

InternetNZ welcomes incoming Councillors

Over 50 InternetNZ members attended InternetNZ's Annual General Meeting in late July, where a new President and Vice President were elected, and four incumbent Councillors were re-elected.

The AGM was streamed live, and several keen people participated via IRC chat. Interim Council election results were announced at the AGM, with official results as follows:

Frank March has been elected President. Jamie Baddeley has been elected Vice President. Both will serve a three-year term.

Hamish MacEwan, Michael Foley, Judy Speight and Liz Butterfield have been re-elected to their Councillor positions. MacEwan and Foley will each serve a three-year term. Speight and Butterfield will each serve a one-year term.

The election of Baddeley to Vice President has created a vacant seat on Council and a By-Election is being held to fill that seat.

New President Frank March says this year was one of the most keenly contested InternetNZ elections, with a pool of excellent candidates putting their names forward.

"I congratulate the successful candidates. They all have strong Internet-related track records and a passion for the goals of InternetNZ. I look forward to working and deliberating with them on Council."

March also acknowledges the valuable contribution made to the Society by outgoing Council members Pete Macaulay and Stewart Fleming, who failed to secure re-election.

"Pete and Stewart have provided valuable contributions to the work of the InternetNZ Council. I thank them for their efforts and hope that they will continue to be involved in other roles."

Reports were received at the AGM from outgoing President Pete Macaulay and Executive Director Keith Davidson, whose contract expired at the AGM.

Domain Name Commissioner Debbie Monahan updated the meeting on recent DNCL activity, and NZRS Chair Donna Hiser and Chief Executive Jay Daley reported back on NZRS activity.

The meeting saw outgoing Executive Director Keith Davidson recognised for his contributions to InternetNZ, while ICANN Chair and InternetNZ member Peter Dengate Thrush gave a presentation on the workings of ICANN.

A recording of the AGM is available for download at: www.r2.co.nz

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InternetNZ Members at the AGM



Keith Davidson, Pete Macaulay & Frank March

InternetNZ farewells Pete Macaulay

InternetNZ bids a fond farewell to Pete Macaulay who has served InternetNZ for six years.

Macaulay was elected President in 2007. He served as Councillor from 2005 to 2007 and held the Executive Director role from 2003 to 2005.



New President Frank March says Pete's contribution to InternetNZ has been invaluable.

"Pete has been an instrumental part of InternetNZ's growth. He has worked for many years at the crux of developments in New Zealand's Internet and, as President, led InternetNZ through a challenging period of structural change."

During Macaulay's tenure as President the InternetNZ Group achieved charitable status and InternetNZ also formalised its relationship with ICANN – the body responsible for managing the global assignment of domain names and IP addresses.

As well as pushing for a national FTTH network, Macaulay has been heavily involved with several ICT initiatives including the Liz Dengate Thrush Internet Entrepreneurship Foundation, Accelerating Auckland, the World Summit Awards and Computerworld Excellence Awards.

InternetNZ files Patents Bill submission

InternetNZ filed a submission to the Government's Commerce Committee in early July on the Patents Bill.

The Bill is designed to replace the Patents Act 1953 and our submission focuses on why software should not be patentable.

InternetNZ contends that the production of software contains no 'inventive step' that is worthy of patent protection. The true inventive step is in the creation of algorithms, and these are not patentable.

Software patents also reduce innovation. They induce a chilling effect among software writers who would have to be checking their creative work against patents at every step.

In InternetNZ's view, allowing for the patentability of software could make its continued development more difficult, which is not in the public interest.

A copy of our submission is available online at: www.internetnz.net.nz/issues/submissions

Government copyright proposals a mixed bag

InternetNZ describes the Government's proposals to fix Section 92a of the Copyright Act as a mixed bag that tries to combine the benefits of a notice and notice approach with the toxic remains of a termination regime.

Also, issues of ISP definition and safe harbour do not appear to have been addressed.

Former InternetNZ Executive Director Keith Davidson says "The proposal's Phase 1 concept of notice-and-notice would provide useful education and likely result in a significant reduction of copyright infringement, as rights holders have found internationally."

"However, the procedures elevating through Phase 2 and Phase 3 create undue complexities and compliance costs for both ISPs and rights holders."

Davidson says "While the decision to terminate Internet accounts is moved from ISPs and rights holders to the Copyright Tribunal, InternetNZ is disappointed that termination still remains one of the punishments."

"Retaining termination of Internet accounts repeats the mistakes of the previous law and risks another public backlash, as was seen in the blackout campaign in February and March 2009."

"Nobody condones copyright abuse, but the termination of a household or business Internet account is simply out of proportion to the alleged offence."

"The demand for this remedy comes from a subset of the music and movie industries who are pleading for special treatment they do not deserve."

"Such pleading has been faced down in France and in the UK and our Government should follow suit. Termination should be off the table."

Davidson says to reduce abuse of copyright, the Government can implement a straightforward notice-and-notice regime, whereby those alleged to be infringing copyright receive a notice educating them about the problem.

"Overseas experience shows this cuts repeat infringement by around 70%," says Davidson.

"This fairly balances copyright rights holder concerns with the public interest in the ongoing development of an open and accessible Internet."

InternetNZ has drafted a response to the Government's proposal, which supports protection of copyright but stresses our opposition to the termination of internet accounts as a penalty.

Vint Cerf to headline IPv6 Hui

'Father of the Internet' and global IPv6 proponent Dr Vint Cerf is visiting New Zealand in August to headline the IPv6 Hui.



The IPv6 Hui is a conference that is being held in three cities in August - Christchurch, Auckland and Wellington. Dr Cerf is keynote speaker for the Auckland and Wellington legs.

ICT Minister Steven Joyce will be delivering a ministerial address at the Wellington event and IPv6 expert Professor Hiroshi Esaki from Tokyo University will keynote the Christchurch event via videoconference.

Other speakers include Cisco Senior Technical Leader Tony Hain and Tony Hill and Kevin Karp from Australian organisation IPv6Now.

Dr Cerf says that New Zealand is well placed to join leading countries in accelerating its adoption of IPv6 (Internet Protocol Version 6), the next generation Internet addressing protocol.

"The great thing about New Zealand is that it is possible to bring the key public and private decision makers into a room, over a series of only three days, and explore and debate an issue of importance to the nation.

"I'm looking forward to my visit, talking to public and private sector CIOs, IT Managers and CTOs, and identifying how we can ensure a timely uptake of IPv6 in New Zealand."

The IPv6 Hui will tackle head-on the need to develop roadmaps for industry and corporate networks to implement Internet Protocol Version 6 in New Zealand. Survey data on IPv6 readiness in New Zealand will also be released at the event.

The event is being overseen by the New Zealand IPv6 Steering Group, convened by the Ministry of Economic Development.

Gold sponsors are Gen-i, FX Networks and InternetNZ. Silver sponsors are Allied Telesis, Cisco Systems, Juniper Networks and CityLink. Enable Networks and IPv6Now are bronze sponsors.

New Zealand IPv6 Steering Group Chair Murray Milner invites all CIOs, IT managers and CTOs to attend the Hui to hear about the issues, listen to case studies and consider their own IPv6 roadmaps.

Registration details and programme information can be found at: www.ipv6.org.nz/hui.html



events

APTLD

19 - 21 August, Beijing
aptld.org

2009 Internet Industry Awards

20 August, Wellington
ldtf.org.nz

InternetNZ Council Meeting

21 August, Wellington
internetnz.net.nz

IPv6 Hui

19 August Christchurch
20 August, Auckland
21 August, Wellington
ipv6.org.nz

APNIC28

24 - 28 August, Beijing
apnic.net

TUANZ Innovation Awards

3 September, Auckland
tuanz.org.nz

Pacinet/Picisoc

7 - 10 September, Papua New Guinea
picisoc.org

InternetNZ Council Meeting

16 October, Wellington
internetnz.net.nz

ICANN

25 - 30 October, Seoul
icann.org

ECTA

November, Brussels
ectportal.com

IGF 2009

15 - 18 November, Egypt
intgovforum.org

Australian IPv6 Summit

7 - 9 December, Melbourne
ipv6.org.au

LCA2010 (Linux.conf.au)

18 - 23 January, Wellington
lca2010.org.nz

.nz Search Functionality

The DNC is seeking comments on a proposal to expand the .nz search functionality. to include a search by Registrant and also a wildcard-type search of a domain name.

Submissions can be sent by email to policies@dnc.org.nz, by fax to (04) 495 2115, or by mail to P O Box 11881, Wellington and should be received by midday on Tuesday 27 October.

Currently it is only possible to search .nz domain names by a specific domain name using WHOIS and it is proposed to limit the nature and eligibility of the searches as outlined below:

Search by Registrant

Nature of Search

This search would be restricted to a search by Registrant name.

A search would be for the name specified only but it would be possible for reasonable variants to be requested such as Robert and Bob or McLean and MacLean.

Eligibility

Individuals would be able to search for a list of their own domain names with proof of identity.

Organisations would be able to search for a list of their own domain names with requests accepted from Directors, Chief Executives or other persons that can demonstrate an authority to act.

Agencies such as law firms, intellectual property advisors, accountants etc can search for a list on behalf of a client if they can show evidence of an authority to act on behalf of that person or organisation.

Any person can search for a Registrant where they intend to use the information as part of a Dispute Resolution Service (DRS) complaint, as per clause 5.1.3 of the DRS policy that allows the complainant to demonstrate that the respondent is engaged in a pattern of registrations.

Cost

Free for people or organisations seeking a search for their own names, or where done by an agency on their behalf.

A fee should be payable where the search is for use in a DRS complaint. This fee to be refunded if a corresponding, valid complaint is laid. The fee should be high enough to deter misuse of the process but low enough to not be an unfair barrier.

Wildcard-type Search of Domain Name

Nature of Search

Variants of existing domain names for possible cyber or typo squatting; for example, wwwtrademe.co.nz or trademe.co.nz.

Eligibility

Registrants of an existing .nz domain name, or their authorised representative.

Search must relate to their domain name.

Different requests required for different domain names but multiple variants of one name possible.

Cost

Cost could be based on tiers – up to 20 variants searched for \$A, up to 40 for \$B and so on.

Eligibility is limited to only allow requests for variants of existing domain names. Therefore, fees should be based on cost recovery rather than any deterrent aspect. Fees would be evaluated once requirements, and therefore process and times, are confirmed.

Based on submissions received, decisions will be made as to what, if any, additional search functions are added to .nz.

If it is agreed that additional searches should be allowed, it will require a change to the current WHOIS Policy. Changes will be drafted to that and will be the subject of a separate consultation.

IDN Sunrise Registration Policy

A policy outlining the rationale, requirements and process for the initial registration period for IDNs in .nz has been drafted and the DNC is now seeking comment on the proposed policy.

The draft policy can be viewed on the DNC website. A Maori translation of the policy is also available.

The sunrise period will allow current .nz Registrants to have a chance to register the IDN variants of their ASCII names before open registrations of IDNs in .nz are offered.

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Submissions should be received by 5.00pm on Monday 24 August. As submissions are received they will be published on the DNC website at:

www.dnc.org.nz/idn-sunrise-policy.