

Policy Development Process Committee Report to Community, October 2010

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The Policy Development Committee shall make recommendations to the Board to improve the policy development process and procedures:

1. To make it clear to newcomers what the process is;
2. To encourage open community participation;
3. To strive for both timeliness and relevance in new policy

Goals

The goals of the policy development process are policies that are:

- a) Necessary for a significant portion of the community
- b) Concise
- c) Clear
- d) Relevant to allocation/assignment of number resources

In Scope

- Revised Policy Development Process, to eliminate ambiguities.
- Global Policy Development Process within the ARIN region.
- The Committee may take up the question, “Who is ‘the community’?”

Problems Identified

Newcomers have a hard time understanding PDP	New PDP
It takes too long to pass policy	New PDP
Time should be devoted to most significant policy changes needed	New PDP

Problems Identified

The Board doesn't explain itself to the AC, either before the AC passes something, or when it remands back to the AC.	Operational Guidelines
Policy workload is high	Operational Guidelines
Show of hands at PPMtgs—good or bad? Should AC show hands? Should count be official and reported?	Operational Guidelines
AC standing rule requiring majority of seated members to pass: 7-4 vote is deadlock.	Operational Guidelines
Timelines: need AC minutes to be released before starting petition process	Operational Guidelines

Problems Identified

NRPM needs edits	Request AC and Staff
Governments (and other bodies?) need access.	
Difficult for community members to keep up with PPML	
People with limited time for policy work or who are only interested in certain policy areas find it very difficult to participate	
Global policy development process is unclear, especially when changes are needed. Is also slow.	

Problems Identified

Unclear who the community is: government? Extra-regional? ISPs? End-user organizations? End users? Law enforcement?	
Unclear where policy variations for different kinds of organizations, or different sub-regions, are appropriate.	

Next Steps

- Committee is presenting draft PDP and Operational Guidelines to Board and AC this week
- With their edits, will be posted to PPML for comments
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