

Suggestion 2014.10: Changes to Candidate Speeches

With election time starting to be on the horizon again, it's time for ARIN to address the events of October in Phoenix, where an outgoing Board member hijacked the agenda to stump for his preferred board candidates, and an AC candidate used his speech time to endorse others.

I think that for the integrity of the ARIN election process to remain intact, ARIN either needs to remove candidate speeches and stick to written materials, or have the speeches given in premade form like a video or something on the ARIN website.

Initial 05 June 2014 Response

Thanks for your suggestion, numbered 2014.10 upon confirmed receipt, regarding candidate speeches during the election process at the ARIN fall meetings. ARIN will address this suggestion in two separate actions.

First, the 2014 Election Process will clarify that the purpose of candidate speeches is to allow candidates to briefly state their own qualifications and positions for consideration by the electorate.

Second, this suggestion will be provided to the 2014 Nomination Committee (NomCom) for their post-election review to determine if any further changes in this area are recommended.

Thank you for participating in the ARIN Suggestion and Consultation Process. We will keep this suggestion open until implementation.

Proposed Draft Response

The ARIN Board of Trustees has considered this suggestion in two parts:

1. Candidate Speeches at ARIN Meetings

Since 2015, additional clarity has been provided to the candidates that the content of their speeches should focus on their qualifications and reasons for running. The ARIN Board further feels that candidates must exercise their own discretion regarding the content of their speeches, and that the voting community will judge of the candidates accordingly.

2. Board Member Speech at ARIN Meetings

The Board has noted the concern about Board member use of the floor, and has taken this information under their own advisement for future ARIN meeting participation.

Thank you for participating in the ARIN Consultation and Suggestion Process. Having been reviewed and considered by the ARIN Board of Trustees, please consider this suggestion closed.