Policy Development Process Update

Policy Development Process - Issues

Some of concerns/issues with the present Policy Development process include:

- Not clear whether/when proposal author or AC controls proposal
- Policy proposals can be abandoned by AC before the community has time to consider
- Not clear when policies being presented at Public Policy Meeting are going to be recommended to the Board for adoption
- No clear record of the consideration of concerns raised in the draft policies

Revised Policy Development Process

Revised PDP attempts to clarify numerous process issues:

- Policy proposals are under originator's control
- Policy proposals remain such until valid draft policies
- AC Shepherds _help_ proposals become valid draft policies, and only reject if incomprehensible or not actual policy

- Draft policies are under AC control (but involve the originators if they're available and responsive)
- Draft policies are discussed on PPML, considered by the AC, and recommended if good, abandoned if bad
- All draft policies are presented at Public Policy Meeting –agenda time (short/medium/long) as needed

Revised Policy Development Process

Revised PDP attempts to clarify policy documentation issues:

- Policy proposals must contain both a clear statement of the problem with current Internet number resource policy and suggested changes to policy text – very important for making sure everyone understands originator's concerns

- Advancing draft policy involves the addition of a statement that the AC considers the policy to match the requirements, i.e. it is fair/impartial, technically sound, and has the support of the community (based on discussions to date on PPML and any discussions at PPM's)

- The AC's consideration of significant objections raised should be included in the assessment

Revised Policy Development Process

Revised PDP attempts to clarify to the community what the AC is doing with policy in various states:

- Policy Proposals – "We are working with the originator to understand the policy problem as they see it (and their proposed solution), and make this clear in their proposal"

- Draft Policies – "We have a defined problem, proposed solution, and would like to hear discussion about it. If it looks to be unfair, technically unsound, or definitely not supported by the community, we will move to abandon it."

- Recommend Draft Policies – "We think this is good policy and are hoping to advance it after the next PPM"

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