

APNIC Policy Development Process

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Policy SIG Charter

- Develop policies and procedures which relate to the management and use of Internet address resources by APNIC, NIRs and ISPs within the Asia Pacific region
- Mailing lists
 - sig-policy@apnic.net
 - sig-policy-chair@apnic.net



Policy Development Process

Open

- Anyone can propose policies
- Anyone can discuss policy proposals

Transparent

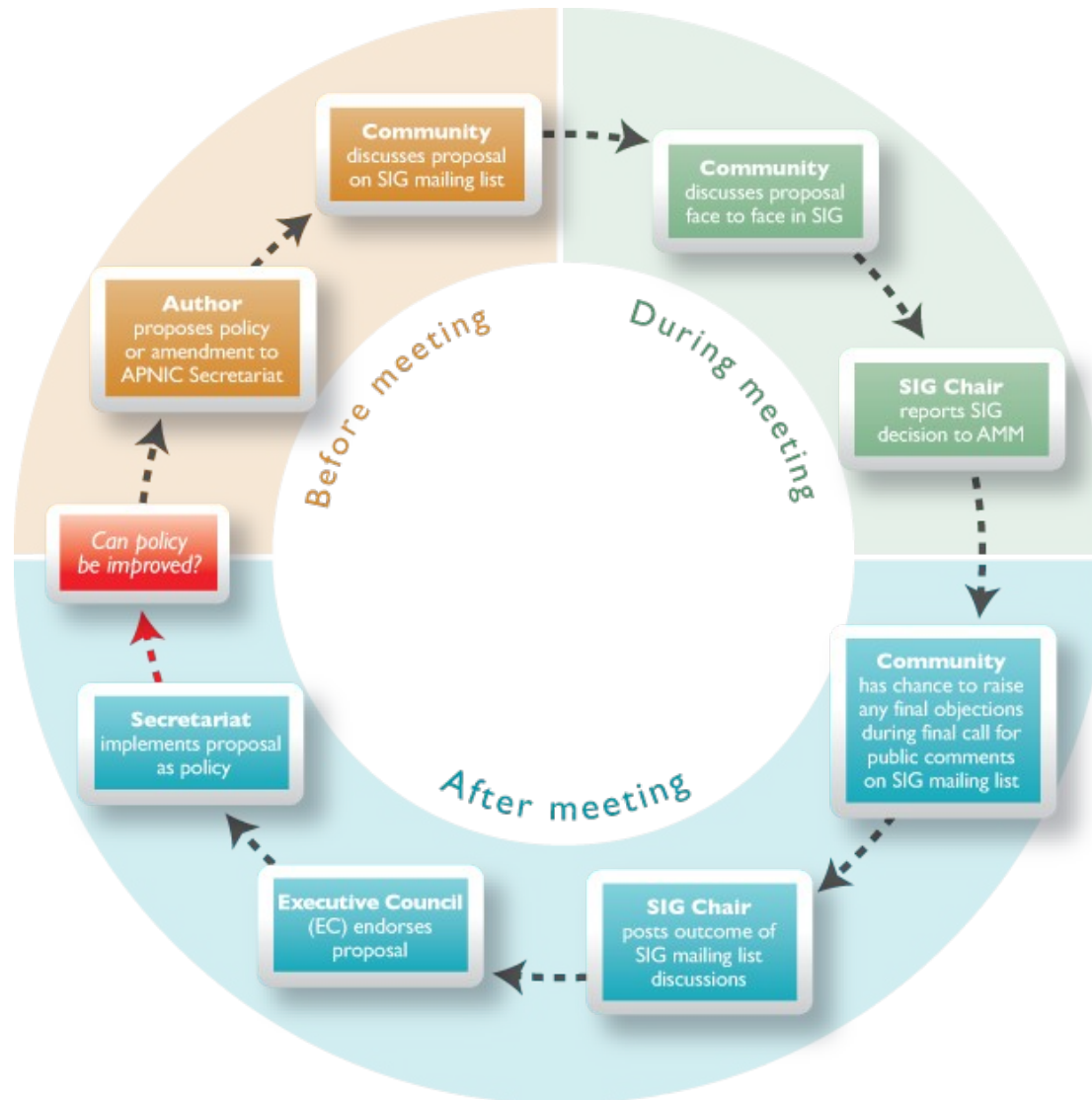
- All discussions archived and available to public
- Policy changes all documented and archived

Bottom-up

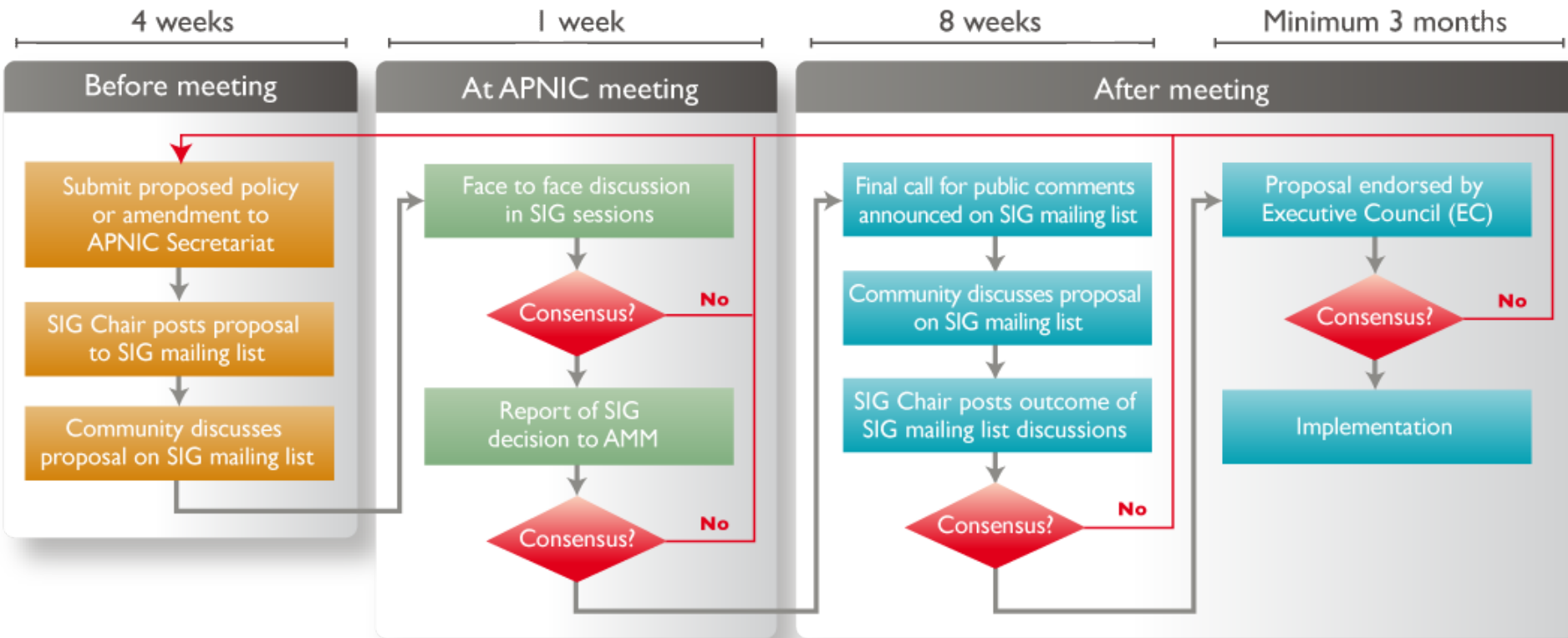
- The community drives policy development
- The community decides policy outcomes



Policy Development is a Cycle



Policy Development Process



Steps to Implementation

1. Proposal submission
2. Mailing list discussion before meeting
3. Consensus at Policy SIG Meeting
4. Consensus at again at Member Meeting
5. Comment Period to confirm consensus
6. EC endorsement
7. Editorial Comment period
8. Implementation



Consensus Decision Making

The consensus decision-making policy development process facilitates an open, bottom-up, and transparent policy process for all stakeholders

Consensus is described as “general agreement” where the Chair “takes into consideration” comments on mailing list and at meeting

Show of hands may be taken as a way of “broadly gauging opinion”. It is not a vote as this would disadvantage those not physically present

If objections are raised, the chair will ask participants to work together to resolve these issues where possible.



Consensus Decision Making

Used in the PDP to facilitate

- Open (multi-stakeholder involvement)

- Bottom-up (community-driven, not top-down)

- Transparent (public and documented)



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Objections

Minor Objections

some problems may occur for some members of the group

Major Objections

major problems will occur for parts of the community

Participants should “work together” to resolve



References

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