Review of Voting at APIX #33 and Next Steps

2 November 2026

Osaka, Japan

At the APIX Meeting #33

Agenda

9:30-11:00 (90) Admin session 1 (Chair: Toyama)

- Greetings, APIX update, Roll call
- Report 2025 & Plan 2026 (Steering Committee)
- Resolution (Steering Committee)
  - Bylaw modification: due date for Membership fee payment
- Legal Entity Discussion (Steering Committee)
- Steering Committee Election (Election Committee)
  - Nominees' speech

11:30-13:00 (90) Tech session 1 (Chair: Narrelle)

- "IX.br São Paulo: Migration to SRv6 EVPN" by Julio Sirota@IX.br
- "MMIX's action on the failure of Major International Backbone link of Myanmar" by Thein Myint Khine @ MMIX
- "M-Root update" by Kazuhiro Kitamura @ JPRS
- "Closing the Loop: Telemetry Driven Traffic Reroute for JKT-IX Backbones" by Pradito Damar Setiady @ JKT-IX
- "Introduce to China's Newly Issued Government Document for IXP and NNIX's Roadmap" by Yishu Liu @ NNIX

14:30-16:00 (90) Tech session 2 (Chair: Robin)

- "From Startup to standout" by Yolandi Cloete @ DE-CIX
- Panel "IXP competition and collaboration" by Katsuyasu Toyama @ JPNAP and Michael Takeuchi @IIX

16:30-18:00 (90) Tech session 3 (Chair: Warren)

- "EcoInternet Index Permeation by DotAsia" Edmon Chung @ DotAsia
- "What if ..? research panel" by Warren Finch @ ISOC
- Result of SC election (Election Committee)

Wrap-up – Group photo ()

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Voting on changing Bylaws: APIX membership fee, due date and member's rights

Katsuyasu Toyama

APIX Steering Committee
APIX#33, 8 Feb 2026

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Background

- The Steering Committee feels to **more clearly define the payment of membership fee and the rights to stop for unpaid members**
- Discussed at APIX meeting #32 in Danang, VN, in Sep 2025, no strong objections among the attendees.
- Therefore, the Steering Committee will **propose to modify the APIX Bylaws at this General Meeting.**

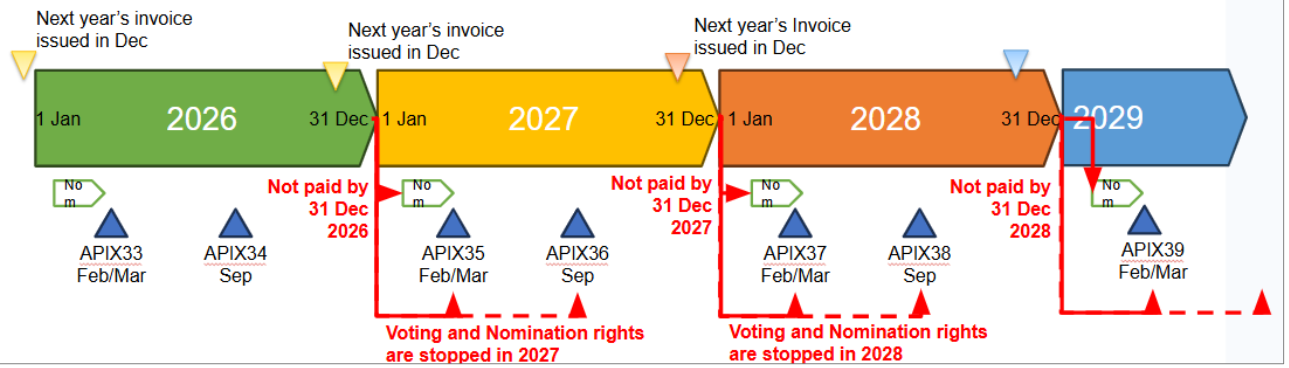
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Modification Proposal

- (2) **Nomination rights**
  - Current:
    An unpaid APIX member cannot nominate anyone, and the employers and employees of the unpaid APIX member cannot be nominated to Steering Committee member(s)
  - Proposal:
    An unpaid APIX member cannot nominate anyone.
    - **an employee of the unpaid APIX member can be nominated** to SC by another paid APIX member
    - For example, if JPNAP does not pay the membership fee, then JPNAP will not be able to nominate anyone, but K. Toyama, an employee of JPNAP, can be nominated by another APIX member

Modification Proposal

- (1) **Payment period and "Due date"** -- the end of the year (31st December)
  - Membership fee for Year 2027 should be paid from 1 Jan 2027 to 31 Dec 2027
    - Membership invoice will be issued before Jan 2027 (usually in Nov or Dec 2026)



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Vote result of Bylaws modification

- The General Meeting is held
  - 32 APIX member IXPs joined in person, which is more than half of all members (47)
    - ARTICLE VII – GENERAL MEETINGS
      - Section 1. Place and Schedule of Meetings
        - General Meetings shall be held at least once per year, in person, where more than half of all or at least 15 Association Members are present. <snip>
- Vote result
  - 20 votes, all of them are 'YES' votes, but this is not enough for three-fourths of 32 (=24)
    - ARTICLE VIII – Amendments
      - APIX bylaws may only be amended upon a resolution at a General Meeting convened with mentioning of the fact that a proposal to amend APIX bylaws shall be discussed at that meeting. A proposed amendment may be adopted by a three-fourths vote of the Association Members at a General Meeting.

The modification of the Bylaws has not been approved.

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Why "Not Approved"? — The Numbers

Members present	**32 / 47**	Quorum achieved ✓
Votes cast	**20 / 32**	12 members present did not vote
Required (3/4)	**24**	All 20 YES — 4 short

All 20 votes were YES — the proposal had no opposition.

A good proposal can still fail if members do not vote.

Discussion — Why Did Members Not Vote?

Even a unanimous proposal fails without sufficient votes — this is the core challenge.

Possible Reasons

- Not aware a vote was on the agenda
- Assumed others would vote
- Not authorised to vote on behalf of their IXP

Questions for Discussion

- Were you aware of the vote in advance?
- What stopped you from voting?
- How can we communicate the vote better?

Also worth discussing: Does the Bylaws itself need to be revised?

Current rule: 3/4 of members present must vote YES to amend the Bylaws.

⚠️ **Revising this rule itself requires the same 3/4 vote — making it a difficult problem to solve.**

Possible Actions and Next Steps

The proposal is sound. The priority is ensuring members vote next time.

1. Notify members in advance

- Send a dedicated notice before the meeting — clearly state a vote will be held
- Ask each member IXP to confirm who is authorised to vote

2. During the meeting

- Announce the vote explicitly and allow enough time for all to respond
- Follow up with any member who has not yet cast their vote

3. Re-submit at APIX #35

- The amendment is valid and uncontested — bring it back at APIX #35

Thank you!

