

Suggestion 2016.10: Allow Billing Consolidation for Organizations with both LRSA and RSA Resources

Description: Having multiple RSAs should not prevent consolidation of resources for billing purposes.

Value to Community: Some organizations have both LRSA and RSA resources. Under the current fee structures adopted by the board, the fact that ARIN treats these as separate organizations and cannot consolidate them for billing purposes may in some cases create real disadvantages forcing the organizations in question to choose between paying excessive fees beyond what is necessary for the covered resources, giving up their LRSA rights and migrating those resources to an RSA, or disenfranchisement because they cannot put their resources under a single subscription agreement.

This amounts to a poll tax on LRSA signatories and I believe it is unfair to that segment of the community.

Initial 20 July 2016 Response

Thank you for your suggestion, numbered 2016.10 upon confirmed receipt. As we understand it, this suggestion recommends that ARIN allow consolidation, for billing purposes, of resources when held under both the Registration Services Agreement (RSA) and Legacy Registration Services Agreement (LRSA) by the same organization.

Given that fee-related matters are under the authority of the ARIN Board of Trustees, this suggestion will be provided to the Trustees for their consideration.

This suggestion will remain open pending next steps. Thank you for your participation in the ARIN Consultation and Suggestion Process.

Proposed Draft Response

The ARIN Board of Trustees has adopted a legacy fee schedule for parties (or their legal successors) that were assigned number resources before ARIN's formation. The legacy fee schedule is not available for resources assigned subsequent to ARIN's formation, although some organizations with both legacy and non-legacy resources may find that their fees are lower overall if entirely consolidated under a single standard RSA and registration services subscription plan. This has been further enabled by the recently released new combined version of the RSA/LRSA that was developed with input from the community and provides the same rights to all resource holders.

The ARIN Board believes that at this time the fee structures are fair to the broadest set of community members, and thus will not be considering any changes at this time.

Thank you for participating in the ARIN Consultation and Suggestion Process. Please consider this suggestion closed.