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ARIN Board of Trustees,

As AC Chair, I would first like to thank you for your assistance working with the advisory council this year in both moving policies forward and for your advice throughout the year. This year the Vice Chair and I have decided to give you an end of year update on the advisory council. I don't believe this has been done in the past and I'd like to continue this communication moving forward if you find it useful.

Working Groups

As you know, the NRPM working group was put on hold this year so we could focus more time on getting the new members familiar with policy. This also allowed us to put our best shepherds on policy. The AC did not see a substantial drop in the number of policies as a result. We would like to update the charter for this group in January and start the NRPM working group again. However, instead of spending monthly meetings combing through the NRPM, they would meet as necessary to evaluate suggested policies and policy that does not fall within the charter of the Policy Experience working group.

The Policy Experience working group was run by Alison Wood this year. She did a fantastic job chairing the group through several policies. They took on the rewrite of Alicia's abandoned policy which was out of the PER working group's charter. Alison's team elected to take on the additional rework of the policy as the group was established and could knock out a write quickly as an adjustment to the problem statement as required. This could have been given to the NRPM working group if they were active. The PER working group is very effective, and we will have a small editorial rewrite coming for their charter.

AC General

The advisory council overall was very effective this year. All new AC members were able to become primary on their policy around six months into their first year and present effectively. Part of this success has come from the speaker training we request ever year. I have additionally requested speaker training next year.

We did have some hiccups with travel this year. Michael Abejuela and I stressed the importance of attending all RIR policy sessions and participating by observing only. We did have some minor issues that have been addressed. As AC members are getting back to their regular travel, I am seeing a bit of travel exhaustion. I will be stressing next year, while travel to other RIRs is very important as an AC member that it is not a requirement, and they will have the option as always to attend virtually. I will, however, be prioritizing AC members which want to attend in person even if it is out of their ranked order. We would love to see two AC members attend NANOG meetings in Feb and June to discuss policy as AC members already attending NANOG meetings are there for their person business requirements and cannot fully focus on policy discussions. However, we understand budgets for next year have already been discussed and ask that you take this under advisement for 2026. We could potentially send 11 AC members to other RIRs and 4 to NANOG as it is more important that we collect data on policies within our region. Sending 11 AC to other RIRs

will still allow us to collect the data we need on how the other RIRs function within their region and evaluate important policy under discussion.

Our last concern is the “HR” record of certain AC members and the newer nomination committee processes. The election process for any advisory council election is open. Anyone can run and unless they have a conflict of interest or legal issue, they are allowed to run for the AC. Our concern is for AC members which have shown a gross lack of participation or other incidents which are not seen by the community due to NDAs and frankly keeping any issues within the AC itself. The community is not aware of the lack of participation or issues which have arisen with the AC member. It would be beneficial to the future generations of the AC if the nomination committee was allowed to take participation issues and other incidents into consideration.

While ever year has minor issues, I will say this AC group has been wonderful. This was my first-year chairing anything. At the beginning of the year, our AC slogan was “This is the way” from the Star Wars - Mandalorian show. Our focus was to get back to basics and support the new AC. The AC spent a lot of the year familiarizing themselves with the new PDP and supporting our newest members. We also spend some of the year clarifying some of our own internal processes. I would consider all the continuing members of the AC to be pros for next year. Staff and communications support was excellent. Thank you for your continued support.

Kat Hunter & Matthew Wilder

AC Chair & Vice Chair 2024