

A periodic update of activities and news in the ARIN region.

ARIN in Brief

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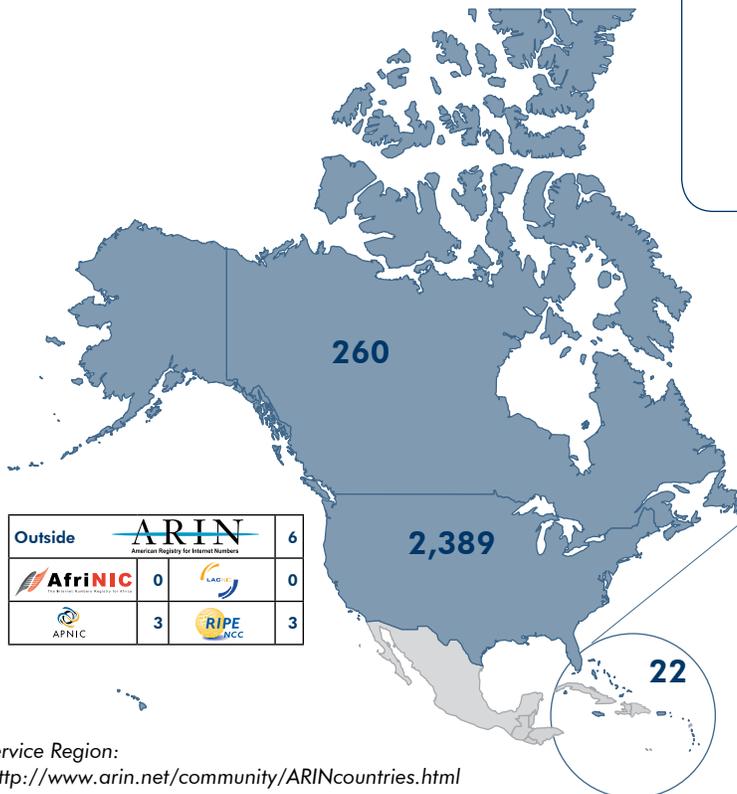
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ARIN Service Region

Total Membership as of 31 January 2007: 2,677



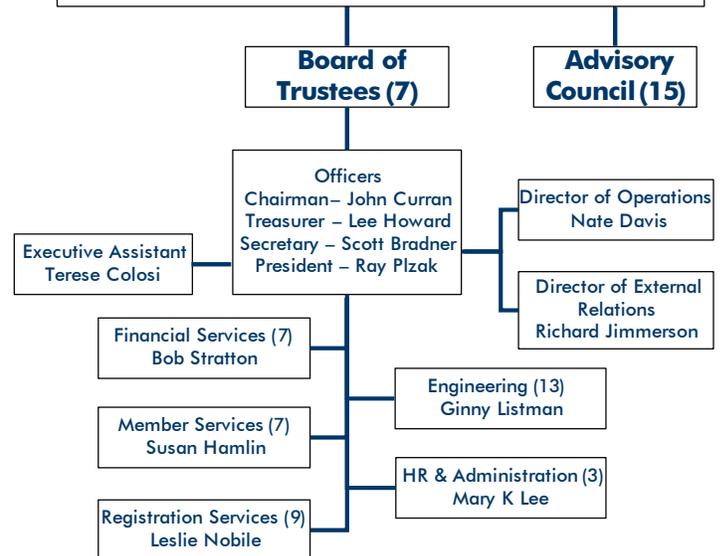
Outside	ARIN	Total
AfriNIC	0	0
APNIC	3	3
RIPE	3	3

Service Region:

<http://www.arin.net/community/ARINCountries.html>

The ARIN Organization

ARIN Membership



ARIN Workshop St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

7 February 2007

On 7 February ARIN hosted a one-day meeting in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.



Thirty plus attendees from the U.S.V.I., Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Cayman Islands, Guadeloupe, and Canada participated in this informal information sharing event. This workshop was designed to provide information to those in the Caribbean portion of the ARIN region and to solicit from them issues related to Internet Number Resource policies that affected them.

In addition to ARIN staff, four members of the ARIN Advisory Council and one member of the Address Supporting Organization Address Council from the ARIN region were present. Throughout the presentations and discussions, attendees were encouraged to take advantage of asking questions of ARIN staff and the Advisory Council. A Tuesday evening ARIN-sponsored social and a Wednesday post meeting sunset sail sponsored by COBEX and the VI Registry provided excellent networking opportunities in relaxed surroundings.

The meeting opened with ARIN President and CEO Ray Plzak giving an introduction to ARIN, its services, and the global RIR structure. Staff presentations followed covering the areas of: Board of Trustees and Advisory Council activities, global and ARIN specific Internet number resource statistics, ARIN's Internet Resource Policy Evaluation Process (IRPEP), an explanation of ARIN number resource policies and current policy proposals under discussion, Internet governance issues, and ARIN meetings and participation, including a showing of the ARIN Meetings video.

Much time was allotted for attendees to raise issues affecting their region, ask questions, or raise topics not covered on the agenda. News from the region included the announcement of a new Internet exchange in Puerto Rico, with attendees referred to www.ix.pr for more information. Attendees were also invited to the next Caribbean Internet Forum to be held in St. Lucia this fall.

Based on the discussions, several factors that appear to have a negative influence on infrastructure deployment were noted:

- the physical limitations of distance and terrain
- the existence of independent governance and business practices for each island/group
- the effect of government sponsored monopolies on competition

On the other hand, the discussions noted several positive influences brought about by entrepreneurial individuals and businesses:

- the strong desire to succeed
- the willingness to learn

- the willingness to participate in ARIN processes

There was much appreciation for the information disseminated by ARIN.

ARIN encouraged all attendees to attend the next ARIN Public Policy and Members Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico in April. The meeting registration fee for ARIN XIX has been waived for all those who attended the St. Thomas Workshop.

Statistics

Recent Policy Activity

Policy Number	Title	Status
2005-9	4 - Byte AS Number	Implemented
2006-1	Residential Customer Privacy	Abandoned
2006-2	Micro-Allocations for Internal Infrastructure	Implemented
2006-3	Capturing Originations in Templates	Implement no later than 30 March 2007

Internet Number Resources

Year	IPv4		IPv6	
	/8	ASN	/32	/48
2004	1.66	1,546	40	32
2005	2.91	1,543	57	2
2006	3.05	1,609	207	44

ARIN Help Desk Activity for 2006

	Monthly	Total
Registration Services Help Desk		
Templates Processed	55,408	664,896*
E-mail	70,734	848,806
Phone Calls	1,200	14,399
Billing Help Desk		
Invoices mailed	1,302	15,621
E-mail	2,363	28,254
Phone Calls	539	6,463

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ARIN Consultation and Suggestion Process (ACSP) – Experience To Date

The ARIN Board of Trustees approved the ARIN Consultation and Suggestion Process (ACSP) for implementation in September 2006. This formal documented process provides a means for the ARIN Board and Executive to ask for comments on specific issues relating to ARIN services and practices, as well as a mechanism for the community to make suggestions regarding existing or potential services and practices at ARIN. The document is available at http://www.arin.net/about_us/corp_docs/acsp.html.

To date, sixteen suggestions have been submitted via the web template. Thirteen suggestions were confirmed and thus considered valid. Several suggestions have been implemented; all but one have been answered and closed. The consultation portion of the process has not been invoked.

Overview of Suggestions Received and Actions Taken

Topic	Action	Response (via e-mail from President & CEO)
One spam message	ARIN staff review, no action	None needed
Three policy-related messages	ARIN staff review, not applicable	Referred submitters to IRPEP
Three questions, not suggestions	ARIN staff review, not applicable	Referred submitters to info@arin.net
Suggestion to provide a cross-reference to policies and sections in NRPM	ARIN staff review, website work by ARIN staff	Cross references added in the policy archives
Suggestion to clarify instructions regarding mandatory confirmation of a suggestion; provide information on where to ask questions concerning the ACSP itself	ARIN staff review, website work by ARIN staff	Added text to suggestion submittal form and main ACSP page
Suggestion to announce things like ARIN legal activities on the arin-announce@arin.net mailing list	ARIN staff review and discussion	Decisions are made on a case by case basis in the best interest of ARIN
Suggestion to eliminate the “security box” on the suggestion submittal form or make it a lot easier to guess the letters	ARIN staff review, no action taken - will monitor	Needed to help prevent automated spam bot submissions
Suggestion to remove the limit of 256 results when querying ARIN’s WHOIS	ARIN staff review, modifying WHOIS query message	Suggestion topic referred to consultation process - action pending
Suggestion to make public the suggestions and responses to provide accountability	ARIN staff review and discussions	Will publish periodic updates

ARIN XIX - San Juan, Puerto Rico



- IPv6 Workshop
- Tutorial and Open Policy Hour
- First Timers Event
- 8th Annual Foosball Tournament
- Public Policy and Members Meetings
- 13+ Policy Proposal Discussions
- Technical Presentations
- Cyber Café featuring flash presentations
- Monday Night Social
- Remote Participation and Video Webcast

Go to <http://www.arin.net/ARIN-XIX/> for details

Outreach and Communications

ARIN Help Desk at NANOG Meetings

NANOG 39, held 4-7 February in Toronto, Canada, provided ARIN with a new outreach opportunity. For the first time at a stand-alone NANOG meeting, ARIN had a new presence. An ARIN Booth with accompanying literature and media presentations stood beside a formal Registration Services Help Desk. ARIN Registration Services and Member Services staff were on hand to talk with the operator community. IP analyst Stephen Middleton kept busy answering questions about how to obtain Internet number resources from ARIN and working with individuals on specific resource request issues. Membership Coordinator Erika Goedrich handed out information on how to participate in ARIN activities, with special emphasis on encouraging NANOG attendees to subscribe and participate on the ARIN Public Policy Mailing List. ARIN was pleased to be invited by Merit and looks forward to providing these beneficial community services at future NANOG meetings.

Fact Sheets

"About the ARIN Policy Development Process" is the fifth and latest addition to a series of concise one-page information sheets available to the community. Originally created for media use, these sheets have gained widespread popularity as a handout at numerous community meetings. Other available topics are: IPv4 and IPv6, About IP Addresses, Internet Number Resource Distribution, and Regional Internet Registries. Additional topics planned including Routing. These educational resources are available at: <http://www.arin.net/media/index.html>.



Flash Presentations

Final development work is underway on two flash presentations with completion expected in the second quarter 2007. The first is the conversion of the popular ARIN WHOIS CBT to a flash medium in order to provide an easier download format.

The new project, The ARIN Policy Process: From Ideas to Action, explains the Internet Resource Policy Evaluation Process (IRPEP) in an animated and narrated format. Look for this to be showing during the ARIN XIX meeting.

