

# Recommended Draft Policy ARIN-2020-8

## Clarify and Update 4.2.1.2 Annual Renewal Fee

**Status:** Pending Board of Trustees Review

**Shepherds:** Joe Provo, Owen DeLong

Current Text (23 February 2021)

**AC Assessment of Conformance with the [Principles of Internet Number Resource Policy](#):**

This Draft Policy is fair, impartial, and technically sound. This draft policy replaces language identified as problematic by ARIN staff via the Policy Experience Report WG with a proper definition to keep the NRPM focused on numbers policy.

### **Problem Statement:**

The January 2020 Policy Experience Report highlighted that the existing language in Section 4.2.1.2 "Annual Renewal" references fees. Fees are not considered a member qualification criteria. Since fees aren't referenced elsewhere in community policy, the wording was reviewed by the PEG.

### **Policy Statement:**

Given that the Registration Services Agreement (RSA) already contains language regarding fees, the AC Shepherds recommend to eliminate 4.2.1.2. entirely and add:

2.X Registration Services Agreement (RSA)

Number resources allocated or assigned by ARIN under these policies are subject to a contractual agreement between ARIN and the resource holder. Throughout this document, any and all forms of this agreement, past or future, are simply referred to as the Registration Services Agreement (RSA).

### **Comments:**

The AC's understanding is that community policy should not include language referring to fees, as such language is already present in the Registration Services Agreement (RSA)

Registration Services has informed us that "Section 4.2.1.2. contains language detailing fee due dates, encouraging on-time payments, and mentions potential revocations. It also contains a reference to web documentation that has evolved significantly since this policy was implemented, and may continue to do so. Essentially the entire section is made of language that is already in the Registration Services Agreement, and is generally fee-focused, making it outside normal scope for Internet number resource policy."

**Timetable for Implementation:** Immediate

**Anything Else:** Community input since adopting draft has informed this direction. The 2.X placeholder is used as this seems like it might be foundational enough to not be 2.17 but the Shepherds would rather not upset current indexing arbitrarily.

## Staff and Legal Review (3 February 2021)

Version Reviewed: [15 January](#)

### **Staff Understanding:**

This Draft Policy would remove Section 4.2.1.2. in its entirety and insert a new subsection into NRPM Section 2. Definitions. Section 4.2.1.2. focused on annual renewal fee payments and potential for revocation, including references to public ARIN.net pages, which are subject to occasional relocation and change. The new subsection text for NRPM Section 2. Definitions regarding the Registration Services Agreement (RSA) is clear and understandable.

**Implementable as Written?** Yes

### **Impact on ARIN Registry Operations and Services:**

This Draft Policy would cause no operational or service changes.

### **Legal Review:**

The policy does not create any material legal issues.

**Implementation Timeframe Estimate:** Three months

### **Implementation Requirements:**

- Staff training
- Updated public documentation
- Updated internal procedures and guidelines

## History and Earlier Versions

History	
Action	Date
<a href="#">Proposal</a>	18 August 2020
<a href="#">Draft Policy</a>	20 August 2020
<a href="#">Revised</a>	20 November 2020
<a href="#">Revised</a>	15 January 2021
<a href="#">Recommended Draft Policy</a>	23 February 2021
<a href="#">Last Call</a>	20 April 2021
<a href="#">Advanced to the Board of Trustees</a>	25 May 2021