

MLC report

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MLC History and People

- Historical overview
 - Susan Harris until '05
 - Currently committee, 4+ members appointed by SC plus 1 appointed by Merit
 - Currently: Rob Seastrom, David Barak, Brett Watson, Sue Joiner (Merit), Alex Pilosov (Acting Chair)
 - Appointed for 2 years

What does MLC do

- MLC purpose
 - AUP enforcement
 - Cannot change AUP – that is SC. MLC can make suggestions
 - Make the ML more useful

Current AUP

- 1) Discussion will focus on Internet operational and technical issues as described in the charter of NANOG
- 2) Postings of issues inconsistent with the charter are prohibited.
- 3) Postings to multiple mailing lists are discouraged.
- 4) Postings that include foul language, character assassination, and lack of respect for other participants are prohibited.
- 5) Blatant product marketing is unacceptable.
- 6) Postings of political, philosophical, and legal nature are discouraged.
- 7) Postings to the list must be made using real, identifiable names and addresses, rather than aliases.

AUP Updates?

- Autoresponders (including challenge-response) to be forbidden – no consensus on NANOG-36

MLC policies

- Discussed on nanog-futures
- New policy on the general AUP enforcement protocol
 - Flexibility vs not being seen as capricious
 - AUP enforcement is not done very frequently

Nanog-L statistics

- nanog-list 8284 subscribers (vs 8012 year ago)
- nanog-digest 1386 subscribers
- nanog-announce is 708 subscribers
- Approx 1000 msgs/month (between 10 and 100 per day) vs 600-700 a year ago
- Per-thread statistics: TBD

MLC process

- Warnings:
 - Who gets to warn – any MLC member
 - How warning is appealed – to MLC
- Ban:
 - Who gets to ban: full MLC, majority vote
 - Appeal to SC

MLC is YOU

- MLC is currently very conservative
- MLC follows the will of community
- Occasionally heated debates – we all have our personal opinions about the usual posters
- MLC is **not** the list police – we expect community to self-moderate
- MLC needs to hear from YOU

ML future

- Signal-to-noise ratio low – what can we do to improve
- Guiding the conversation without stifling the discussion
- AUP enforcement tools (warning/ban) not effective in increasing SNR.

Questions?