

Voting at the RIPE NCC General Meeting

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Background

- Previously, all General Meeting voting was by:
 - Paper ballot
 - Show of hands
- In 2009, AoA amendment to allow for electronic voting approved by the membership
- April 2012 – The General Meeting will use electronic voting for the fourth time

Electronic Voting

- System is operated by a third party – BigPulse, which met all technical/security requirements
- Members need to carry out two steps to register:
 1. Register in the BigPulse application
 2. Send a copy of photo ID to the RIPE NCC
- Members that sent ID for previous GMs just have to notify the RIPE NCC that this is the case

Voting Figures Since May 2010

- May 2010 – 204 votes cast in total
- Nov 2010 – 132 votes cast (only paper ballots)
- May 2011 – 315 votes cast in total
- Nov 2011 – 261 votes cast in total

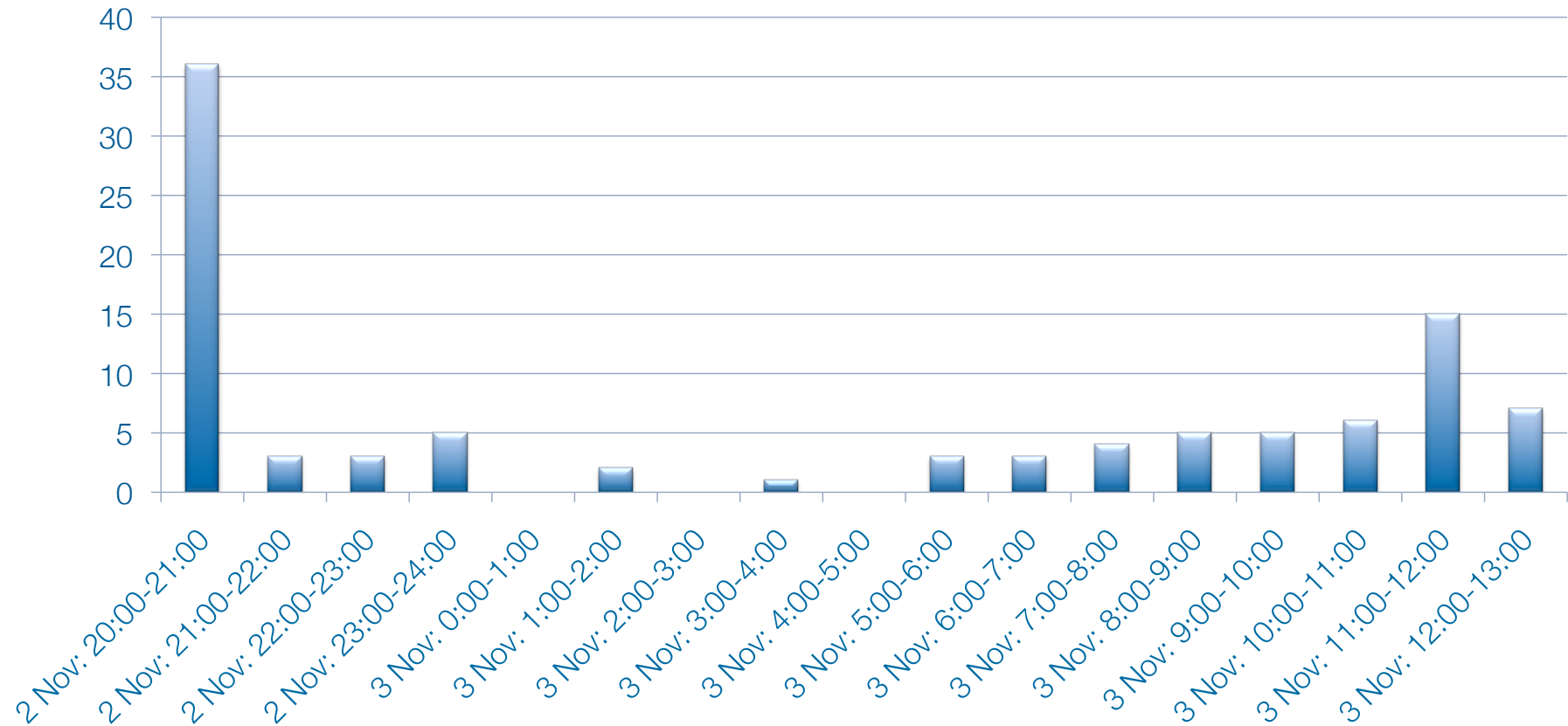
- April 2012 – 242 registered for electronic voting and over 100 paper ballots in GM venue

Where Do Registrations Come From?

Top five countries per registration in November 2011:

- RU – 58
- UK – 42
- DE – 41
- FR – 21
- IT – 20

When Do People Vote?



Electronic Voting System - Resolutions

- Layout and procedure the same as paper voting
- Select one option and confirm vote



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Resolution 1: The General Meeting adopts the 2011 Financial Report of the RIPE NCC.

Select one checkbox

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

You have not yet voted in this poll
Open time: Wednesday 18 April 2012 18:45 GMT
Close time: Thursday 19 April 2012 13:00 GMT

[Submit Vote](#)

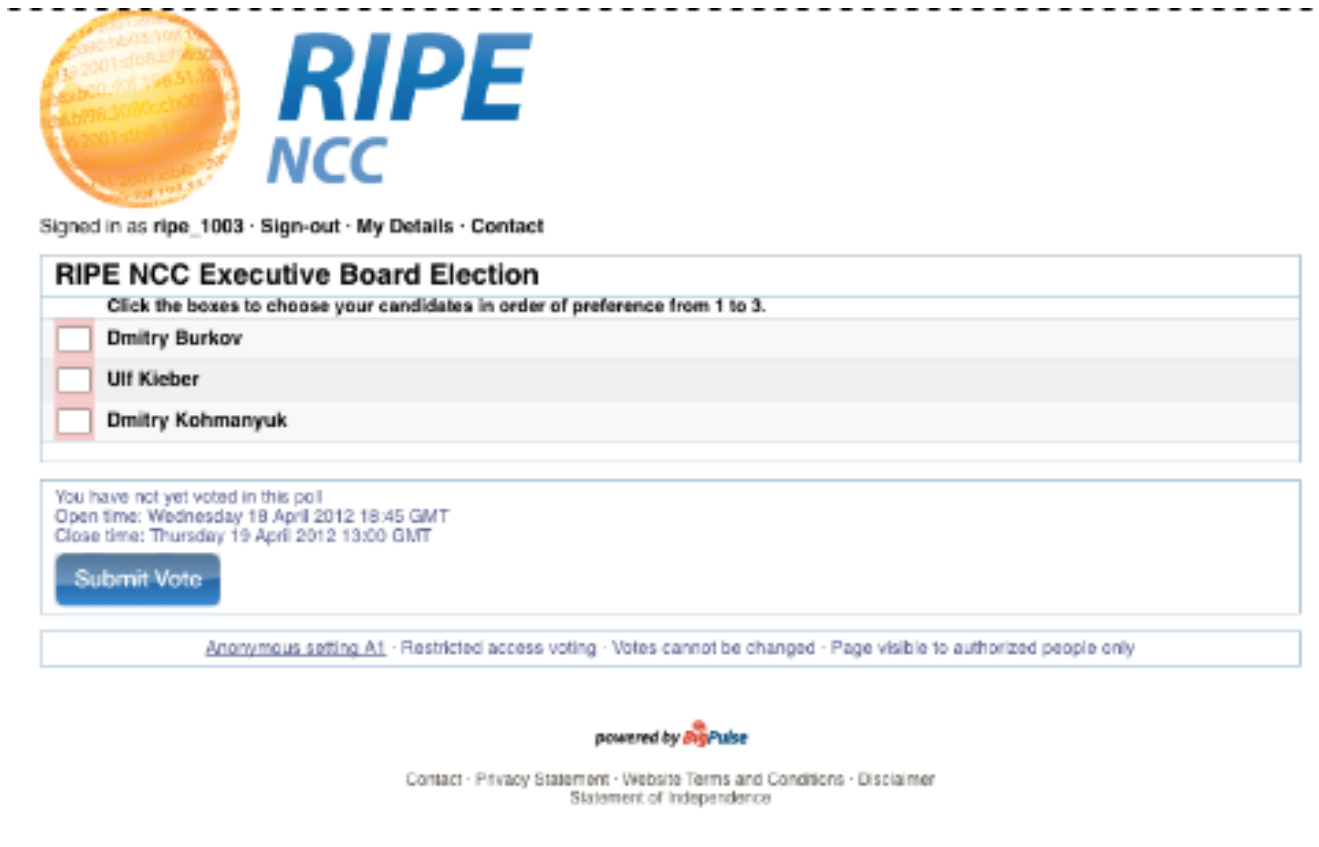
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Electronic Voting System - Election

- Number your candidates 1 to 3 in order of preference – then confirm your vote



The screenshot shows the RIPE NCC Executive Board Election interface. At the top left is the RIPE NCC logo, which includes a circular orange graphic with binary code and the text "RIPE NCC". Below the logo, it says "Signed in as ripe_1003 · Sign-out · My Details · Contact". The main heading is "RIPE NCC Executive Board Election". Below this, it says "Click the boxes to choose your candidates in order of preference from 1 to 3." There are three candidates listed, each with an unchecked checkbox: "Dmitry Burkov", "Ulf Kieber", and "Dmitry Kohmanyuk". Below the candidates, it says "You have not yet voted in this poll", "Open time: Wednesday 18 April 2012 18:45 GMT", and "Close time: Thursday 19 April 2012 13:00 GMT". There is a "Submit Vote" button. At the bottom, it says "Anonymous voting: On · Restricted access voting · Votes cannot be changed · Page visible to authorized people only". At the very bottom, it says "powered by Pulse" and "Contact · Privacy Statement · Website Terms and Conditions · Disclaimer · Statement of Independence".

Paper Ballots - Resolutions

- Select one option
- Make a mark or tick clearly inside the white box

<p>1 See Agenda Item 4: The General Meeting adopts the 2011 Financial Report of the RIPE NCC.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN</p>	<p>2 See Agenda Item 5: The General Meeting discharges the Executive Board with regard to its actions as they appear from the Annual Report 2011.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN</p>
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- Hand to the person collecting the ballots

Paper Ballots - Election

- Enter digits 1 to 3 inside the boxes
- Hand to the person collecting the ballots

Executive Board Voting

Number your preferred candidates
in order of preference.

- Dmitry Burkov**
- Ulf Kieber**
- Dmitry Kohmanyuk**
- Abstain**

The Vote Counting Process

- Electronic voting stays open until 14:00 (UTC +2) on Thursday, 19 April
- The paper votes are then entered into the system under supervision of independent scrutineers
- The system calculates the results from the total of electronic votes and paper ballots

How the Votes Are Counted (Resolutions)

- A resolution needs more than 50% of the votes cast to pass
- Abstentions and spoiled votes are NOT counted as part of the total but they will be noted
- The Yes votes need to outnumber the No votes

How the Votes Are Counted (Election)

- A candidate needs more than 50% of the votes
- The first preference votes are counted by the system
- If a candidate has more than 50% of the first preference votes, he is elected

How the Votes Are Counted (Election)

- If no candidate receives 50%, the candidate with the least amount of first preference votes is eliminated
- His votes are divided among the remaining candidates according to the second preferences and added to the remaining candidates' totals
- The system counts the votes again – the candidate with more than 50% wins the seat

Voting Period

- Voting period starts at agenda point 10
- Paper ballots must be handed in immediately
- Electronic voting remains open until 14:00 (UTC +2) on Thursday, 19 April
- Paper ballots are combined with the electronic votes
- Results unavailable until voting period closes

Results

- Results will be announced in the same room and on the same webcast link as today at 15:45 (UTC +2) on Thursday, 19 April
- This will be a simple announcement – GM needs to close before 16:00 RIPE Meeting session
- If you wish to attend, bring your GM badge

Questions?

