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American Registry for Internet Numbers

# Policy Development Process (PDP) and the Importance of Participation

# High Level Look

- **Policy** – Rules for managing number resources
- **PDP Cycle**
  1. Need
  2. Discussion
  3. Consensus
  4. Implementation
  5. Evaluation

# History

- Derived from IETF Process
- Before 2001 – less formal
- 1 April 2001 – formal process
  - Documented process
  - Numbered for tracking
- 22 January 2004 – updated
  - AC initial review and author petition
  - Proposal template and instructions
- 28 March 2006 – updated
  - AC initial review at regularly scheduled meetings
- **7 January 2009 – updated**

# The New PDP

- Empowers the AC as a developmental body
- Expanded petition process
- Requires
  - Staff Clarity and Understanding reviews
  - Staff and Legal Reviews
- Freezes proposal text

# Purpose and Scope

- Good Policy
  - Designed to bring forth clear, technically sound and useful policy.
  
- Out of scope:
  - Step-by-step processes
  - Defining services to be offered by ARIN
  - Defining or establishing ARIN fees

# Principles

- **Open** - All policies are developed in an open forum where anyone may participate.
- **Transparent** - All aspects of the PDP are documented and publicly available via the ARIN website.
- **Bottom-up** - All policies are developed by the ARIN community from the bottom up.

# Philosophy

- Policy statements must be **clear, complete and concise**.
- **Fair Distribution** - Resources are distributed based on demonstrated need.
- **Technical Requirements** – The operational environment (the way resources are actually used on the Internet) must be considered.
- Administration – Policies must enable **neutral, impartial, and consistent resource management**.

# Terms

- **Proposal** – A policy idea submitted using the policy proposal template.
- **Draft Policy** – AC-developed from proposals, reviewed by ARIN staff and legal counsel, and posted for discussion on the PPML.
- **Policy** – A draft policy with community and AC support that has been adopted by the Board of Trustees.



# Policy Proposal (Need)

- Submittal - Anyone, anytime (except Board and ARIN staff)
- Posted for Community discussion
- Clarity and Understanding
  - ARIN staff and originator (10 days), staff reports to AC
- AC decides how to proceed

# Draft Policy (Need)

- AC evaluates and develops proposals to create draft policy
- Goal – Clear, technically sound, and useful policy
- Must be submitted for ARIN staff and legal assessment

# Discussion

- At least 35 days on PPML for Community discussion
- Text frozen 10 days prior to Public Policy Meeting
- Public Policy Meeting
  - Presented by AC to the Community

# Consensus

- AC controls draft policies
- **Discussion Evaluation** - AC decides what to do
  - within 30 days of PPM
  - Last call, abandon, return to AC's docket
- **Last Call** – Supported draft policies posted to PPML for at least 10 days for Community review
- **Last Call Review** – AC determines consensus

# Board of Trustees Review

- Review Includes:
  - Fiduciary risk
  - Liability risk
  - Legal conformity
  - Developed following PDP
  - Adheres to Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws
- Adopt, reject, or remand

# Implementation

- ARIN staff:
  - Updates NRPM with adopted policy
  - Publishes new version of NRPM
  - Implements new policy

# Evaluation

- What happened?
- ARIN staff reports on implementation to the community

# Petitions

- **Who can petition** – Anyone dissatisfied with an AC decision
- **Why to petition** - To move proposal or draft policy forward to next step in PDP
- **What it takes** - 10 people, 10 organizations, 5 days



# Special Policy Actions

- Board may temporarily create and/or suspend policy

# Number Resource Policy Manual

- The ARIN policy set
- Change log

# Under Discussion (10 Feb 08)

- **Draft Policies**

- Whois Integrity Policy Proposal
- Community Networks IPv6 Allocation

- **Policy Proposals**

- IPv4 Recovery Fund
- Depleted IPv4 reserves
- Allocation of IPv4 Blocks to Regional Internet Registries

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