Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association

General Manager’s Report

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1. Membership
   a. The end of the 2006 showed 15 paid members with a total Membership revenue of $75,306. This is a change from the year ending 2005 of 16 and $55,584 respectively.
   b. So far in 2007 we have received payment from 11 members with income of $30,097.
   c. Invoices were sent out in mid-December 2006 for the 2007 financial year in expectation that members would be able to make their contributions before the AGM.
   d. One new associate membership, .ASIA, has been received and approved by the Board.
   e. Membership recruitment efforts revolve around the program of meetings and training planned for 2007. Finding and engaging with non-member ccTLD’s remains a challenge.
   f. We are actively pursuing prompt payment of membership fees and are delighted with the results, particularly when compared with last year’s.

2. Secretariat
   a. We have entered into an agreement for the provision of administrative services with InternetNZ, the Secretariat for 2005 & 2006. This will result in stability of services and continuity of support while significantly reducing costs to APTLD.
   b. It is recommended that the roles and responsibilities of Secretariat outlined in the By-laws and Constitution be given to the General Manager to facilitate the transition from a Secretariat to a General Manager.

3. Financials
   a. A letter from the Auditors for the year ending 2005 is attached for acceptance by the Annual General Meeting.
   b. The 2006 Financial year resulted in a very modest surplus of $656 and a healthy bank balance of $162,437. Besides the membership revenue, interest of $5,746 was earned by the prudent management of the funds by the Secretariat – assisted in part by the delayed engagement of the General Manager and the deferred payment of their fees.
   c. The expectations for the 2007 year are slightly more optimistic than provided at the Bangkok meeting given the reduced fees for the administrative services from InternetNZ.

4. Meeting Programs
   a. The Bali meeting program and recruitment of presenters at the non-technical training program has been completed.
   b. The program for the second meeting of the year, tentatively set for Dubai on June 2 & 3, 2007 is well established.
   c. The program for the Pacific focused meeting is beginning to take shape. The managers for .sb have agreed to host the meeting.
   d. The last meeting of the year, to coincide with the ICANN meeting, remains open.

5. International Engagements
   a. We have engaged with the ccNSO and, to a lesser extent, with the GAC. Evidence of both of these is at the Bali meeting.
   b. Prior to the ICANN meeting in Sao Paulo I met with the Chair of LACTLD and talked about potential joint efforts.
   c. At the ICANN meeting in Sao Paulo the Chairs and/or GM’s of the various Top Level Domain Associations (APTLD, AFTLD, CENTR, LACTLD) met to try to organize some

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coordination. There are opportunities, but challenges as well. AFTLD (Africa – appears
to be a relatively nascent organization – though they are organizing meetings. LACTLD
is active within the Latin American part of their constituency, but has domestic language
constraints. CENTR – is active and willing to engage. Indeed, we have had some
sharing of knowledge and the CENTR GM has actively promoted APTLD’s training and
meeting program (though there have been no registrations – yet).

6. Key Focus – IDNs
   a. While the technical issues of IDN’s are being resolved by ICANN and many of the
      APTLD members, both collectively and individually, the policy issues, particularly at the
      Top Level, could be challenging.
   b. Work done at the APTLD Bangkok meeting will be updated in Bali.
   c. Significant time will be spent in the Dubai meeting working on an APTLD position to
take to the ICANN meeting in Puerto Rico with a hope of resolution at the last meeting
of the year.

7. Administration
   a. The election process was concluded without the need for an election.
   b. A revamp of the web site will be undertaken during the next quarter. A shift of
      emphasis away from the now defunct newsletters and toward meetings and policy
      discussion will be made.

8. Membership Outreach
   a. During February the GM visited 7 members and potential members (.au, .sg, .my, .kr,
      .cn, .jp & .nz). This provided very useful knowledge about the issues and experiences
      of these members and allowed the identification of opportunities for cooperation among
      members.
   b. Similar ‘road trips’ will be taken throughout the year in conjunction with other travel to
      meet with members and potential members.