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RIPE NCC Executive Board Election Task Force Report

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RIPE NCC Services WG



Ideas of the Task Force

The Board expected a significant demand from the members to clarify the elections procedure.

Previously lack of clarified procedures was treated with patience and humour. The May 2020 Executive Board election produced a lot of requests to make the rules stricter.

The creation of a Task Force was the best response.

Task Force Personnel

- The Board issued a call for volunteers to serve on the Task Force
- 9 people responded, and all joined
- We also had one member of the Executive Board and one RIPE NCC staff member involved
- During set up, one member entered into a conflict with other TF members and refused to follow the Code of Conduct
- Following a request from TF members, I dismissed that member
- This decision was unanimously confirmed at the first TF meeting

Procedures

- Consensus-based decision making
- We agreed to establish a mailing list
- This mailing list archive was made available after the main TF activity concludes

- Located at: <https://www.ripe.net/ripe/mail/archives/eb-election-tf/>

The Scope of Activity

During the first meeting, we decided to review the following issues:

- Implementation methods (whether to require changes to AoA)
- Candidate nomination issues
- New formal requirements for the candidates
- Electoral discussions

Proposed Changes

- Identification of candidates was the very first and simple decision
- Candidate must agree with the nomination
- Candidate biographies and their publication
- Candidate list should be randomly sorted
- Separate elections mailing list for interaction with members
- Formal adherence to Code of Conduct - violation should cause disqualification
- Self-certifying of no fraud or financial felonies committed

What Is Not Agreed

- Criminal records
- Reputational risks avoidance
- Functions and Expectations compliance
- Nomination Committee
- Changes to proxy mechanism
- Formal knowledge of English language
- Participation in community activities

The Work Done

- Three online meetings
- Draft report sent to the Board
- Some minor changes agreed
- Finally, the Board proposed the changes to AoA
- Now it is up to members whether they agree with the changes
- The report is available here:

<https://www.ripe.net/participate/meetings/gm/meetings/october-2020/ripe-ncc-executive-board-election-task-force-report.pdf>

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Questions?

