

**Policy Development Process Committee
Report to the Community, April 2011**

Lee Howard, Committee Chair

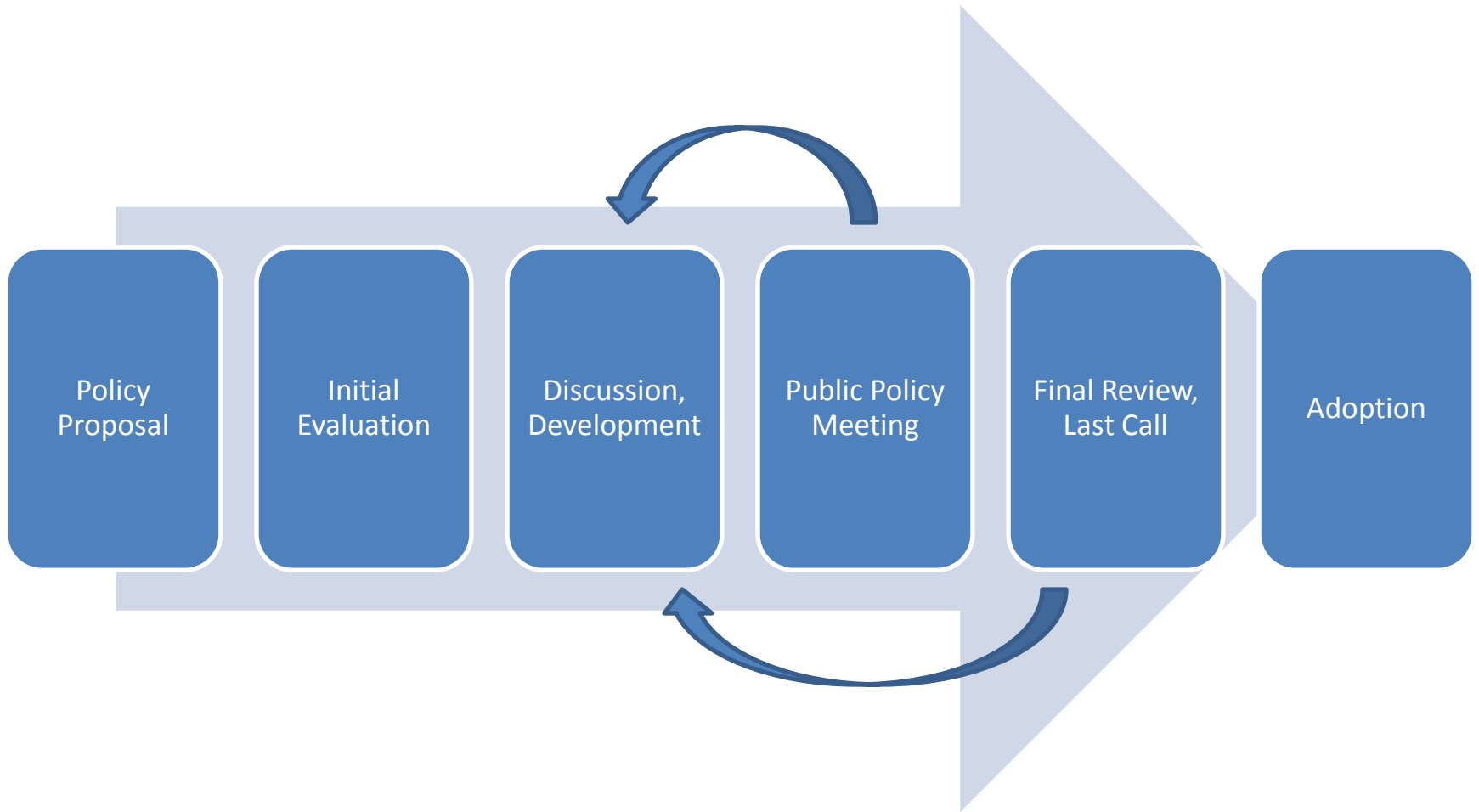
Status

- Busy committee members, hard to meet
- Scheduling regular meetings, not meetings-as-needed
- Three documents drafted:
 - Part I: Goals and Definitions
 - Part II: Process
 - Part III: Petition Process
- Recommendations to Advisory Council

Part I: Goals and Definitions

- Purpose
- Definitions
- Scope
- Principles
- Criteria for Policy Changes

Part II: Process



Part III: Petition Process

- When petitions may start, when they end
- What may be petitioned
- Criteria for success
- Outcome of successful petitions

Problems Identified

Newcomers have a hard time understanding PDP	New PDP
It takes too long to pass policy	New PDP
Many proposals aren't important, or aren't policy	New PDP
Need to improve communication between Board, AC, and community	Operational Guidelines
Policy workload is high, for AC members and community	Operational Guidelines
Role of shows of hands, polling	Operational Guidelines

Proposed Process and Guidelines

- The following slides show a summary of Committee's thinking
- We committed to solicit feedback before recommending changes
- Each slide shows:
 - A step in the proposed Policy Development Process
 - with supporting operational guidance.

Discussion Points

- Public policy meeting
 - Purpose to inform AC or to determine consensus?
 - Slows process but ensures consideration
 - Required for all proposals?

Next Steps

- Formalize PDP draft for AC and Board review
- Send to PPML for public comment
- Review additional problem areas for additional work

Problems Identified

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

Problems Identified

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

Summary

- Presentations to AC
- Process documents in final stages
- Easier to understand, easier to participate