



**APrIGF Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group (MSG) Meeting**  
**29 October 2014 (Wed)**  
06:00 – 07:00 (UTC)  
WebEx Teleconference

**Attendees:**

Paul Wilson, APNIC (Technical)  
Sunny , APNIC (Technical)  
Connie Chan, APNIC (Technical)  
Noelle De Guzman, ISOC APAC Bureau (Civil Society)  
Duangthip Chomprang, ISOC APAC Bureau (Civil Society)  
Cheryl Langdon Orr, ISOC AU, Australia (Civil Society)  
Sivasubramanian Muthusamy, Internet Society Chennai, India (Civil Society)  
Shahzad Ahmed, Bytes for All, Pakistan (Civil Society)  
Izumi Aizu, Japan (Civil Society)  
Jahangir Hossain, ISOC Bangladesh Dhaka (Civil Society)  
Hong Xue, Beijing Normal University, China (Academia)  
Kelvin Wong, ICANN (Technical)

**APrIGF Secretariat:**

Yannis Li, DotAsia Organisation

**Local Host 2015:**

Holmes Leong, HNET.Asia, Macau (Technical)  
Karman Ho, HNET.Asia, Macau (Technical)  
Alex Ip, China-Macao Resources Advertising & Exhibition Co., Ltd., Macau

**Agenda:**

1. Review and adopt the minutes of past meetings
2. Election of Vice Chair
  - Process Review
  - Result Ratification
3. Preparation for Macau 2015 Meeting
4. A.O.B

**Proceedings:**

**1. Review and adopt the minutes of past meetings**

- The below minutes are reviewed and adopted unanimously:
  - Aug 6 Delhi Face-to-Face Meeting
  - Sep 4 Public Meeting at IGF Istanbul
  - Sep 22 Meeting with Vice Chair Candidates

## 2. Election of Vice Chair

- **Process Review and Result Ratification**

- A chronology of the election and voting process as below was consolidated and circulated to the MSG by Paul before the meeting
  - ❖ 6 Aug (Delhi F2F MSG Meeting)
    - Adopted the timeline as well as the double email confirmation procedure
    - Nomination Period: Aug 6 - Sep 6, 2014
    - Election Voting Period: Sep 15 - 30, 2014
    - Result to be ratified at MSG meeting in early Oct
  - ❖ 6 Aug - Nomination Announcement sent
  - ❖ 1 Sep - Nomination reminder sent
  - ❖ 12 Sep
    - A total of 4 Candidates nominated and announced
    - Information with Voting Rules and Procedures Circulated to MSG
  - ❖ 15 Sep
    - Voting Ballot sent to [msg@aprigf.asia](mailto:msg@aprigf.asia)
  - ❖ 29 Sep - A reminder of voting ballot sent
  - ❖ 7 Oct - Announcement of the voting result
- In spite of the low voting rate of 7 ballots received, the process has been conducted in a thorough and transparent manner with additional reminders, therefore Paul proposed that the election result shall be ratified if there is no other valid reasons for objections.
- Duangthip, Cheryl and Izumi also expressed support on result ratification in addition to the affirmative answers received on the MSG mailing list.
- While Cheryl do not have a concern on confidentiality herself, she made a hypothesis that some other MSG members might hold such concern on the current voting mechanism of double email confirmation to the secretariat that led to the low voting rate.
- There is a call to look for solutions to mitigate the low election participation issue. Suggestions:
  - ❖ Cheryl: Form a Voting Rules Review Sub-Committee which Cheryl, Duangthip, Paul and Izumi volunteered to join.
  - ❖ Duangthip: State on the document outlining responsibility of MSG members that they shall participate in elections and cast their votes. And try to identify cycles and timeline of elections so as to include in the document as well as better define the legitimate voting numbers required.
  - ❖ Izumi: Either 1 of the executive members of the MSG (Chair/Vice Chairs), who do not vote, to work along with secretariat on the election process. Add a clause to the Operating Principles that, if any MSG members do not vote/abstain for certain times without apology, they shall be asked to leave the MSG.
- **Action:** Secretariat to email respective volunteers to coordinate and facilitate the formation of Voting Rules Review Sub-Committee

- **Result Ratification**

- The below election result has been ratified with Chester Soong

receiving the majority of votes who is therefore be elected as the Vice Chair of MSG for 2 APriGF Cycles (2014-2016) with duties assumed immediately:

- ❖ Candidate 1: Chester Soong (ISOC HK, Hong Kong, Civil Society) -- 3 votes
- ❖ Candidate 2: Shreedeeep Rayamajhi (RayzNews, Nepal, Civil Society -- 0 votes
- ❖ Candidate 3: Jahangir Hossain (ISOC Bangladesh Dhaka, Bangladesh, Civil Society) -- 2 votes
- ❖ Candidate 4: Imran Ahmed Shah (Urdu Internet Society, Pakistan, Civil Society) -- 2 votes

### 3. Preparation for Macau 2015 Meeting

- **Proposed new dates:**
  - Jun 30(Tue) Pre-Events & YIGF
  - Jul 1(Wed) – 3(Fri) APriGF & YIGF
  - Jul 3 (Fri) – 5 (Sun) CommuniMacau 2015 [In-Conjunction with]
- Siva raised concern on the close timing between the ICANN 56 meeting (19-23 Jun 2015). Yet Cheryl suggested it might indeed be an advantage for people to travel directly for back-to-back meetings. With the others considering that there is a reasonable gap time in between, the proposed dates is adopted.  
**Action:** Secretariat to update the website and all MSG members to promote it widely.
- **Meeting Venue:** Venetian Hotel
- **Accommodation:** Holiday Inn (A guarantee of 130 rooms is advised by the venue to obtain competition rates including meeting venue rental, F&B, accommodation and internet support)
- The propose change is to address the previous concern of MSG. The current proposed dates allow the event to be in conjunction with CommuniMacau 2015 to enhance government support on funding. Maximum room rate for 4 nights and traveling support at 75% of actual expenses with the reimbursement amount not exceeding MOP15,000(USD1,877) in total.
- **Questions and Comments:**
  - If there are cheaper options of accommodation available such as university dormitory?
  - VISA arrangement and support
  - How many pre-events can be accommodated?
- **Action:** Local host to send out more detailed updates in writing to the mailing list and to provide more details on the above questions for next meeting.
- Secretariat proposed **Call for Themes/Workshop Timeline**
  - Nov 10 Open Call for Themes/Workshop
  - Jan Formation of Evaluation Committee
  - Feb 16 Deadline for Workshop Proposals
  - Feb Scoring of Workshop Proposals
  - Mar 1 AP\* Meeting
  - Mar 13 Result Announcement
  - Apr 15 Finalized Workshop Panelists

- Jul 1-3 APrIGF Macau
- Duangthip suggested to develop a rough timeline according to the past APrIGFs and further enhance the details of a working timeline
- Considering the tight timeline, discussions will be moved to the mailing list and target to Open the Call on Nov 10
- **Action:** Secretariat to draft the Call for Themes/Workshop Announcement as well as a detail timeline and circulate to the MSG mailing list for comments.

#### **4. A.O.B**

- Secretariat had a conversation with the organizer of RightsCon Asia, Foundation for Media Alternatives, whom extended invitation to the APrIGF Community as an entity to submit workshop proposals. More details will be shared to the mailing list.
- Shahzad expressed interest in partnering for the workshop.

The next meeting will be scheduled in Nov with exact date and time TBC.

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