A proposal for an APNIC document editorial policy (prop-002-v001)

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Introduction

- This proposal is intended to work with the policy development process proposed by Anne Lord and Randy Bush.
  - http://www.apnic.net/meetings/16/ programme/sigs/docs/policy/ addpol-prop-apnic-policy-process.txt

Introduction

- This proposal is about the editorial process to implement consensus decisions
- This proposal suggests a simpler procedure for writing, amending, and publishing documents
- The proposed procedure takes full account of consensus decisions reached through policy development process

Background

- Current document review policy
  - apnic-083 "APNIC Document review policies and procedures"
    - Describes a system of calls for comments
    - Categorises nature and importance of proposed reviews
    - Review category determines number and length of calls for comments

Problem

- Current review policy was developed when the role of SIGs was less clear
  - It does not adequately recognise the role that SIGs and AMM have in making decisions
  - Current process is complex and time consuming
  - Categorising reviews is no longer necessary once a decision has reached consensus in the SIG AMM process

Position in other RIRs

- ARIN, LACNIC, and RIPE NCC
  - The editorial process is contained within the policy development process

- So, why separate the processes in APNIC?
  - The range and diversity of languages is an issue
  - A separate editorial process will help ensure consistent documentation

Proposal details (1)

- Include formal recognition of the policy development process
  - Consensus decisions flowing from SIGs and AMM

- Remove categories of review
  - Not necessary for decisions made by SIG-AMM process

Proposal details (2)

- New editorial policy should describe a simple process to implement consensus decisions:
  - Secretariat releases draft reflecting SIG-AMM decision
  - Single call for public review
    - Intended to ensure draft properly represents decision
    - One month for editorial comments
  - Community can request additional reviews on basis that draft does not properly reflect the consensus from the relevant meeting

Proposal details (3)

- If a document is required to implement an emergency decision made by the Executive Council between Member Meetings, that document must be reviewed at the next Open Policy Meeting.

Implementation

- It is proposed to implement this policy as soon as possible so that the editorial process may be applied to any other consensus items arising from this meeting.

Questions

References

- Current document review policy
  - http://www.apnic.net/docs/policy/doc-review-policy.html

- Proposal
  - http://www.apnic.net/meetings/16/programme/sigs/docs/policy/addpol-prop-apnic-doc-review-v4.txt