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PROPOSAL DATA:

Policy Proposal Title: Election of Chairs through electronic mechanisms

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Policy Summary:

To change the process for electing Public Policy Forum Chairs so that they are elected by electronic means and later ratified by those in attendance at the Public Policy Forum.

Rationale:

During the LACNIC XII Public Policy Forum in Panama city, Panama, it was proposed to conduct Forum Chair elections through electronic means that would allow the participation of all members of the community, including those who could not be present at the Forum.

Likewise, in recognition of the difficulties involved in an electronic voting process, a ratification process by those in attendance to the Public Forum is proposed such that we can benefit from the best of both options.

Proposal Text:

Original text:

2.2.2. About Public Policy Forum Chairs

1. Public Policy Forum Chairs can not be members of of LACNIC's staff.
2. These positions shall be honorary.
3. They will be elected during the Public Policy Forum, with each term starting at the end of the Public Policy Forum.
4. They must be members of LACNIC or be supported by a member of LACNIC.
5. These positions shall be held alternately for 2 years, with the possibility of unlimited reelection.

Proposed text:

[Eliminate item 3 of Section 2.2.2 of the PDP]

[Add Section 2.2.3 to the PDP as follows]

2.2.3. About the election of the Chairs:

1. Call for nominations will be made through the Public Policy mailing list.

2. All those subscribed to the Public Policy mailing list will be able to participate.
3. The election shall be conducted immediately before the Public Policy Forum.
4. It will be done using electronic mechanisms to limit one vote per person subscribed in the list.
5. The winning candidate of the electronic voting process must be ratified at the Public Policy Forum. The acting chairs will ask those in attendance whether they have any objections to the electronic voting process. If any objections are presented, the chairs shall evaluate whether the objections are sufficiently significant. If no objections are raised, or if the chairs consider that the objections are not significant, they shall proceed to ratify the winning candidate. Any chair who participated in the election as a candidate shall abstain from participating as chair during the ratification process.
6. The elected chair will begin her term immediately after the closing of the Public Policy Forum during which she was ratified.
7. If there was no ratified winner, LACNIC's Board of Directors will appoint a chair to fill the vacant position until the following Public Policy Forum. The next time an election and ratification process can be conducted, the person elected shall fill the position only for the remaining part of the original term.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Timetable: Immediate implementation.

Working Group:

Related Previous Proposals:

References:

Changelog: There was a change in the wording of paragraph 4 of the section 2.2.3 regarding reliable means to ensure the voter's identity by limiting to one vote per subscribed to the list.