

Minutes of the .nz Oversight Committee Meeting

Monday 18 September 2006, 4.30pm

Attendance

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

Apologies: Richard Currey and Roger Hicks tendered apologies for lateness as a consequence of a cancelled flight.

Frank March began the meeting by welcoming the members, and indicating to the participants that the meeting would be joined by Nick Griffin, General Manager of NZRS at 5pm for item 3, and by members of the InternetNZ Executive Committee around 6.30pm (present for items 8 and 9).

1. Minutes

The minutes of the last NZOC meeting were passed as true and accurate. There were no matters arising that were not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

2. DNC Reports

The DNC spoke to her reports covering the months of May, June and July.

NZOC reports for the three month period were noted as having already been presented to the InternetNZ Council at its recent meeting.

The DNC noted that the report for August was not yet available, but spoke of issues that had arisen during the month.

- The mass mailout from NZ Domain Registration Ltd. The DNC summarised the court action taken to date, and future course of action for the Committee. The Committee noted its thanks for the prompt and direct action taken by the DNC.
- Dispute Resolution Service. Four decisions have been received to date, with three determinations to transfer the registrations, and one dispute dismissed. Approximately 30 complaints have now been lodged.

NZOC thanked the DNC for her reports.

3. NZRS

Nick Griffin, NZRS General Manager, joined the meeting at 5.05pm. Matters discussed included the technical review, monitoring of registry performance, and an outage resulting from the behaviour of a registrar.

It was agreed that NZRS will look at developing automated processes regarding registrar access to the SRS where the registrar's activity is such that it is putting the availability of the

system at risk. It was also agreed that NZRS will look at working with an external entity to provide publicly available monitoring of DNS availability.

NZOC discussed a commercial matter. Colin Jackson took no part in the discussion, having declared a conflict of interest.

Nick Griffin left the meeting.

4. Internationalised Domain Names (IDNs)

The issues around IDNs as they apply to the .nz domain name space were discussed.

NZOC agreed that .nz should commence a project to plan the implementations of IDNs into .nz. It was also agreed that initially .nz should consider only the Māori macrons for any IDNs implementation.

The DNC will develop and circulate draft Terms of Reference for a working group to consider this issue. The Terms of Reference will be considered at the next meeting of NZOC, prior to the setting up of the working group.

5. Strategic Planning Day

Changes to documents that were required as a result of issues discussed at the Strategic Planning Day have been made. These were generally changes that updated the documents to reflect the current situation. Some further minor changes were identified.

6. Second Level Domains

The DNC briefly discussed the application for a new 2LD that had been received. An initial evaluation by the DNC determined that not all the requirements of the policy had been addressed in the application and a detailed response to the applicant was sent setting out what needed to be done to address those concerns. No response from the applicant to that letter has been received to date.

NZOC also discussed a paper put forward by the State Services Commission (SSC) regarding moderated 2LDs in the .nz space. There were a number of issues arising from this paper, many of which indicate that the author might not have been totally aware of all the policies governing the operation of the .nz domain name space. It was agreed that the paper would be critiqued with a detailed response going back to the SSC for their comment. It is expected that a public discussion paper will eventually result from this work.

7. RMC Policy Review

The Committee discussed the submissions received on the Registering, Managing and Cancelling Domain Names policy.

Two main subjects were raised in the submissions. One, based around the operational matters including provision of UDAs, impacts mostly on registrars and so additional consultation will be undertaken with registrars on the issues raised in the submissions.

The second subject relates to policy matters, including what should or shouldn't be able to be registered and the role of the Office of the DNC in various situations. An additional consultation paper reflecting these issues raised will be developed and a further public submission round undertaken.

8. Formalising Relationships Project

The InternetNZ Executive Committee joined the meeting at this time.

NZOC accepted the recommendation to develop project outlines for this work. Two outlines are to be developed:

- to plan the work involved in formalising the relationship with ICANN;
- to raise the issues involved in formalising the relationship with the New Zealand Government and outline a possible approach to that work.

These papers will go to the next InternetNZ Council meeting on 13 October. Drafts will be circulated to NZOC for comment prior to them being submitted.

9. AOB

The International Affairs Committee of InternetNZ has been disestablished. The replacement group with responsibility for international concerns is the Internet Governance Tiger Team, and will work with organisations such as ICANN, APTLD, and the UN.

Next meeting tentatively set for the week starting 11 December.

Meeting closed 7.40pm