

RIPE NCC Executive Board Report

RIPE NCC General Meeting
2 November 2011
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General

- Board members:
 - Fahad AlShirawi (Member)
 - Dmitry Burkov (ICANN Liaison)
 - Nigel Titley (Chairman)
 - Christian Kaufmann (Secretary)
 - Remco van Mook (Treasurer)

 - János Zsakó (Adviser)
- Executive Board Meetings since May 2011:
 - 14 June 2011 – reviewing Budget and Activity Plan for 2012
 - 13 September 2011 – Charging Scheme 2012 and GM resolutions

What the Board Does and Does Not Do

- Is elected by the members
- Governs the RIPE NCC's operations, including the budget and activities of the RIPE NCC
- Has no influence on the policies of the RIPE community
- It is the General Meeting that formally approves the Charging Scheme
- In all aspects of its work, the Board looks for input, feedback and comments from the membership

Executive Board

- The RIPE NCC is a registry, but it's also much more than that
 - Network Coordination Centre
 - Defends bottom-up, industry self-regulation model
 - Works for the good of the Internet community
 - Facilitates RIPE Meetings
 - Measurements and statistics
 - Operator tools

Certification

- Community requested certification at RIPE 52 in Istanbul
 - It's been in the Activity Plan since then
- Certification Task Force – regular updates
- Regular reports from the RIPE NCC
- Discussion of high-level principles kicked off in May 2011
- RIPE NCC is caught between community and members

- We need your guidance!

Activity Plan

- The Board always asks for input on Activity Plan – but receives very little feedback
- Board has asked Axel to make the Activity Plan more transparent regarding costs
- Important features impacting budget in the Activity Plan include:
 - IPv4 run-out
 - Certification and RIPE Labs
 - Regional outreach
 - WSIS/IGF/other stakeholder groups
 - Reinvigorated measurements and statistics

RIPE NCC Budget – General

- Budgeted costs are 9% higher for 2012 than for 2011
- Cost per member has increased by just over 3% since 2005
- Membership fees per category have not increased for past eight years
- In 2010, an additional fee for independent resources was introduced at the request of the community

RIPE NCC Draft Budget 2012

- Goal: Run a responsible budget process
 - Overestimate the costs, underestimate the income
 - Give rebates when reserves are becoming large (as in 2007)
- Significant items in Draft Budget 2012 include:
 - Regional outreach
 - Defending the Internet model
 - IPv4 exhaustion and IPv6 promotion
 - Policy implementation, e.g. 2007-01
 - Measurements, tools and services
 - Personnel costs
- Final budget approval by Executive Board in December

Charging Scheme 2012

- Try to incorporate four main principles:
 - Fairness
 - Predictability
 - Transparency
 - Simplicity
- Fees should be proportional to benefits
- A different tax situation could lead to:
 - The RIPE NCC reserves becoming taxable
 - Members' address holding becoming taxable assets

Feedback for the Board

- The members-discuss mailing list
 - We closely follow the discussion there
 - The list is for members – the Board and RIPE NCC staff do not post there unless it's to provide information
- New direct email access to the Board:
 - exec-board@ripe.net
- General Meetings twice a year
- Membership and Stakeholder surveys
- Elections – The ballot box is a great feedback mechanism!

Questions?

