

12 July 2023

Dr Hiroshi Esaki,  
President and Chair of the Board of Trustees,  
Members of the Board of Trustees,  
JPNIC

Dear Esaki-san,

On behalf of the APNIC Executive Council, I want to start by thanking the JPNIC Board for the thoughtful and constructive message it sent to the APNIC EC following the EC elections in March. Indeed, many of the concerns raised in the letter have been top of mind for the EC as well.

In 2021, the EC tasked APNIC's legal staff with identifying possible improvements to APNIC's governance structure to ensure that any misconceptions about APNIC's governance would not become an ongoing problem.

As a result, the EC resolved at its December 2022 and May 2023 meetings to make changes to the governance structure of APNIC. Those important changes were announced today to the APNIC community.

<https://blog.apnic.net/2023/07/12/updating-apnics-governance-structure>

Alongside those governance changes, the process for Members to amend APNIC's by-laws was made easier. Previously, any change to the by-laws required the agreement of two-thirds of all Members; from today, change will be possible if two-thirds of all votes cast are in favour.

<https://blog.apnic.net/2023/07/12/giving-apnic-members-power-to-change-the-apnic-by-laws>

The EC believes it is in the best interest of APNIC Members, such as JPNIC, to have practical power to make changes to the by-laws.

There are more changes that the EC believes are necessary to strengthen and modernise the by-laws, and it intends to put further by-law reforms to a Member vote at APNIC 56.

The proposed by-law amendments are in response to the community feedback received, prior and following APNIC 55, to enhance the eligibility criteria for EC nominees and to mitigate vulnerabilities in the EC election process.

It is hoped these by-law reforms will resolve the issues raised by JPNIC and other Members.

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More information on the proposed by-law reforms are available at [bylaws.apnic.net](http://bylaws.apnic.net). Two community consultation sessions will also be held this month to give all members of the APNIC community the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

I hope JPNIC and the Japanese community will participate fully in the discussion around this proposal and support these by-law improvements at the vote at APNIC 56.

The Secretariat will discuss today's announcements and the proposed by-law changes further with the JPNIC team. However, if the JPNIC Board of Trustees has any further questions or comments we would be pleased to assist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal tail extending to the right.

Paul Wilson  
Director General

On behalf of  
Kenny Huang, Chair  
APNIC Executive Council