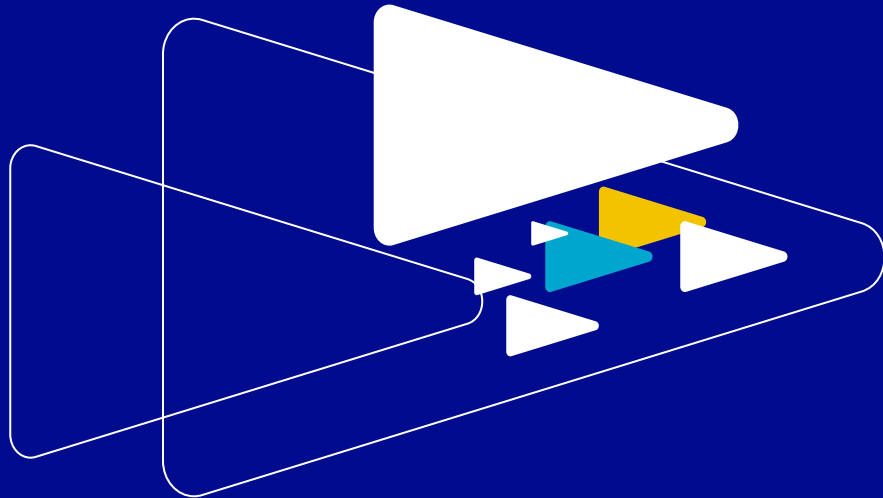


# PDP Working Group (WG) Guidelines and Procedures

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# Policy review history and discussion

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Version 1

Version 2

Version 3

Version 4

Version 5

*“ This proposal has since attracted working group discussions, presented at previous PPMs ”*

# Updates from v4 to v5

- Amend section 3.3.3 and clarify requirements for candidates to cochair ( PDP experiences and PPM attendance)
- Amend section 3.3.10.1 and clarify that appeal against "posting rights suspension" be handled by Appeal Committee
- Amend section 3.3.10.2: replace "shall" with "may"\*
- Amend PDPWG definition at section 3.3

# The problem Statement

- The current PDP uses a working group for policy development activities. It does not define specific procedures and operational rules for the working group. This has, over time, led to interpretation issues in regards to how the working group is administered and how discussions are moderated.

# Summary of how the proposal addresses the problem

- ❑ The proposal addresses the problems by defining **clear and explicit working group guidelines and procedures**.
- ❑ The proposal amends the policy development process **section 3.3 of the AFRINIC CPM and 3.5**

## 3.3 The Proposal

- ❑ To serve as a **guidelines** on how the PDWG shall operate.
- ❑ Defines clear **roles and responsibilities** for the PDWG co-chairs.
- ❑ Defines clear **procedures** for the working group administration.
- ❑ Defines the appointment process of co-chairs
  - **Consensus** based appointment
  - **Secret Ballot** (College)
  - **Interim Appointment**
- ❑ Recall and/or resignation of co-chairs
- ❑ Individual **Behaviour** of members of the working group.

## 3.3.3 Appointment of PDWG Co-chairs

**3.3.3 The working group appoints co-chairs for a two-year term and makes decisions by consensus and shall also appoint co-chairs by consensus.**

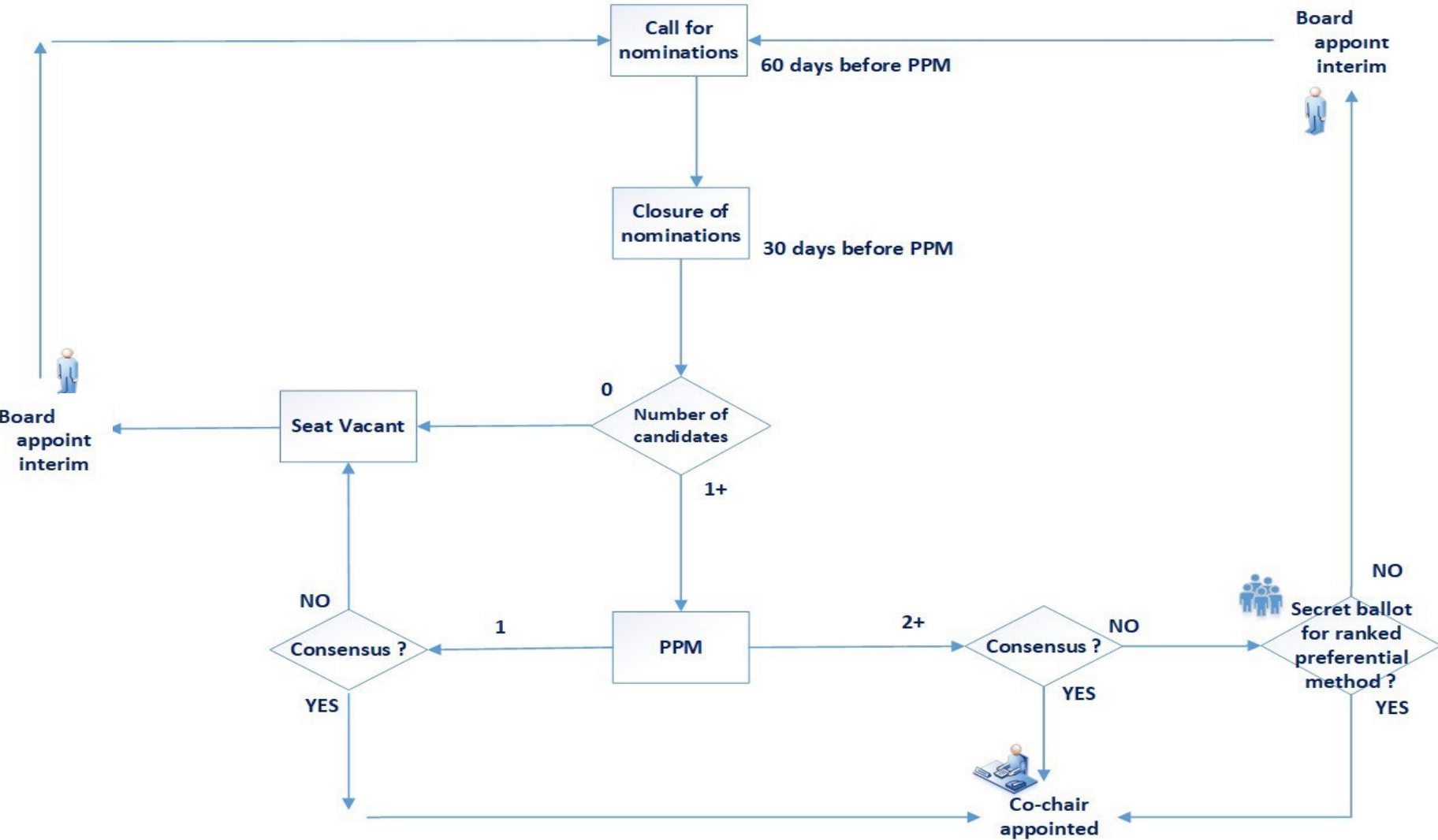
The working group makes its decisions by **consensus** as defined in the PDP.

**Elections should be used as a last resort solution through ranked-choice (IRV) election.**

# Appointment of Co-chairs

- We therefore suggest appointment of co-chair to be done by;
- Consensus led by a co-chairs (**Preferred**)
- CEO leads WG absent co-chairs
- Voting done by College of Past;
- **Co-Chair (who completed a term without being recalled)**
- **Board Directors**
- **CEOs**
- **Secret ballot by means of ranked voting**





## 3.3.4 Recall a Co-Chair

- ❑ Instead of support from 5 PDWG members as is current
  - **Will now require 10 PDWG members from different organizations**
  - Who are active in the PDP by means of their participation on the RPD list
  
- The Board shall form a recall committee comprised of:
  - **One CoE member**
  - **One GC Member**
  - **One Community Member**

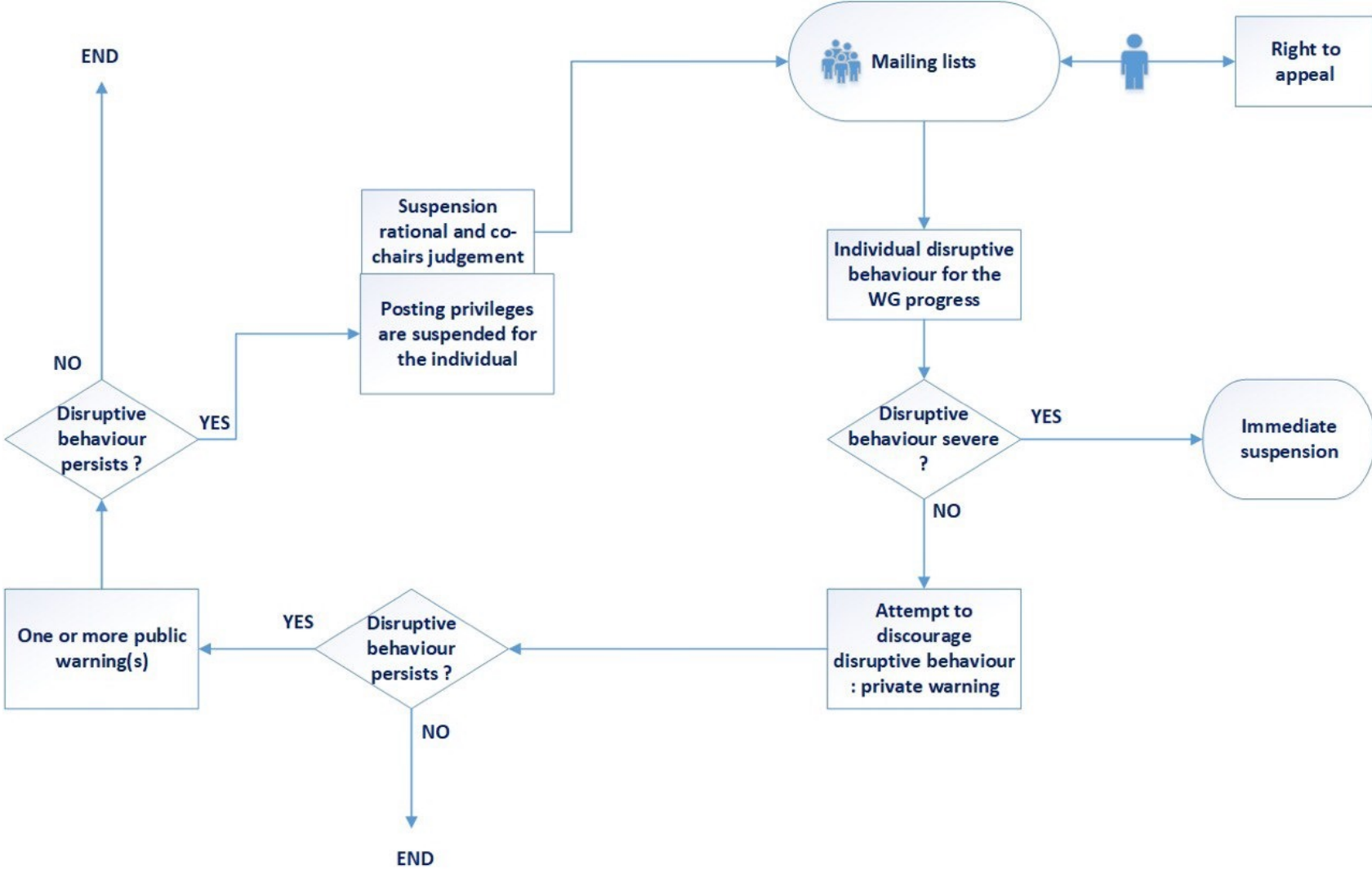
## 3.3.6.1 Moderation of the WG discussions and sessions

- ❑ **Old:** The input pertains to a topic that already has been resolved and is redundant with information previously available;
- ❑ **Minor:** The input is new and pertains to a topic that has already been resolved, but it is felt to be of minor import to the existing decision;
- ❑ **Timing:** The input pertains to a topic that the working group has not yet opened for discussion;
- ❑ **Scope:** The input is outside the scope of the discussions or of the working group

## 3.3.7 Individuals Behaviors

**In case individual behaviour is disruptive to working group engagement.**

- ❑ Co-chairs shall caution such behaviour openly once or twice.
- ❑ Co-chairs caution shall openly expose what is being warned against and persistent behaviour shall invoke moderation/suspension.
- ❑ Co-chairs decisions on any moderation/suspension of posting privileges will be subject to appeal.



# Reactions and Issues

## Issues:

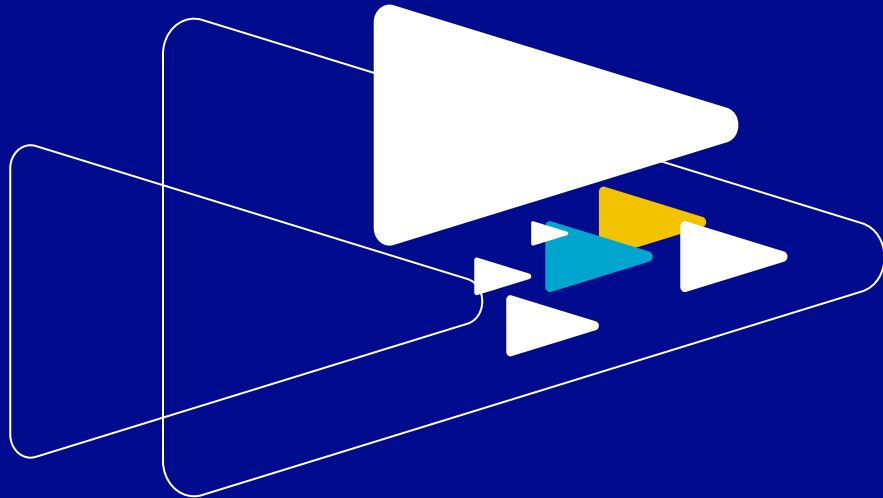
- Appointment by Consensus
- Recall of Co-Chairs
- Anything else ???

## AFRINIC Staff Analysis:

- Legal Concerns
  - The updates addressed most of the legal observations
- No issue on the implementation of the proposal.

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