

Managing the Policy Process

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Tutorial Objective

- ★ Increase Awareness of the Policy Process

Scope

What is policy? (what vs. how)

- ★ “Policies are documented community decisions that determine the rules by which Internet numbering resources are managed and administered by ARIN.”
- ★ “Practice and procedure is how ARIN conducts its operations... discussions regarding ARIN fees...” are not part of the policy process.

Number Resource Policy Manual (NRPM)

★ **ARIN Policy**

★ **Version 2004.2 -
December 16,
2004**

▶ **Change Log**

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ARIN Number Resource Policy Manual

Version 2004.2 -December 16, 2004

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Abstract

This is ARIN's Number Resource Policy Manual (NRPM). It is available at: <http://www.arin.net/policy/>. This version supersedes all previous versions.

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Internet Resource Policy Evaluation Process (IRPEP) - History of the Process

- ★ Prior to April 1, 2001
- ★ Internet Resource Policy Evaluation Process – published April 1, 2001
- ★ Current Version – published January 22, 2004

Internet Resource Policy Evaluation Process

Translations:
Arabic
French
Spanish
Swahili

This version of the ARIN Internet Resource Policy Evaluation Process was published on January 22, 2004. It supersedes [the previous version](#).

PRINCIPLE

ARIN's Internet resource policies are developed in an open and transparent manner by the Internet community. Anyone may participate in the process - ARIN membership is not required. Policies are ratified by the ARIN Board of Trustees only after a full public discussion is held, review and recommendation by the ARIN Advisory Council is made, and there is evidence that a consensus for the policy has been reached among the community, in accordance with the process described in this document. This Internet Resource Policy Evaluation Process defines how policy is established in the ARIN region.

IRPEP

Proposal Statistics (as of April 2005)

*Policy Proposals

- ▶ 18 adopted
- ▶ 18 abandoned
- ▶ 1 pending final review
- ▶ 5 under discussion

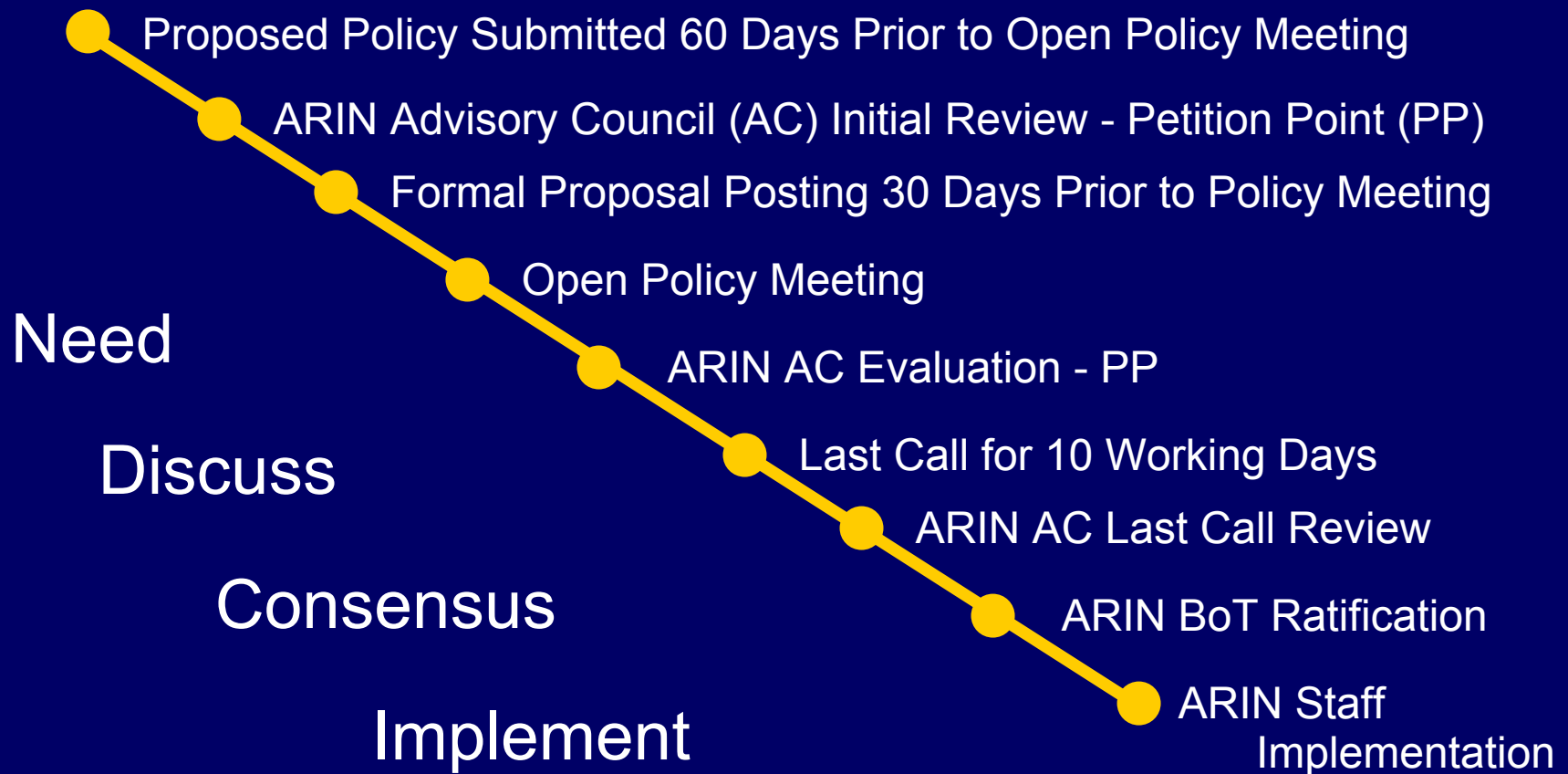
*Templates

- ▶ 13 total
- ▶ 12 became formal proposals (two merged into one)
- ▶ 1 closed

Policy Development Principles

- ★ Bottom up – community consensus
- ★ Open and transparent
 - ▶ Anyone may participate – mailing list and meetings
 - ▶ Documented process
 - ▶ Published meeting minutes – BoT, AC, meetings

IRPEP Milestones



Community

- ▶ Participate
 - ▶ In online discussion (PPML)
 - ▶ At Public Policy Meetings
 - ▶ Discussion
 - ▶ Polls
 - ▶ During Last Call
- ▶ Vote for BoT and AC members
- ▶ Submit policy proposals
- ▶ Make their opinions known

Advisory Council

- ▶ Initial Review
- ▶ Determine rough consensus
- ▶ Shepherd proposals
 - ▶ Works with authors
 - ▶ Present on behalf of authors who can not attend the meeting
- ▶ Last Call Review
- ▶ Attend other meetings (RIR, IETF, etc.)
- ▶ AC Members author proposals

Board of Trustees

- ▶ Overall - Responsible for business affairs and financial health of ARIN
- ▶ Specific to the policy process - Ratify that the process was followed
- ▶ Special cases
 - ▶ Emergency Policy
 - ▶ Policy Suspension

Proposal Author

- * Should participate in discussion
- * Should work with the AC
- * Should revise proposal text as appropriate
- * Should petition when appropriate
 - ▶ After the AC Initial Review
 - ▶ After the AC Evaluation Review

Implementation

* Staff Impact Analysis

- ▶ Department Reports – Operations
- ▶ Legal Review

* Implementation

- ▶ Implementation Preparation and Development
- ▶ Implementation Date Established
- ▶ Testing
- ▶ Release
- ▶ Announcements
 - ▶ New Policy in effect
 - ▶ NRPM – new version

* Staff Post-Implementation Analysis

Results

- ★ Policy that is reviewed by, and is decided by the community
- ★ Policy that serves the interest of the community
- ★ Successful use of the policy development process allows you to regulate yourselves

Results

Examples of Adopted Policy

* New Policy

- ▶ **2001-3: Micro-Allocation Policy**

* Refinement

- ▶ **2002-4: Bulk Copies of ARIN's WHOIS**

* Refinement

- ▶ **2003-13: Six-Month Supply of IP Addresses**

How to Participate

* Mailing list (PPML)

- ▶ Join the discussion
- ▶ Review last calls and post feedback
- ▶ If you see the need, submit a policy proposal

* Attend meetings

- ▶ In person
- ▶ Participate remotely

* Speak up if policy isn't working or if new policy is needed

Links

- ★ Number Resource Policy Manual (NRPM)
<http://www.arin.net/policy/index.html>
- ★ Internet Resource Policy Evaluation Process (IRPEP)
<http://www.arin.net/policy/ipep.html>
- ★ Policy Proposal Archive
http://www.arin.net/policy/proposal_archive.html
- ★ Public Policy Mailing List (PPML)
http://www.arin.net/mailling_lists/index.html

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