

RIRs, the NRO and ICANN

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So far

- The RIR boards have drafted an agreement to be undertaken between themselves to establish a Number Resource Organization (NRO)
- The NRO has operational and policy roles
 - Operational:
 - Common activities undertaken by all RIRs together
 - Policy
 - Ratification of coordinated policies for the RIRs
 - Appeals process relating to coordinated policies

NRO Structure

- Executive Council
 - Composed of one representative of each RIR
 - CEO is the default assumption at present
- Number Council
 - Composed of
 - 2 members selected by each open regional policy forum (total of 8)
 - 1 representative selected by each RIR (4)
 - Board member is one option
 - Up to 3 observers from each emerging RIR
- Secretariat
 - Service the functions of the NRO, undertaken by each RIR in rotation

Number Council Role

- Advise the Executive Council to ratify proposed global number resource policies
- Act as a point of consultation to external bodies concerning global number resource policies

Global Policy Process and the Number Council

- Number Council to review proposed global policy
- Ensure that RIR policies were followed in the development and approval of the proposal
- Post a Last Call and ensure that all significant viewpoints of interested parties were adequately considered
- Either pass back to the RIRs or recommend to the Executive Council to ratify the proposed policy

Status

- NRO draft completed early July
- Passed to joint RIR legal team for review by July 11
- No response so far from the legal team 😞

Next steps

- Jointly review legal outcomes for the NRO document (whenever we get the document back in its final format)
- Separately consider signing the NRO MoU
- Subsequently consider incorporation of the NRO

ICANN Agreement

- The agreement is intended to be an MoU between the NRO and ICANN, with nominated roles for the Number Council
- Drafted an MoU that would update parts of the NRO – namely:
 - Have the NRO Number Council play the role of the ICANN Address Council
 - Include formal liaisons to the Number Council, as part of formal liaison agreements with the NRO
 - Include the ICANN Board in global policy ratification
 - Includes points of agreement so far with ICANN

Number Council Role in an ICANN MoU context

- Pass recommendations for global policies to the ICANN Board following review and last call as described with NRO
- Select individual to serve on ICANN Boards and committees as required
- Provide advice to the ICANN Board on matters of global number policy in conjunction with the RIRs

Next Steps

- Plan to commence negotiations with ICANN after formation of the NRO
- Followup the MoU with a formal contract with ICANN