

Minutes of the .nz Oversight Committee Meeting

Thursday 1 March 2007, 5.00pm

Attendance

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

Apologies: Andy Linton tendered his apologies for lateness.

The Committee began its meeting with staff-excluded time.

At the opening of the meeting, the Committee applauded David Russell on the award of Companion of the Queen's Service Order made in the New Year honours list.

1. Minutes

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

Matters arising: A Reserves Policy is to be developed, to feed into the InternetNZ reserves policy. The first draft of this is to be available for the next meeting.

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

2. NZRS Report

Dave Baker from NZRS joined the meeting at 4.50pm. NZRS reported on the Technical and Business Systems Review Project, including the work done on IPv6, the disaster recovery process and the introduction of a resource management tool. NZRS also outlined the outcome of the recent meeting of their Technical Architecture Panel which is currently reviewing the DNS operations. There was a brief discussion on aspects that may impact on .nz policy that the DNC will investigate further.

3. DNC Reports

The DNC spoke to her reports covering the months of November, December and January. Aspects of NZRS' reporting were noted, including the improvements since new servers were introduced by the registry. NZOC were also updated on ongoing matters.

NZOC thanked the DNC for her reports.

4. Registering, Managing and Cancelling Domain Names Policy Review

NZOC discussed the submissions received, together with the views of registrars when the matter was discussed at the recent Registrar Advisory Group meeting.

Proposed changes to the policy relating to operational matters and generally updating the policy were accepted and will be processed. An amended policy containing these changes will be presented to the next meeting.

In respect of the proposals that would involve changes to the registration policy principles, NZOC acknowledged that these represented a radical departure from the current 'first come, first served', open registration approach. Careful consideration of the issues is required.

Though the last consultation paper asked people to consider and comment on the operational implementation of the possible policy changes, not a lot of detailed information was received. NZOC considers it important that the operational implications are identified and that all parties are given a chance to comment not only on the policy principles but also on the potential time, cost and liability implications of any change to the current registration process.

There was discussion that the proposal to publicly notify new registrations, and have the five day registration grace period act as a notification period for objections, was in conflict with the Zone Transfer Policy. NZOC agreed that there was insufficient reason in the proposal to justify overriding the Zone Transfer Policy so this proposal would not proceed any further. It was also agreed that the proposal to require payment in advance of registering a domain name was not commercially practical and will also not proceed.

In respect of the other proposals consulted on, NZOC considered it was important that these be explored further. Therefore, NZOC have agreed that a further discussion paper should be prepared that considers in detail the scenarios if any, or all, of the proposals are adopted. An outline of the paper is to be presented at the next meeting.

5. Internationalised Domain Names (IDNs)

The DNC has sought expressions of interest from parties wishing to participate in this working group and details of those who responded were provided. NZOC approved the appointment of 4 members to the working group, and noted that the Maori Language Commission would also be asked if they would like to be involved.

It was agreed that Richard Currey would be the convenor of the working group, with the other members being:

Dave Moskovitz
Karaitiana Taiuru
Sam Vilain
Nick Wallingford

6. .nz Fee Review

NZOC approved the information provided in the paper to go to the InternetNZ Council.

7. International representation

NZOC agreed that the DNC, as the operational manager, is its chosen representative at ICANN and APTLD meetings. Should the DNC not be in a position to attend a meeting, NZOC will be asked to approve an alternative representative.

8. Any other business

The Committee discussed the terms of appointment of members. The DNC will confirm the terms for all members and advise NZOC.

Next meeting

The next meeting of NZOC is scheduled for mid May, possibly Thursday 17 May 2007.

Meeting closed 6.50pm