

SIG Guidelines Review: Feedback from APNIC 62

This document lists the feedback received on the draft SIG Guidelines from the Joint SIGs session at APNIC 62 and from the mailing lists. It shows what had general agreement and what was debated. It is the first step of the Working Group's (WG) work after APNIC 62.

No consensus call was held at APNIC 62. Nothing in the draft is final. Please tell us if we have missed or misread any point.

At a glance

Areas of general agreement

- Term limits in principle: four terms in total, with a cooling off after two terms in a row.
- A fair process before a SIG is dissolved: notice and 90 days.
- The SIG Charter as the main document for each SIG.
- Clear rules for who can stand for election, in one place.
- Drafting fixes: define key terms and use the same wording throughout.

Open areas

- Who should decide on removing a Chair or Co-Chair.
- Standing for election: travel, visa and cost barriers.
- Dissolving a SIG that is no longer active.

Full list of feedback

Each point is listed with where it was raised and where it stands now.

#	Topic	Feedback	Raised at	Status
1	Term limits	Four terms in total, with a cooling off of at least one year after two terms in a row.	Session, mailing list	General agreement
2	Term limits	One suggestion was to stagger exits, so a SIG does not lose all its leaders at once.	Session	Open

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3	Removal of a Chair or Co-Chair	Whether the APNIC EC should hold the power to remove a Chair or Co-Chair. This power is not new. The draft adds notice, 90 days to respond, written reasons and a report to the community.	Session, mailing list	Open
4	Removal of a Chair or Co-Chair	One suggestion was that the other SIG Chairs and Co-Chairs vote on removal, not the EC.	Session	Open
5	Removal of a Chair or Co-Chair	An EC member explained that the EC acts only within the By-laws. APNIC's General Counsel said the Guidelines cannot allow the EC to act against the By-laws.	Session	Noted
6	Standing for election	Nominees must attend in person. Travel, visa and cost make this hard for some. Elected Chairs may attend later meetings online, so the rule should be the same both ways.	Session	Open
7	Voting	Whether every conference attendee, and APNIC Members, should vote in SIG elections.	Mailing list	WG proposes no change
8	Dissolving a SIG	A written notice and 90 days before a SIG is dissolved.	Session, mailing list	General agreement
9	Dissolving a SIG	Which SIG holds the consensus call, and how this works for a SIG that is no longer active.	Session	Open

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10	SIG Charter	The SIG Charter becomes the main document for each SIG, reviewed at least every two years.	Session, mailing list	General agreement
11	Elections	Eligibility rules in one place. Nominations open six weeks and close two weeks before the conference.	Session	General agreement
12	Wording	"SIG member" is not defined (Section 3.6).	Session	Drafting fix
13	Wording	Section 7 does not say which Code of Conduct applies. All APNIC events are bound by the APNIC Code of Conduct.	Session	Drafting fix
14	Wording	The text on a second Co-Chair reads as if the Chair can appoint one. There was also a request for a fixed number of Co-Chairs.	Session	Drafting fix
15	Wording	Typos and other drafting corrections.	Mailing list, Secretariat	Drafting fix

Open: views differ, or the WG has not yet decided.

Secretariat impact assessment

The Secretariat published its impact assessment on 26 August 2026. It asked for clearer text on four points:

1. **Attendance.** Section 2.3 says "at least one of the two APNIC Conferences held each year". Section 3.6 says "one in every two APNIC Conferences". The wording should match.
2. **Second Co-Chair.** The draft does not say when a second Co-Chair is elected.
3. **Cooling off.** It runs from one AGM or AMM to the next, not a calendar year. Because nominations close before the conference, it may work as two years in practice.

4. **Acting Chair.** The nominee rules in Section 3.4.1 do not fit well when an Acting Chair is appointed between conferences.

Source documents

- [Draft SIG Guidelines](#)
- [Changes from the current version](#)
- [Secretariat impact assessment](#)
- [Joint SIGs session recording, APNIC 62](#)