



Proposed 2013 Policy Development Process

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Policy Development Process - Issues

Some of concerns/issues with the present Policy Development process include:

- Not clear whether/when proposal author or AC controls proposal
- Policy proposals can be abandoned by AC before the community has time to consider
- Not clear when policies being presented at Public Policy Meeting are going to be recommended to the Board for adoption
- No clear record of the consideration of concerns raised in the draft policies

Revised Policy Development Process

Revised PDP attempts to clarify numerous process issues:

- Policy proposals are under originator's control until they are valid draft policies
- Clear criteria for valid draft policies (in-scope problem statement)
- AC shepherds charged with helping proposals become valid draft policies, and only reject if incomprehensible or out of scope (not germane actual number resource policy) and not correct by the originator
- Draft policies are under AC control (but involve the originators if they're available and responsive)
- Draft policies are discussed on PPML, considered by the AC, and recommended if good, abandoned if bad
- All active draft policies are presented at Public Policy Meeting – agenda time adjusted (short/medium/long) as needed

Revised Policy Development Process

Revised PDP attempts to clarify policy documentation issues:

- Policy proposals must contain a clear statement of the problem with current Internet number resource policy along with any suggested changes to policy text – very important for making sure everyone understands originator's concerns
- Advancing draft policy involves the addition of a statement that the AC considers the policy to match the requirements contained in the PDP, i.e. it is fair/impartial, technically sound, and has the support of the community (based on discussions to date on PPML and any public policy consultations at ARIN or other fora (e.g. NANOG))
- The AC's consideration of significant objections raised should be included in the assessment statement of the policy to PDP requirements

Revised Policy Development Process

Revised PDP attempts to clarify what is happening in each policy state:

Policy Proposals – “We are working with the originator to understand the policy problem as they see it (and their proposed solution if any), so it is clear in their proposal”

Draft Policies – “We have a defined problem, proposed solution, and would like to hear discussion about it. If it looks to be unfair, technically unsound, or definitely not supported by the community, we will fix the draft policy text or abandon it.”

Recommend Draft Policies – “We think this is good policy and are hoping to advance it after the next PPC”

Questions?