DotAsia Board Community Projects Committee (BCC) Meeting Minutes

Date(s) & Time: September 16, 2021 (Thursday)
12:02 – 12:57 HKT

Location: DotAsia Zoom Meeting Room: http://aji.asia/zoomboardcommunity

Attendees: Santanu ACHARYA *
Kashif ADEEL
Nicole CHAN
Edmon CHUNG
Maureen HILYARD
Ellen STRICKLAND
Freda CHEUNG (DotAsia Team)

Absent:
Andi BUDIMANSYAH
Billy CHEON
Joel DISINI

*Joined meeting during Discussion Item 4.1.

No. | Action Items: | Owner | Remarks |
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C2021.06.A03 | Set up DotAsia email address for Board members. | DotAsia Team | In progress. |
C2021.09.A01 | Draft policy document and online application form of Mission Critical Community Domain Name Protection Policy for further discussion at Nov BCC meeting. | Edmon CHUNG |

Discussions:

1. Roll Call
   1.1. Ms. Ellen STRICKLAND led the meeting as BCC Chair.
   1.2. Roll call. Those present for all or part of the meeting are included in the Attendees section.

2. Approval of Last Board Community Projects Committee Meeting Minutes (Aug 17, 2021)
   2.1. Draft 1 of BCC meeting minutes 2021.08.17 and action items were presented.
2.2. BCC meeting minutes 2021.08.17 approved unanimously.

3. **Mission Critical Community Domain Name Protection Policy**

   3.1. It was proposed to add active .Asia community domains to a reserved list to protect against inadvertent drop of domain, where the targeted domain would be not-for-profit initiative that is actively used and the initiative is in alignment with the DotAsia Vision & Mission (e.g. apsig.asia, apngcamp.asia, etc.).

   3.2. It was highlighted that this Protection Policy is different from the Registry Lock Service as it focuses on .Asia domains used by community initiatives rather than commercial entities utilizing .Asia domains.

   3.3. Question was raised on the expected timeframe for applications.

      3.3.1. It was explained that the process is expected to be a long-term process with manual handling as the list is expected to include less than a hundred domain names.

      3.3.2. In terms of timeframe of putting the Protection Policy in place, it depends on whether RSEP Process is required from ICANN. The DotAsia Team believes that it is within the delegated authority for .Asia, but nevertheless confirmation from ICANN will be sought.

      3.3.3. It is planned to put in place by Feb 2022 and announce to Members at the AGM 2022.

   3.4. It was explained that application process is expected to be a simple online form, and DotAsia team would follow up with the applicant to verify the eligibility. Upon confirmation, DotAsia would manually add the domain name on the reserve list in the web administration portal to the back-end system.

   3.5. There was discussion on whether endorsement or reference from DotAsia Member is required.

      3.5.1. Question was raised on the endorsement process if there is no DotAsia Member in applicant’s jurisdiction. It was clarified that Members from different cc-localities or APNIC could also endorse the application.

      3.5.2. It was further planned to have a hybrid approach that even the applicant does not know any DotAsia Member could still apply for the Protection Policy.

   3.6. Draft policy document and online application form to be prepared for further discussion at Nov BCC meeting. (C2021.09.A01)

4. **Community Engagement and Projects Updates**

   4.1. Updates of community engagement with Members was briefed to BCC for reference.

   4.2. It was reported that DotAsia has been actively reaching out to Members since early 2021, and has been engaged and explored community collaborations with interested Members. A list of community engagement with Members was briefed to BCC for reference.
4.3. It was reported that VNNIC has indicated that they will need to withdraw their membership in DotAsia due to the internal governmental changes in Vietnam for engaging in international organizations. Nevertheless, DotAsia will continue to explore collaborations with VNNIC even if they are not a DotAsia Member.

4.4. It was further reported that VNNIC has expressed interest in hosting APrIGF 2023, and information has been provided to VNNIC for their proposal submission.

4.5. It was suggested and agreed to coordinate regular meetings with APNGCAMP to explore project collaborations.

4.6. Progress on the Internet’s Impact on Climate Change project and DNS Abuse activities were updated to BCC.

4.7. It was reported that APrIGF will be held during Sep 27 – 30, when the full DotAsia team will be involved in supporting the logistics during the period.

5. **Updates on DotKids**

5.1. As discussed in Aug BCC meeting, submitted documents of DotKids Foundation, including its Articles of Association, application submitted to ICANN, and other documents regarding the ownership of DotKids Foundation were shared to BCC via email and briefed to BCC for reference.

5.2. It was highlighted that based on the Registry Agreement (RA) with ICANN for DotKids, DotKids is bound by the requirements as a community TLD. It was further highlighted that there is a strong commitment to support the children’s rights and children’s welfare community from DotKids operations.

5.3. It was highlighted that DotKids is envisioned to become an independent organization once it becomes financially independent and viable.