

## **PEERINGDB BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, 18 May 2016 1600h UTC  
Teleconference

### **MINUTES**

Approved by Board, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

#### Attendees:

Aaron Hughes, President/Chair, Director  
Job Snijders, Vice President, Director  
Matt Griswold, Director  
Arnold Nipper, Director

#### Note Taker:

Chris Caputo, Secretary/Treasurer

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 1602h UTC, noting that Patrick W. Gilmore is pardoned.
2. Agenda Review.
3. Election of Officers.

Unanimous votes as follows:

President: Aaron Hughes  
Vice President: Job Snijders  
Secretary/Treasurer: Chris Caputo

It was noted that Patrick submitted a proxy vote in the affirmative for the above candidates.

4. Adoption of Meeting Minutes.

It was moved by Matt Griswold, and seconded by Arnold Nipper, that:

*"The PeeringDB Board adopts the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes, as written."*

The motion carried with no objections.

5. Annual Member Meeting.

Chris thought the Member meeting went well. Aaron agreed and added that the feedback at the end of the meeting on how things have

evolved with the organization, was positive. Matt also agreed the meeting went well and complimented the Secretary for organizing it.

#### 6. Board Election.

Chris thought the annual Board election went well. Job agreed.

Arnold indicated a need for a members list on the web site. There was discussion and Matt will work on this, on the presumption that it is not a large task.

#### 7. 20C, LLC Contract Updates.

[Director Matt Griswold is a principal at 20C, LLC.]

Aaron indicated 20% of the PeeringDB Software Acquisition Agreement commitment has been paid, and a pace of 10% per month will continue if funds are available.

A maintenance contract is being constructed for the purpose of bug fixes and minor changes. 20C, LLC and Aaron are working on the language. A draft will be sent to the Board prior to execution.

#### 8. Open Sourcing of PeeringDB Software.

Job is a proponent of open source software and would like significant parts of PeeringDB to become open source. He and Matt have talked about this and are in agreement. Job believes open sourcing the software will help the admins and would enable others to contribute toward the source code.

Aaron indicated there are limits to how the license can change since the software has not yet been fully paid for.

Job asked to poll who on the Board sees value in open sourcing PeeringDB, but Aaron suggest that a pros and cons document be presented first. Job was amenable to the suggestion.

Chris asked if 20C, LLC could open source the software now if it chooses. Aaron felt there would be a conflict of interest, while the software is still being paid for. Matt agreed.

Job asked if ownership of the PeeringDB 2.0 software is transferred to PeeringDB after it is paid off. Matt confirmed it is a 100% transfer.

Chris mentioned that increased sponsorship could pay off 20C, LLC more quickly, as an incentive for raising funds, so that open sourcing

can happen more quickly. Job spoke to a lack of need at present. Aaron spoke to an anti-argument which is that fundraising for next year will be influenced by a need for more spending.

The PeeringDB FAQ was discussed and it was concluded that the existing FAQ could be expanded to be more generalized.

#### 9. Conflict of Interest Forms Update.

Aaron has been working on this. Chris recently provided feedback and Matt recently provided corrections. At the next meeting the completed forms will be reviewed by attendees.

#### 10. Committee Statuses.

Job, as chair of the Admin Committee, said that things are going well.

There are now two South American admins, both who speak Portuguese, while one also speaks Spanish, thus providing excellent language support for that part of the world.

Admins are engaged daily, due to a model of handling at least 5 tickets per day. This is working well and is better than the previous model of one admin working per day.

Arnold mentioned that data cleanup is a priority and Job concurred.

Job has no requests for the Board at this time.

It was moved by Job Snijders, and seconded by Matt Griswold, that:

*"The PeeringDB Board moves that Arnold Nipper become Vice Chair of the Admin Committee."*

The motion carried with no objections.

Aaron, as chair of the Product Development Committee, said the mailing list has been established. A discussion of when to have a kick-off meeting suggested it might happen at the RIPE 72 conference next week in Denmark. The kick-off is expected to be scheduled today. Aaron is excited to get moving forward.

Job asked how many volunteers there are on the committee and Aaron indicated there are 5 or 6.

It was moved by Aaron Hughes, and seconded by Job Snijders, that:

*"The PeeringDB Board moves that Matt Griswold become Vice Chair of the Product Development Committee."*

The motion carried with no objections.

#### 11. Budget.

Aaron indicated that Chris, Job, and himself will work on an annual budget to be discussed and then presented to the Board at the June meeting.

#### 12. Sponsors Update.

Chris gave an update. Aaron thanked all, and indicated that fundraising is going well.

#### 13. Any other business.

Arnold initiated a discussion of what kind of organization is able to have an active PeeringDB account.

Matt indicated that broadening who can have an account goes against anti-spam measures the developers just put into place. Matt indicated that if we loosen the requirement of needing to have an object (net, IX, or facility) to manage to be able to get an account, then random people will begin signing up with no objects to manage.

Aaron will draft an email to the Board to define the status quo, and to describe a question to go out to the Members, of possible changes to the sign-up requirements.

#### 14. Adjournment.

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn at 1703h UTC. Job Snijders moved to adjourn, seconded by Arnold Nipper. The meeting adjourned with no objections.