

Notice of proposed changes to the APTLD Constitution:

At the APTLD Annual General Meeting to be held in Manila, The Philippines, on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 – the following changes to the Constitution will be put to members for their consideration and, if agreed by the required majority, adoption.

Proposed changes to the APTLD Constitution and an explanation about why they are being proposed.

Changes in the Constitution

<p><a href="#">5.4.1 Ordinary Membership shall be open to organisations that are:</a></p> <p><a href="#">5.4.1.1 located in the Asia-Pacific;</a></p> <p><a href="#">5.4.1.2 listed in the IANA database as a Sponsoring Organisation, Administrative Contact or Technical Contact; and</a></p> <p><a href="#">5.4.1.3 manage and operate any of the country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) registries of the Asia Pacific.</a></p> <p><a href="#">5.4.3 There shall be no more than one (1) Ordinary Member per ccTLD.</a></p>	<p>This is to clarify that our ordinary members may be any one of the Sponsoring Organisation, the Administrative Contact or the Technical Contact.</p> <p>Our members must also be located in the Asia-Pacific (which is defined later).</p> <p>Each ccTLD can have only one member. If there are separate organisations from the Sponsoring Organisation, Administrative Contact or Technical Contact, then we expect them to sort out who will be the member.</p>
<p>5.5.1 Associate Membership shall be open, at the discretion of the Board, to any individual, company, firm, organisation or other body <del>born in, established, incorporated or registered under the laws of their relevant countries within the Asia-Pacific</del> that <del>are is</del> involved in domain names related activities.</p>	<p>This is to allow Associate Members from anywhere in the world, not just Asia Pacific.</p> <p>We have had a growing number of organisations from around the world keen to become associated with APTLD.</p>
<p>8.3 The category of membership of an Ordinary Member shall be <a href="#">selected by the Ordinary Member, which selection shall be</a> based on the number of domain names registered with/by <del>an the</del> Ordinary Member, <del>as</del></p>	<p>This is to allow members to self-select their membership band.</p>

<p><a href="#">may be determined and notified by the Board from time to time.</a></p>			
<p>12.2 Subject to Article 12.3 below, no business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of Members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as hereinafter provided one half (1/2) of the Ordinary Members present <a href="#">or eight (8) members, whichever is the lesser,</a> shall be a quorum.</p>	<p>This is to address the quorum issue. When APTLD had little more than a dozen members, then getting a quorum was not so difficult. But with APTLD now having more than half the ccTLDs in the region as members (and growing) getting a quorum for an AGM or SGM becomes increasingly difficult.</p>		
<p>14.13 When the office of a Board Member becomes vacant, it shall be filled within <a href="#">thirty-sixty (360)</a> days thereof. The Board may, at its discretion:</p> <p>14.13.1 appoint a Representative of an Ordinary Member, to fill the office vacated until the next Annual General Meeting, or</p> <p>14.13.2 fill the office vacated by a person elected by a majority vote of the Ordinary Members in an Extraordinary General Meeting until the remainder of the term of the vacated position.</p>	<p>This is to extend the period of time for the Board to fill a vacancy on the Board. We found that at the last resignation, filling the vacancy by an election within 30 days was a challenge.</p>		
<p>14.15 <a href="#">A</a> Board Member shall not vote in respect of any contract in which he/she or the Member he/she represents is interested or any matter arising therefrom, and if he/she does so vote his/her vote shall not be counted.</p>	<p>This is to fix a grammatical error.</p>		
<p>26.1 In this Constitution, the words standing in the first column shall bear the meaning set opposite to them respectively in the second column, if inconsistent with the subject or context:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="281 1239 1268 1315"> <tr> <td data-bbox="281 1239 596 1315"> <p><b>“Asia Pacific”</b></p> </td> <td data-bbox="596 1239 1268 1315"> <p>countries and distinct economies within the Asia-Pacific <a href="#">Rim region as defined by ICANN’s ccNSO, or in the</a></p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><b>“Asia Pacific”</b></p>	<p>countries and distinct economies within the Asia-Pacific <a href="#">Rim region as defined by ICANN’s ccNSO, or in the</a></p>	<p>In this clause we better define the geography of Asia-Pacific and make reference to the ccNSO’s geography and that of the United Nations. We also allow membership from ccTLD’s in geographies that are adjacent to either of these.</p>
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		<a href="#">absence thereof, by the United Nations.</a>		
	<a href="#">"ccNSO"</a>	<a href="#">Country Code Names Supporting Organization.</a>		
	<a href="#">"ICANN"</a>	<a href="#">Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers.</a>		
	<a href="#">"IANA Database"</a>	<a href="#">the database of top level domains maintained by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority</a>		