

Selecting a *RIPE* Chair



How to select the RIPE Chair?

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In the beginning

- RIPE 1: 14 participants

9 Conclusion

This has been a fruitful meeting and all participants agree to continue to work on better and closer co-operation. It was agreed to have a next meeting in autumn 1989, for which all organisations in Europe that are active in the field of IP WAN networking would again be invited.

All agree on the fact that there should be someone to monitor the progress of RIPE. Rob Blokzijl is appointed as volunteer.



How did I get selected?



Process

- I stepped down as member of the NRO NC
- Rob asked if I would be interested in taking over
- Rob discussed to build consensus
- Presented to plenary as Deputy Chair at RIPE 67 as Rob Blokzijl announced his intent to retire
- Appointed Chair at RIPE 68 in May 2014
- Rob tasked me to come up with a process within 2 years



Reactions

- Delivered in person - with enthusiasm...
- It has also come up during the RIPE NCC Consultation Report :
- "In terms of transparency, respondents asked why there was no election to choose the new RIPE Chair. Respondents noted that they were very supportive of the new RIPE Chair but that they would have liked to have been involved in the process by which he was selected."



Using existing processes

- Looking back, the RIPE community have a couple election procedures already. The first one put in place was the procedure to elect the RIPE NCC Executive Board when RIPE NCC separated from TERENA and to become a separate legal entity. See the RIPE NCC Articles of Association , Article 9.1 Executive Board: Appointment, Suspension and Dismissal.



RIPE \supseteq RIPE NCC members

- We are always careful to state that the RIPE community is bigger than the RIPE NCC membership - but the principles of the process has been established by the community - so we are not completely strangers to elections and voting.



NRO NC / ICANN ASO AC

- Since then, we have also introduced voting to select the NRO NC members (serving as ICANN ASO Address Council). First time in 1999 when I was elected to the first Address Council - done by paper ballot for those present in the room at the RIPE Meeting at the time of the election.
- ***We will use electronic votes at this meeting***



RIPE Programme Committee

- With the introduction of the Programme Committee, elections are done electronically, which draws more votes than the paper ballot in a room at the meeting. The introduction of electronic voting at the RIPE NCC General Assembly has also increased the number of votes significantly.

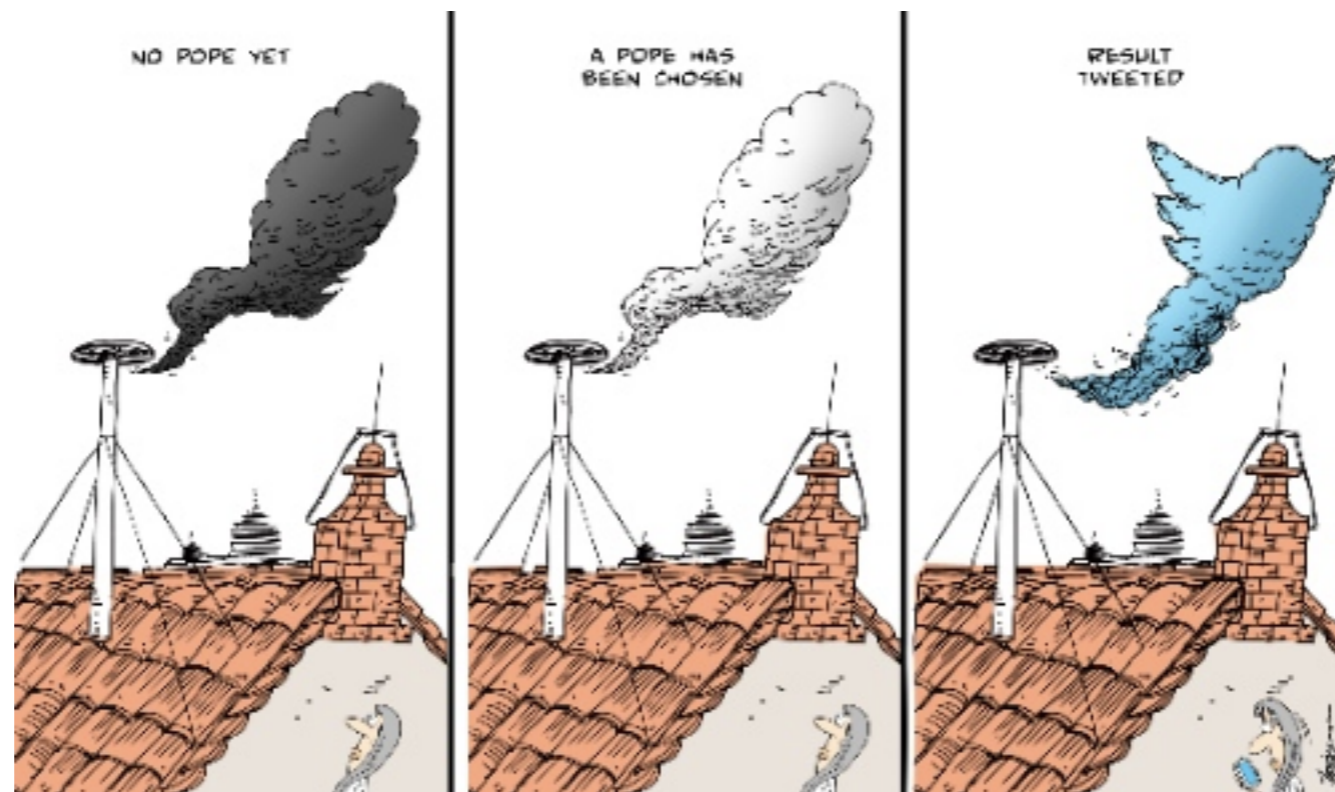
Draft proposal

- Draft RIPE Chair Election Procedure
- Open call for nominations
- Require support from five members of the community
- Presentation of candidates at RIPE Meeting
- Electronic vote open to the RIPE community
- Oversight by a committee of trusted individuals



Reactions

- We should not do elections
- It should be done by Consensus



Role description

- Draft
- [https://
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function-description](https://www.ripe.net/participate/ripe/draft-ripe-chair-function-description)

DRAFT: RIPE Chair Function Description

RIPE Chair Function Description

Responsibilities:

- Ensure the functioning of the RIPE community
- Maintain ultimate authority over RIPE Meetings:
 - approve dates of the RIPE Meetings in cooperation with the RIPE NCC
 - approve the RIPE Meeting location in cooperation with the RIPE NCC
 - approve the RIPE Meeting venue in cooperation with the RIPE NCC
 - setting the meeting agenda
 - oversee the admission rules, regulations and fee
- Head the RIPE Working Group Collective and be ultimately responsible for decisions made by this group
- Ensure timely delivery of RIPE Working Group session agendas for RIPE Meetings
- Offer advice and insights as RIPE Chair to the RIPE community, Internet communities at large and relevant stakeholders on technical, political and administrative issues relating to RIPE
- Providing a strategic level of thinking, the Chair communicates with WG Chairs and Internet community members to maintain a knowledgeable understanding of topical issues
- In maintaining neutrality, the RIPE Chair holds no voting rights in elections but may be called to provide guidance and, where necessary, declare consensus on specific community discussions or issues



Next Steps

- Set up a email list for discussion
 - <https://www.ripe.net/mailman/listinfo/ripe-chair-discuss/>
- [ripe-chair-discuss] Fwd: [ripe-list] Mailing list for discussion of RIPE Chair selection *Nick Hyrka*
- [ripe-chair-discuss] RIPE Chair Job description *Shane Kerr*
 - [ripe-chair-discuss] RIPE Chair Job description *Filiz Yilmaz*
 - [ripe-chair-discuss] RIPE Chair Job description *Jim Reid*
 - [ripe-chair-discuss] RIPE Chair Job description *Nigel Titley*
 - [ripe-chair-discuss] RIPE Chair Job description *Filiz Yilmaz*
 - [ripe-chair-discuss] RIPE Chair Job description *Mirjam Kuehne*
 - [ripe-chair-discuss] RIPE Chair Job description *Filiz Yilmaz*
 - [ripe-chair-discuss] RIPE Chair appointment procedure *Jim Reid*
 - [ripe-chair-discuss] RIPE Chair appointment procedure *Filiz Yilmaz*
 - [ripe-chair-discuss] RIPE Chair appointment procedure *Randy Bush*
 - [ripe-chair-discuss] RIPE Chair appointment procedure *Nick Hilliard*
 - [ripe-chair-discuss] RIPE Chair appointment procedure *Jim Reid*
 - [ripe-chair-discuss] RIPE Chair appointment procedure *Gordon Lennox*
 - [\[ripe-chair-discuss\] In-person discussion of RIPE Chair Selection \(was: RIPE Chair Job description\)](#) *Shane Kerr*
 - [ripe-chair-discuss] In-person discussion of RIPE Chair Selection *Jim Reid*
 - [ripe-chair-discuss] In-person discussion of RIPE Chair Selection (was: RIPE Chair Job description) *Carsten Schiefner*



Key Questions

- What are the requirements and responsibilities of the RIPE Chair position
- Who can be selected as RIPE Chair
- Who will select the RIPE Chair
- How will the selection happen?

