

The ARIN Policy Development Process

The ARIN Policy Development Process (PDP) is the process by which all policies governing the management of Internet number resources in the ARIN region are developed by and for the ARIN community. Policy development is an open and transparent process. All members of the ARIN community are invited to participate in the Policy Development Process.

1 THE POLICY PROPOSAL

Proposal Submitted

Proposals may be submitted by a member of the Internet community. Upon receipt, the proposal is assigned a number, posted on the ARIN website, and the Advisory Council works with the originator on the problem statement and policy text.

2 POLICY PROPOSAL EVALUATION

In Scope of the PDP?

Reject

Petition Action

A member of the Internet community may petition the Board of Trustees to overrule a decision or action made by the Advisory Council if they feel it does not properly follow the PDP. See Section 3 for more information on petitioning.

Clear Problem Statement & Policy Text?

Remand to originator with feedback

3 DRAFT POLICY DISCUSSION & DEVELOPMENT

Draft Policy

Editorial Update

If the text of the Policy Proposal is editorial in nature, the Advisory Council may use the Editorial Update process (defined in section 2.8) for a Policy Proposal. An Editorial Update results in non-substantive change to the NRPM, such as providing additional clarity or grammatical fixes.

Community Discussion

How Does the Community Give Feedback?

The Draft Policy is posted to the Public Policy Mailing List (PPML) and on the ARIN website, and the Advisory Council may request an assessment from ARIN staff and legal counsel.

AC documents compliance with policy principles

Abandoning a Policy

The Advisory Council may abandon a Draft Policy that is unable or unlikely to meet the policy principles. If the policy has been moved to Recommended Draft Policy status, it may not be abandoned until after presentation to the Internet community at a Public Policy Consultation.

4 RECOMMENDATION OF DRAFT POLICIES

Draft Policy meets policy principles (fair, sound, & supported)?

Revise Draft Policy (back to step 3)

Recommended Draft Policy

A Recommended Draft Policy is a Draft Policy that has been recommended for adoption by the Advisory Council.

5 PUBLIC POLICY CONSULTATION

Public Policy Consultation

An open public discussion of Internet Number Resource Policy, such as an ARIN Public Policy and Members Meeting, that provides for the interaction and polling of in-person and remote participants.

6 CONFIRMING COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR RDPS

Clear community support?

Revise Draft Policy (back to step 3)

7 LAST CALL

Last Call

AC still recommends adoption?

Revise Draft Policy (back to step 3)

8 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REVIEW

Board of Trustees Adoption

Revise Draft Policy (back to step 3)

9 IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation by Staff