

APIX SC Election 2024

2024-02-26

Election Volunteers

- Election Volunteers/Committee include:
 - Shane Hermoso
 - Brad Hosking
 - Che-Hoo Cheng
- Roles & Responsibilities include:
 - To check if a nominee is eligible or not
 - To announce the list of nominees
 - To administrate the balloting/voting process before/at APIX meeting
 - To announce the result of the votes

Election Timeline (1)

- **2024-01-26** – Call for nominations for 2 vacant seats with deadline of Fri 16 Feb 2024 23:59 UTC
- **2024-02-17** – 1st nomination deadline passed with 8 nominations for only 1 nominee received – the nominee will go through Vote of Confidence process to take up one vacant seat
- **2024-02-19** – Another call for nominations for the remaining vacant seat with deadline of Fri 23 Feb 2024 23:59 UTC, extended to accept existing SC member(s) having served for ≥ 4 consecutive years according to bylaws and election process agreed

Election Timeline (2)

- **2024-02-24** – 4 nominations for 3 nominees received by the 2nd deadline, including 1 existing SC member having served for ≥ 4 consecutive years; All 3 nominees confirmed & accepted; Normal voting process will be conducted to decide on the one remaining vacant seat
- **2024-02-24** – List of nominees announced to all members
- **2024-02-26** – APIX #29 Meeting (AGM) & Election Day

Voting Process

- Voting to be conducted online on ZEUS System
- Voting link has been sent out by email from ZEUS to the designated voter (Representative 1) of each member
- **Representatives will receive two emails, one for each Vote. Emails will come from elections@zeus.grnet.gr**
 - Vote of Confidence of one nominee (from the 1st nomination period) to take up one seat
 - PLUS
 - Vote Form for selecting one nominee from a list of three (from the 2nd nomination period) to take up the remaining seat
- Voting will start at 11:00 UTC+7 today (2024-02-26)
- Voting Deadline is 16:30 UTC+7 today (2024-02-26)
- If you encounter any issue, please email election@apix.asia ASAP
 - Please check your junk mail folder first if you (as designated voter) do not see the voting email from ZEUS in your inbox folder
 - Individual issues related to voting CANNOT be handled after the Voting Deadline

The 1 Nominee for Vote of Confidence

1. Mr. Arnold Nipper (DE-CIX India)

- Getting more than half of the valid votes casted will be needed for being elected to APIX SC

The 3 Nominees for the Remaining Seat

1. Mr. Katsuyasu Toyama (JPNAP)

- Having served on SC in 2018-2024 (6 consecutive years)
- Accepted as a special case for 2nd nomination period according to bylaws and agreed election process

2. Mr. Colin Boekhout (MegaIX)

3. Mr. Mike Gaetner (CNX)

- The nominee with the most votes will be elected to APIX SC

Speech by Each Nominee

- 2 minutes maximum for each

- 1. Mr. Arnold Nipper (DE-CIX India)**
- 2. Mr. Katsuyasu Toyama (JPNAP)**
- 3. Mr. Colin Boekhout (MegaIX)**
- 4. Mr. Mike Gaetner (CNX)**

Name: Arnold Nipper

Organization: DE-CIX India

Position: Chief Technology Evangelist @ DE-CIX

Biographical Information:

Arnold Nipper (born 1958) holds an M.Sc. in Mathematics and is one of the founding fathers of DE-CIX, where in his capacity as CTO/COO, he was responsible for operations and technical development from 2000 until 2015. Since 2016, he has been the Chief Technology Evangelist. The DE-CIX in Frankfurt am Main is one of the largest Internet Exchange worldwide where traffic exchange between Internet Service Providers (peering) takes place. DE-CIX also runs several IXPs in Europe, the Middle East, North and Latin America, and via joint ventures in India, Malaysia, and Indonesia. Arnold Nipper also served as a board member at the Euro-IX, the umbrella association of Internet Exchanges for the RIPE region. Since February 2022, he has been a Board Member of APIX. He was Euro-IX and is now the APIX liaison for IX-F, the Federation of Internet Exchange Associations. Furthermore, Arnold was also a board member of PeeringDB and has been involved in PeeringDB since 2008, currently serving on the Outreach and Product Committee.

Nominee Statement:

I am deeply honored to accept the nomination for a position on the APIX Steering Committee. As we stand at the forefront of technological advancement and digital transformation, I am committed to leveraging my experience and expertise to drive meaningful impact within our community and beyond.

Throughout my career, I have been dedicated to pioneering innovative solutions and fostering collaboration across diverse stakeholders. My background in the IXP world has equipped me with a comprehensive understanding of our ecosystem's challenges and opportunities, from small IXP to big ones.

If elected to the APIX Steering Committee, I pledge to:

Realign APIX: APIX has been around for almost 15 years and has continued to grow its membership. Nevertheless, it has been overshadowed by its big sister, Euro-IX, since the beginning. I want to discuss where we should go with the members.

Attracting new members: regardless of APIX's direction, I want to work on attracting new members.

In conclusion, I am deeply committed to serving the APIX community with integrity, passion, and dedication. Together, we can shape our industry's future and make a positive difference in people's lives in our region.

Thank you for your trust and support.

Nominator (APIX Member IXP): Digital Edge EPIX

Name of the representative (Sender of the nomination): Raphael Ho

Position of the representative: Head, Interconnect Engineering

Nominator (APIX Member IXP): EQUINIX

Name of the representative (Sender of the nomination): Vijayakumar S

Position of the representative: Director, Global Network

Nominator (APIX Member IXP): GetaFIX

Name of the representative (Sender of the nomination): Rhett Jones (nomination confirmed with Gio Bacareza)

Position of the representative: Founder

Nominator (APIX Member IXP): MMIX / Myanmar Internet Exchange Association Inc.

Name of the representative (Sender of the nomination): Thein Myint Khine

Position of the representative: Chief Executive Officer

Nominator (APIX Member IXP): NPIX / INTERNET EXCHANGE NEPAL

Name of the representative (Sender of the nomination): Rupesh Shrestha

Position of the representative: CEO and Board Director

Nominator (APIX Member IXP): MegaIX

Name of the representative (Sender of the nomination): Gavin Tweedie

Position of the representative: Snr Interconnection Director

Nominator (APIX Member IXP): DE-CIX Malaysia

Name of the representative (Sender of the nomination): Wong Weng Yew

Position of the representative: Member of the Management Board

Nominator (APIX Member IXP): AMS-IX Hong Kong

Name of the representative (Sender of the nomination): Steven Bakker

Position of the representative: Solution Architect

Name: Katsuyasu Toyama

Organization: JPNAP / INTERNET MULTIFEED CO.

Position: Representative Director, EVP, and COO

Biographical Information:

He is working for JPNAP and INTERNET MULTIFEED CO. for more than a quarter of century, and worked for several Internet businesses in NTT group, such as OCN(AS4713) (big domestic eyeball) , GIN(AS2914) (global ip network), and so on.

For the Internet community, he has established the APIX association in 2010 with some experts of IXP in APAC region, since then, he has supported and managed the activities of APIX. Also, Peering Asia, an open and neutral peering forum in APAC region, is also established and managed by him and experts in peering community.

Nominee Statement:

I'm very honoured to be nominated, even though I've finished more than two consecutive terms.

If I am elected as a Steering Committee member again, I will do my best to achieve:

- To make a more useful platform on our website for APIX members
to share knowledge, experiences, best current practices and so on.
- To support a new IXPs in APAC to stand up and grow,
and accordingly to increase APIX members
- To establish a legal entity for the APIX association,
so that other company/organizations could have contracts directly with APIX
which makes easier for us and them to expand the scope of APIX activities

Your support would be appreciated.

Nominator (APIX Member IXP): AMS-IX Hong Kong

Name of the representative (Sender of the nomination): Steven Bakker

Position of the representative: Solution Architect

Nominator (APIX Member IXP): JPNAP

Name of the representative (Sender of the nomination): Tsuyoshi Toyono

Position of the representative: Director, General Manager of Technology Department

Name: Colin Boekhout

Organization: MegaIX / Megaport

Position: Interconnection Director

Biographical Information:

I've been at Megaport, as an Interconnection Director since 2018, prior to joining Megaport I worked at NL-IX. In total I have spent the last 18 years working in this industry.

While I'm not living in Asia, I've spent the last 6 years developing several (of our) IX's in the region.

At Megaport I'm responsible for our own IX products (MegaIX) but I'm also responsible for the partnerships between Megaport and other Internet Exchanges.

I'm a regular at APRICOT since 2019, and other industry community gatherings globally

Nominee Statement:

I'm excited and honored to be able to contribute my skills and experience to APIX association when elected. Looking forward to continuing building, distributing, and developing knowledge and information for and regarding IXP's in the region.

Nominator (APIX Member IXP): GetaFIX

Name of the representative (Sender of the nomination): Dylan Clear (nomination confirmed with Gio Bacareza)

Position of the representative: CTO

Name: Mike Gaertner

Organization: CNX / Cambodian Network Exchange

Position: CEO

Biographical Information:

Education/Qualifications

- Diploma in IT
- 30 years experience in Networking/ISP operations

Relevant Experience

- KHNOG organizer
- ICT Federation of Cambodia (SC)
- ISP Association of Cambodia (founding member)
- Policy Advisor for the Ministry of Post and Telecommunication of Cambodia

Senior Management Experience

- 2023 – now CEO, Cambodian Network Exchange (CNX)
- 2010 – 2023 Peering and Operations Manager at CNX
- 2007 – now COO/CTO Sabay Digital Group (digital media and online game operator)

Nominee Statement:

The internet is changing fast, challenges to operations are increasingly driven by policy makers working towards ensuring the safety of users online and by every increasing cyber-security threads and the need for better protection online.

This requires a new positioning of IXPs in the local economy. IXP need be at the forefront of open internet advocacy as well as being a driver for open and local infrastructure.

APIX should increase its advocacy role in educating policy makers in AP about the benefit of open infrastructure. We should help shape the industry towards building stronger regional networks which address the needs for user privacy and protection from cybersecurity threads.

Nominator (APIX Member IXP): DE-CIX Malaysia

Name of the representative (Sender of the nomination): Wong Weng Yew

Position of the representative: Member of the Management Board

Voting Deadline

- 16:30 UTC+7 today (2024-02-26)