ASO Procedures Review Core Team Meeting
02 September 2022, 12:00 UTC
NOTES

Attendees:
Herve Clement (HC) – RIPE NCC
James Kennedy (JK) – RIPE NCC
Sander Steffann (SSteffan) – RIPE NCC
Esteban Lescano (EL) – LACNIC
Ricardo Patara (RP) – LACNIC
Saul Stein (SStein) – AFRINIC
Mike Silber (MS) – AFRINIC

Secretariat:
German Valdez – NRO Executive Secretariat
Laureana Pavón – Notes
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The meeting began at 12:05 UTC.

HC shared a proposed agenda for the meeting:
- Define delivery expectations in Belgrade (RIPE 85 where the ASO will meet in person). We will only have one additional meeting before that.
- Discussions on "Meetings" § proposals Hervé / Esteban
- Global Policy Development Ricardo / Saul

1) Define delivery expectations in Belgrade (RIPE 85 where the ASO will meet in person).

- It will be good for the ASO AC to meet in person and work deeply on the procedures.
- GV offered his support if anyone needs help with their travel arrangements (invitation letters, etc.).
- During the RIPE meeting to be held in Belgrade, there will be a Monday morning and a Tuesday morning reserved for the ASO AC, an opportunity to work on the update for two half days.
- The Procedures WG will have another meeting at the end of September, do we decide to work on all the topics or decide a few topics and then discuss others during a possible f2f in 2023?
- Is the ASO AC expected to present something very advanced and start final discussions at the f2f meeting in Belgrade? This is probably not feasible.
- Rather, present ideas, definitions, adjustments to the different paragraphs and sections and then start the discussion with the whole AC. Changes can be voted later, not at the f2f.
- The idea is not to present something fully complete, but some ideas we may have had in the WG. The WG should decide which ideas we will discuss in Belgrade.
- A good idea for the Belgrade meeting is to present the problems we need to solve, then we can make concrete decisions on solutions.
- Message of the Procedures working group: "We are just here to present ideas, then it's for the whole AC to decide".

Today, some of the subgroups working on the different sections of the Procedures will present some proposals. We can start with three (meetings, global policy proposals, election of chairs/vice chairs) and then work on the other three during the next WG meeting.

2) Discussions on "Meetings" § proposals HC / EL

To start the discussions, HC shared on screen a document he and EL prepared which includes possible modifications to the following sections of the ASO AC Procedures:
- 5.1.: Change a minimum of four meetings a year to six.
- 5.1.1.: Editorial change ("coming year").
- 5.1.1.1.: Timeline for the election of chairs and vice chairs. Election of vice chairs by the AC (proposed by EL, the text is in section 4). Additional changes in Section 5.1.1.1.
- 5.1.2: It would be better if only ASO AC members who will not be attending a meeting inform the Secretariat in advance, not all AC members. GV explained the history behind this particular provision. Will discuss this with the entire ASO AC.
- 5.4: Comment period for meeting minutes. The ASO AC is not following the letter of the procedures right now, perhaps we can re-write this. There are various possibilities: extending the term for ASO AC members to review meeting minutes to 10 days, establishing a deadline one week before the next ASO AC meeting, having the minutes published on the ASO AC website within two weeks of the next meeting (this last option would provide accountability before the outside world).
- 5.6: Replace "via teleconference or via video conference" with "remotely". Waiver of ASO AC in-person meetings. Perhaps specify that the ASO AC will have at least one in-person meeting a year. All agreed that the first paragraph of 5.6 must be clearer. Preference but not obligation to meet at an ICANN community forum

HC will send the document he and EL prepared for all to read before next week's regular ASO AC meeting.

3) Global Policy Development RP / SStein

RP and SStein have started to work on Section 6 of the Procedures. A lot of comments received on the mailing list were compiled in the past by Kevin Blumberg and there was also one comment from Nurani Nimpuno regarding certain grammatical errors. RP shared this work with SStein, who also made adjustments and comments.

RP and SStein haven't made any changes, simply tried to suggest ideas for making the text more understandable. It's a very confusing document, they have tried to make it readable, then we can see what needs to be fixed.

4) Procedures to appoint or remove members EL / JK

EL shared on screen a proposed modification to Section 4 of the ASO AC Procedures:

- The idea is to modify the current process to elect the ASO AC vice chairs (the ASO AC currently elects the chair, who then appoints the vice chairs).

- According to the proposal, the candidate most voted in the election would be chair of the ASO AC, the two next most voted candidates would be the vice chairs (always respecting the rule that they cannot be from the same region).
- This change seeks to give a more robust structure to the ASO AC, with legitimacy provided by the whole body and not by decision of the chair.
- This is an actual change to the procedures and would entail several other modifications to the text.

EL will share the document he prepared with his ideas and proposal for Section 4 with the others so that everybody can comment.

Next meeting of the procedures group: Tuesday 27 September at 12:00 UTC.

The meeting ended at 13:00 UTC.