



MINUTES OF THE PDWG APPEAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 14:00 UTC VIA ONLINE CONFERENCING SYSTEM

Present:

Mrs Wafa Dahmani	Member
Dr Paulos Nyirenda	Member
Mr Adam Nelson	Member

Apologies:

Mr Jean-Robert Hountomey	Member
Mr Luc Missidimbazi	Member

Agenda:

- 1 Welcome and Quorum
- 2 Last minutes meeting (4 February 2021)
- 3- Assessment of compliance Dashboard–Draft 1 appeal
 - a-Review of the materials (videos, Chat,emails)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kMDwn3enIM&t=1787s>
 - b- Observations and discussion on the materials reviewed
 - c- resolution of the committee
4. Draft letter to the Board with new timelines
5. Appeal Committee Member Terms
6. Emails from the Community
7. AoB

BUSINESS OF THE DAY

1. Welcome and Quorum

The Chair WD welcomed the members present online and opened the discussion at 14:00UTC.

A roll call was carried out to confirm quorum. The Committee adopted the agenda as proposed.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The Committee approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 4 February 2021 with amendments.

3- Assessment of compliance Dashboard–Draft 1 appeal

a-Review of the materials (videos, Chat,emails)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kMDwn3enIM&t=1787s>

The Committee continued to review the video of the presentation of the policy Compliance Dashboard during the PPM and the video with regards to the conclusion of the Co-Chairs.

The Committee also went through the emails discussions on the rpd mailing list with regards to the Compliance DashBoard Policy.

b- Observations and discussion on the materials reviewed

PN and AN noted that there are at least 4 objections raised during the PPM with regards to the policy that are valid; the objections were responded to but not satisfactorily addressed. PN proposed to list the objections in the report and to highlight that they have not been resolved as they remained outstanding. PN observed from the PPM documentation that community members observed that the policy is an operational issue, staff is already doing what the policy is stipulating without any complaints, that there is no problem. Community members observed that the dashboard would enable AFRINIC to take back resources from members and there was objection to such likelihood. It was observed that if the dashboard is implemented in phases then there will be one system where some members are being treated manually by staff while others treated automatically using the dashboard which would be against the principle of fairness, thus a valid objection.

WD was of the view that the objections were operational and financial; and they should be addressed by the AFRINIC staff than the community. The policy is proposing an automation than manual processing.

The Chair summarized that PN and AN are confirming the decision of the Co-Chair.

WD was of the opinion that the policy is more operational and financial; and belongs to the expertise of the AFRINIC staff; thus not valid . It is not for the community to judge on an impact of a policy upon implementation. WD not in favour.

AN highlighted that policies are developed for both the community and the AFRINIC Secretariat; and the community has the right to propose such dashboard if they think such dashboard will help the staff.

c- resolution of the committee

The Chair summarized that two members, PN and AN, are in favour and one member, WD, not in favour.

The Chair proposed that the members, JR and LM not present in the meeting, to share their positions on the mailing list.

The Secretariat to assist in compiling a draft report on Wednesday next for the members to complete the assessment.

4. Draft letter to the Board with new timelines

The Committee agreed to wait for JR to be in attendance in order to draft the letter and new timelines.

5. Appeal Committee Member Terms

The Committee took note of response of the Legal Officer with regards to their respective terms on the Appeal Committee. The Secretariat is requested to update the webpage accordingly.

6. Emails from the Community

The Committee discussed about the emails and agreed that there is no need to further reply other than the acknowledgement which was already sent by the Chair.

7. AoB

7.1 Impact of Recall Committee Report

The Committee took note of the report and findings of the Recall Committee. The Committee was of the opinion that the report does not affect the work of the Appeal Committee.

7.2 Attendance to AC meeting by LM

The Committee was of the opinion that LM should be encouraged to attend the meetings and be more engaged. The Chair was requested to write another email to LM with regards to his attendance and in the event that he cannot participate, he should consider to submit his resignation.

8. Closure

The Chair moved to close the meeting at 15:35 UTC