



ARIN's PDP

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Policy Development Process (PDP)

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This version of the ARIN Policy Development Process was published on 7 January 2009. It supersedes the previous version.

PART ONE – PRINCIPLE

1. Purpose

This document describes the ARIN Policy Development Process (PDP). The ARIN 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. ARIN's Internet number resource policies are documented community decisions that directly determine the rules by which ARIN manages and administers Internet number resources.

Internet number resource policies are developed in an open and transparent manner by the Internet community. Anyone may participate in the process - ARIN membership is not required. The Policy Development Process (PDP) described in this document defines how policy is established in the ARIN region. Part I of this document provides background information regarding the ARIN PDP and Part II provides the details of the process.

2. Scope

1. Policies developed through the PDP are community self-regulatory statements that mandate or constrain actions. They apply throughout the ARIN region. Policies contribute to the security and stability of the Internet as they foster good stewardship of Internet number resources by ensuring fair distribution of resources and facilitating the operation of the Internet by those who use them.
2. Policies developed through the PDP do not describe a step-by-step process. Such a process is called a procedure. Procedures are established by the policy implementer to execute the policy in such a manner to comply with the policy.
3. Policies developed through the PDP do not define a service to be offered by ARIN.
4. Policies developed through the PDP do not define or establish ARIN fees. All matters concerning fees are a fiduciary responsibility of the Board of Trustees.
5. The ARIN Board of Trustees adopts draft policies recommended to it by the ARIN Advisory Council if the Board determines that the PDP has been followed, that support and consensus for a policy has been reached among the community, and if the draft policies are consistent with ARIN's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and with the applicable laws and regulations.
6. Internet number resource policies are distinctly separate from ARIN general business practices and procedures. ARIN's general business practices (including fees) and procedures are not within the purview of the Policy Development Process. (The ARIN Consultation and Suggestion Process can be used to propose changes in non-policy areas.)
7. This version of the ARIN PDP is designed to bring forth clear, technically sound and useful policy; reduce overlapping policy proposals; require both staff and legal assessments; give adequate opportunity for discussion prior to each public policy meeting; and provide a means of review prior to possible adoption.

PDP

- > PDP
- > Appendix A - Process Flow Chart
- > Appendix B - Proposal Template
- > PDP Archive
- > PDP Petitions

TRANSLATIONS

- > French
- > Spanish

RELEVANT LINKS

- > How to Participate
- > PDP Flash Presentation

Flowchart

Proposal Template

Archive

Movie

<https://www.arin.net/policy/pdp.html>

Policy Development Principles

Open

- Developed in open forum
 - Public Policy Mailing List
 - Public Policy Meetings
- Anyone can participate

Transparent

- All aspects documented and available on website
 - Policy process, meetings, and policies

Bottom-up

- Policies developed by the community
- Staff implements, but does not make policy

Who Plays a Role in the Policy Process?

Community

- Submit proposals
- Participate in discussions and petitions

Advisory Council (elected volunteers)

- Facilitate the policy process
- Develop policy that is “clear, technically sound and useful”
- Determine consensus based on community input

Roles...

ARIN Board of Trustees (elected volunteers)

- Provide corporate fiduciary oversight
- Ensure the policy process has been followed
- Ratify policies

ARIN Staff

- Provide feedback to community
 - Staff and legal assessments for all proposals
 - Policy experience reports
- Implement ratified policies

Basic Steps

1. Community member submits a proposal
2. Community discusses the proposal on the “List”
3. AC creates a draft policy or abandons the proposal
4. Community discusses the draft policy on the “List” and at the meeting
5. AC conducts its consensus review
6. Community performs last call
7. Board adopts
8. Staff implements

Petitions

Anyone dissatisfied with a decision by the AC can petition in order to keep a proposal moving forward

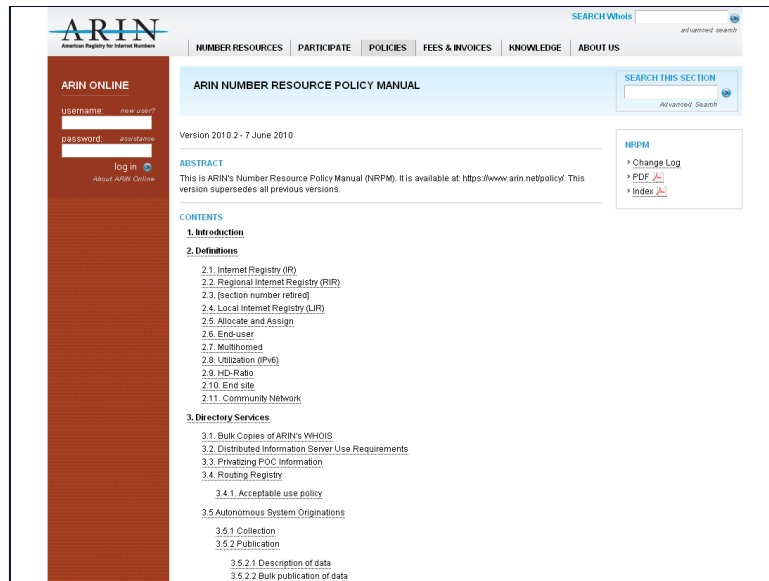
- 5 day petition period
- Needs 10 different people from 10 different organizations to publicly support the petition

*8 petitions to date

Number Resource Policy Manual

NRPM is ARIN's policy document

- Version 2011.4 (27 Sep 2011)
- 24th version



Contains

- Change Logs
- Available as PDF
- Index

<https://www.arin.net/policy/nrpm.html>

Policies in the NRPM

- IPv4 Address Space
- IPv6 Address Space
- Autonomous System Numbers (ASNs)
- Directory Services (WHOIS)
- Reverse DNS (in-addr)
- Transfers
- Experimental Assignments
- Resource Review Policy

References

Policy Development Process

[*https://www.arin.net/policy/pdp.html*](https://www.arin.net/policy/pdp.html)

Draft Policies and Proposals

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Number Resource Policy Manual

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Q&A

