ARIN

ARIN At A Glance

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**Important Links at
http://www.arin.net:**

Registration Services
www.arin.net/registration/

Policies
www.arin.net/policy/

Newsletter
www.arin.net/newsletter/

Training
www.arin.net/training/

Mailing Lists
www.arin.net/mailing_lists/

Annual Report
www.arin.net/library/corp_
docs/annual_rprt.html

ARIN Meetings:

Biannual Public Policy
and Members Meetings
are held throughout
ARIN's geographic region.
Information about future
and past meetings is
available at:
http://www.arin.net/
membership/meetings/.

Mission Statement

Applying the principles of stewardship, ARIN, a nonprofit corporation, allocates Internet Protocol resources; develops consensus-based policies; and facilitates the advancement of the Internet through information and educational outreach.

Overview

The American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) is a nonprofit organization responsible for managing the Internet numbering resources for North America, a portion of the Caribbean, and sub-equatorial Africa. It is one of four Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) worldwide that collectively provide Internet resource registration services around the globe.

Registration Services

ARIN allocates or assigns Internet numbering resources to Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and end-users. ISPs are allocated blocks of IP addresses for the purpose of assigning or further allocating that space to their customers, while end-users receive assignments of IP addresses exclusively for use in their operational networks.

ARIN promotes the conservation of Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4) and IPv6 address space and distributes globally unique Internet addresses in a hierarchical manner, permitting the routing scalability of addresses. ARIN also assigns Autonomous System numbers, manages IN-ADDR.ARPA (inverse mapping), maintains the WHOIS database, and verifies reassignment information.

ARIN's Registration Services Help Desk is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern Time to assist you and may be reached by e-mail at hostmaster@arin.net, by phone at +1.703.227.0660, or by fax at +1.703.227-0676. The Billing Services Help Desk is available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time by phone at +1.703.227.9886 or by fax at +1.703.227.0671.

Policies

Addressing policies in the ARIN region are created in accordance with the "Internet Resource Policy Evaluation Process" (http://www.arin.net/policy/ipep.html). All members of the Internet community are encouraged to participate in the policy-making process through writing, editing, and voting on policies on the Public Policy Mailing List (ppml@arin. net) and at biannual Public Policy Meetings.

ARIN's Internet resource policies are ratified by the Board of Trustees only after a full public discussion is held, a recommendation by the ARIN Advisory Council is made, and there is evidence that a consensus for the policy has been reached among the community and ARIN membership. A list of all current ARIN policies is available at http://www.arin. net/policy/.

Organizational Structure

ARIN operates as a service organization that is responsive to the needs of the public it serves. Its policies and activities are driven by the users in the community and is thus able to keep in step with their requirements. ARIN is comprised of a 7-member Board of Trustees and a 15-member Advisory Council, and an appointed President and CEO. The Board of Trustees and Advisory Council are elected by ARIN members for three-year terms. Officials are supported by a professional staff of nearly 40. A diagram of ARIN's organizational structure, along with descriptions of each component, is available at http://www.arin.net/about_us/about_org.html.

Leadership

Ray Plzak, President and CEO
John Curran, Chairman, Board of Trustees
Alec Peterson, Chairman, Advisory Council

Scott Bradner, Secretary
Lee Howard, Treasurer

Membership

Membership in ARIN is open to any individual or entity wishing to participate. ARIN seeks a broad-based membership representative of all users and potential users of IP address space within its geographic service region. Currently there are two types of general members. Subscriber members are automatically accorded membership after receiving a direct allocation of IP address space from ARIN. Non-subscriber membership is available to any interested party for an annual membership fee of $500. More information, including a list of current ARIN members can be found at http://www.arin.net/membership/.

It is not necessary to become a member of ARIN to apply for IP address space, nor will doing so make it easier to obtain IP addresses. Allocation requests are evaluated solely on utilization criteria and policy requirements.

Every ARIN member is entitled to:

• Send two representatives to ARIN's biannual Members Meetings where ARIN operations are reported on and discussed.

• Send two representatives to ARIN's biannual Public Policy Meetings at no cost. ARIN member organizations may send additional representatives, but will incur a nominal registration fee.

• Nominate and elect Advisory Council and Board of Trustees members. Each ARIN member is entitled to one vote, cast by its designated member representative.

• Participate in the member mailing list for discussions.

• Display the ARIN member logo on its website and printed material.

• Take advantage of future membership benefits as they are offered.

ARIN Resources

WHOIS

ARIN's WHOIS is a service for finding contact and registration information for resources registered within ARIN's region. ARIN's database contains IP addresses, AS numbers, organizations, or customers that are associated with these resources, and related Points of Contact (POCs). WHOIS queries can be made by entering information in the box in the upper right-hand corner of almost every page on the ARIN website. A WHOIS Help page is available at http://www.arin.net/tools/whois_help.html.

We also provide a computer-based training module for both novice and frequent users called "Querying ARIN's WHOIS," available at http://www.arin.net/library/training/WHOIS_CBT/.

Mailing Lists

ARIN manages several mailing lists that are open to the ARIN membership or the general public. All participants of these mailing lists must adhere to ARIN's acceptable use policy (AUP) guidelines. A list of mailing lists, information on how to subscribe, and archives of mailing list postings is available at http://www.arin.net/mailing_lists/.

Quarterly Newsletter

To keep abreast of ARIN's activities, policies, and discussions, please read the "ARIN Today" newsletter, released at the end of each quarter. It is produced by ARIN staff for its membership and the Internet community. Articles and contributions dealing with IP address issues and technology are welcome from all sources. The current issue and past editions are available at http://www.arin.net/newsletter/. Submissions or ideas for the newsletter can be sent to webmaster@arin.net.

Library

ARIN provides on its website a library of all documents pertaining to its operation. These include policies, guidelines, templates, and reference documentation. This library is available at http://www.arin.net/library/.

Statistics

Statistics of ARIN's operations for the current year and past years are available on our website at http://www.arin.net/statistics/.