



# Policy Development Process

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# Number Resource Policy Manual (NRPM)

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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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## Contains

- All active policies
- Change Logs
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# Policies in the NRPM

- IPv4 Address Space
- IPv6 Address Space
- Autonomous System Numbers (ASNs)
- Directory Services (WHOIS)
- Reverse DNS (in-addr)
- Transfers
- Experimental Assignments
- Resource Review Policy



# Policy Development Process (PDP)

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TRANSLATIONS

- > French
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**1. Purpose**

This document describes the ARIN Policy Development Process (PDP). The ARIN PDP is the process by which all policies governing the management of Internet number resources in the ARIN region are developed by and for the ARIN community. ARIN's Internet number resource policies are documented community decisions that directly determine the rules by which ARIN manages and administers Internet number resources.

Internet number 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. The Policy Development Process (PDP) described in this document defines how policy is established in the ARIN region. Part I of this document provides background information regarding the ARIN PDP and Part II provides the details of the process.

**2. Scope**

1. Policies developed through the PDP are community self-regulatory statements that mandate or constrain actions. They apply throughout the ARIN region. Policies contribute to the security and stability of the Internet as they foster good stewardship of Internet number resources by ensuring fair distribution of resources and facilitating the operation of the Internet by those who use them.
2. Policies developed through the PDP do not describe a step-by-step process. Such a process is called a procedure. Procedures are established by the policy implementer to execute the policy in such a manner to comply with the policy.
3. Policies developed through the PDP do not define a service to be offered by ARIN.
4. Policies developed through the PDP do not define or establish ARIN fees. All matters concerning fees are a fiduciary responsibility of the Board of Trustees.
5. The ARIN Board of Trustees adopts draft policies recommended to it by the ARIN Advisory Council if the Board determines that the PDP has been followed, that support and consensus for a policy has been reached among the community, and if the draft policies are consistent with ARIN's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and with the applicable laws and regulations.
6. Internet number resource policies are distinctly separate from ARIN general business practices and procedures. ARIN's general business practices (including fees) and procedures are not within the purview of the Policy Development Process. (The ARIN Consultation and Suggestion Process can be used to propose changes in non-policy areas.)
7. This version of the ARIN PDP is designed to bring forth clear, technically sound and useful policy, reduce overlapping policy proposals, require both staff and legal assessments, give adequate opportunity for discussion prior to each public policy meeting, and provide a means of review prior to possible adoption.

Flowchart  
Proposal Template  
Archive  
Movie

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# Process Principles

## Open Forum

- Public Policy Mailing List

- Public Policy Meetings

## Transparent

- PDP documented

- Policies documented

- Meetings documented

## Bottom Up

- ARIN does not dictate policy, ARIN implements it**



# Who Plays a Role in the Policy Process?

## Community

Discuss policy (in favor or not?)

Submit proposals

Participate in Petitions

## Advisory Council "AC" (elected volunteers)

Develop policy that is clear, technically sound  
and useful

Determine Consensus



# Roles...

## ARIN "Board" (elected volunteers)

Provide corporate fiduciary oversight

Provide process oversight

Ratifies policy

## ARIN Staff

### Provides feedback

- Clarity and Understanding
- Staff Assessments

### Implements ratified policy



# Basic Steps

1. Community member submits a proposal
2. Community discusses the proposal
3. AC creates a draft policy
4. Community discusses the draft policy (list, meeting, last call)
5. AC determines consensus
6. Board adopts
7. Staff implements





# Petitions

Anyone dissatisfied with a decision by the AC can petition in order to keep a proposal moving forward

1. Petition to bring proposal to list and meeting
  - 4 successful\*
  - 3 unsuccessful
2. Last call petition (to send to Board)
  - One – unsuccessful

\*3 ultimately abandoned, 1 adopted as policy



# How to monitor and not be overwhelmed?

## Once per month:

- Front page of the website leads to proposals and draft policies under discussion
  - New proposals need feedback for the AC's initial decision
  - Web site can help you focus on what's important to you and your company

## Twice per year:

- Check the ARIN Public Policy Meeting site in the weeks leading up to the meeting
  - Proposals/Draft Policies on Agenda
  - Discussion Guide (summaries, text, staff assessments)
  - Attend in Person/Remote
- AC meeting last day: Watch list for AC's decisions, Last Calls – State your opinion, are you For or Against?



# References

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Draft Policies and Proposals

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# Q&A

