PEERINGDB BOARD MEETING
Thursday, 15 November 2018 1600h UTC
Teleconference

MINUTES
Approved by Board, January 29th, 2019

Attendees:
Aaron Hughes, President/Chair, Director
Job Snijders, Vice President, Director
Patrick W. Gilmore, Director
Arnold Nipper, Director
Bijal Sanghani, Director

Note Taker:
Chris Caputo, Secretary/Treasurer

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 1603h UTC, noting that Arnold Nipper is absent.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes.

It was moved by Job Snijders, and seconded by Bijal Sanghani, that:

"The PeeringDB Board adopts the October 9th, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, as written."

The motion carried with no objections.

3. Committee Statuses.

   a. Product Committee.

      Aaron, as a member of the Product Committee, gave an update. He reported progress has been slow. He will work with Eric Loos to help hire a person for the Product Manager position. Requirements for the position are evolving now that the community is contributing more to the issue tracker at:

      https://github.com/peeringdb/peeringdb/issues

   b. Operations Committee.

      Job, as chair of the Operations Committee, gave an update. On December 1st, 2018 the “finger” service will cease and the “whois”
service will be exclusively available at “whois.peeringdb.com”. Also, the DNS zone files have recently been purged of unused records. Aaron indicated he will work on a template for annual reporting of operations metrics so that they become a regular part of the annual general meeting. Bijal agreed this is a good idea.

c. Outreach Committee.

Bijal, as vice-chair of the Outreach Committee, gave an update. Results of the recent user survey were recently shared with the board via email. There were 110 responses. Feedback was mostly positive and no major issues were highlighted. The Outreach Committee will analyze the results further. Bijal supports sharing aggregate results and including them in upcoming presentations.

The re-branding project is making progress. The logo and colors have been selected. The new brand is expected to be introduced at the upcoming APRICOT 2019 / APNIC 47 meeting in February.

[Director Arnold Nipper arrived onto the teleconference at 1612h UTC.]

Aaron requested Bijal have the Outreach Committee put together a budget for calendar year 2019.

d. Admin Committee.

Arnold, as chair of the Admin Committee, gave an update. The quality and consistency of RDAP and “whois” information from Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) needs to be improved. Bijal agrees PeeringDB should work with the RIRs to help the data be consistent and more useful. Arnold indicates a lot of manual work is performed by the Admin Committee volunteers which could be automated if the data from the RIRs is improved.

Arnold indicated that the Product Committee is moving toward removal from public visibility those Internet Exchange Points (IXPs) which are missing LAN information. This would allow the quality of auditing new networks to improve by cross-referencing with IXP address assignments. Recently it became a requirement that any new IXP in the database have LAN information before a record may become public.
4. Inflect Partnership.

Aaron has had meetings with Inflect regarding product requirements for the single authoritative database of facility identifiers. Aaron asked for a volunteer to work with Inflect further on this and Arnold volunteered.

5. Open Source.

Job shared that the source code for PeeringDB became open source on November 10th and is hosted on GitHub:

https://github.com/peeringdb/peeringdb

At present there is no formal process for accepting and reviewing contributions, but the first contribution has already been accepted.

Job would like to put out a request for bids to build a Continuous Integration (CI) service, with the ultimate goal being to lower the barrier for contributing to PeeringDB. Aaron agrees and thinks this falls under the jurisdiction of the Product Committee.

Aaron and Job discussed that that the Product Committee is considering requiring future development bids go out to more than one vendor.


Aaron will work on a public document to be shared at:

https://gov.peeringdb.com/

7. Other Business.

Aaron noted that Arnold has been elected to the Open-IX board of directors starting in 2019, joining himself on that same board.

8. Adjournment.

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Patrick Gilmore moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1636h UTC with no objections.