

Discussion on APIX membership fee, due date and member's rights

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Discussion and Goal

- The Steering Committee feels to **more clearly define the payment of membership fee and the rights to stop for unpaid members**
- The Steering Committee is planning to **propose to modify the APIX Bylaws at the next General Meeting** in Feb 2026, according to the discussion today and later on the APIX members mailing list

Background

- **APIX Bylaws: Section 5. Fees**

- Association Members and Patron Members shall pay an annual fee, which shall be determined at General Meetings.

- If an Association Member **does not pay an annual fee of the year by the due date**, the **voting right of the member at General Meetings will be stopped**.

If a member fails to pay membership fee,

- **Voting rights are stopped**

“by the due date”

- And if an Association Member **did not pay the annual fees before the starting date of Steering Committee nomination date**, their members or employers or employees **will not be eligible to be a nominee or be eligible to nominate anyone else to stand for the steering committee election**.

- **Cannot nominate anyone to SC**
- **Their employers/employees cannot be nominated to SC**

“before the starting date of SC nomination”

- If an Association Member did not pay for up to 2 years, they will have to clear the outstanding payment to restore membership, nomination and voting rights.
 - If an Association Member did not pay more than 2 years, their membership will be automatically cancelled and has to go through the new membership application process to re-join without penalty.
 - Also, if an Association Member choose to cancel their membership, they can do so, however, for restoration of membership in future, they will have to re-apply with justification to re-join and will be subject to SC approval.

Background

Our operations so far

- Majority of payment methods is ‘cash by hand’
 - Many members paid the fee on the day of APIX meeting
- Not strictly applied the Section 5
 - “**Member-friendly**” manner
 - More members, more information sharing/exchanges among APIX members
 - Therefore, unpayment was managed leniently, as members sometimes forget to bring the cash or forget the internal process to prepare the cash or wire transfer
 - Relatively cheap membership fee (\$100 in cash or S110 in wire transfer), and almost no expenses, as APNIC supports, therefore the delay of payment was not so critical

Background

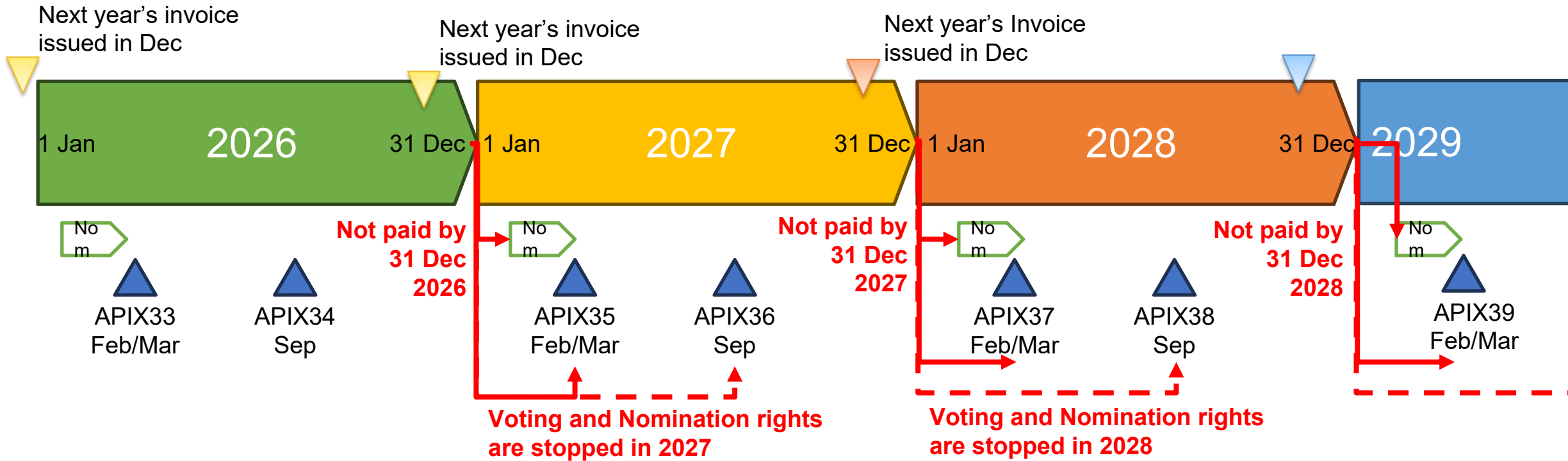
Concerns are raised

- Members become 40 or more
- From the fairness perspective, the rules should be applied more strictly?

Therefore, the Steering Committee feels to define the payment of membership fee and the rights to stop for unpaid members

Draft 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)



Draft 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

Discussion

- **(1) Payment period and “Due date”**
- **(2) Nomination rights**
- Do you have any thoughts on them?

Thank you!

