+GST) per domain name per month was approved by the InternetNZ Council, and takes effect from 1 July 2007.
- An oral report from Dr Frank March on the ICANN meeting from Lisbon was received by the Committee. The written report will be included in the April NZOC report to Council.

Next meeting

The next meeting of NZOC will be scheduled to align with the InternetNZ AGM. The AGM is expected to take place on Friday 27 July.