



RBIEX – Organisational Charter

Mission Statement

RBIEX exists to bring affordable, quality peering opportunities to those smaller Internet Service Providers (ISPs) where cost would otherwise prevent them being available. Peering is all about matching access providers and content providers to gain better connectivity and service for all. We believe through an open and predominantly free meeting point this can be achieved for the benefit of all members.

Directors

RBIEX Limited, a registered company in England and Wales, will own and operate RBIEX as a not-for-profit organisation. Rob Golding, Cameron Gray and Matthew Smith are the current directors of the Limited company. As RBIEX is a non-profit organisation, run for the benefit of its members, the directors will delegate most operational decisions to the RBIEX Council of Management (CoM).

Council of Management

The Council of Management is an elected body consisting of up to seven (7) members. Three members will be elected by the current board of directors. These elected members may be the directors themselves. The remaining four members will be elected by the membership. All decisions must be carried by a simple majority of the CoM. However, a unanimous vote of the directorial electives may override this vote in circumstances where the directorial electives deem it prudent. The CoM will meet, in person, at least once every three months. The CoM may schedule additional meetings if the need arises.

The CoM will take responsibility for performing the following tasks: -

- Directing overall RBIEX strategy.
- Setting operational policy.
- Policing and regulating the membership.
- Establishing and operating a series of Working Groups to further relevant areas of study.
- Establish and continue dialogues with governmental agencies and figures to assist in areas of Internet discussion.
- Establish and continue dialogues with management of data centre facilities where RBIEX has a Point of Presence (PoP).

Council of Management Elections

Members who wish to stand for CoM elections must be nominated no less than seven (7) days prior to the AGM. Each nominee must be prepared to make a presentation to the membership at the AGM and to answer any questions directed to them. The membership will then be asked to vote for one nominee, the top four in terms of votes will then be appointed to the CoM.

Member Voting Rights

Each member has the right to participate in votes opened to the membership by the CoM. This is on the basis of one member, one vote. In the event of an exact vote tie, all members will be asked to vote in a second round. In this second round, only tied nominees will be on the ballot. Members forfeit voting rights in any elections that take place whilst dues are outstanding.

Social Events and Networking

RBIEX will also host a series of social events each year; all members are cordially invited to attend these functions. Members may also invite other potential members or VIPs to attend. RBIEX believes that in order for business relationships to truly flourish, social relationships are paramount.



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The Peering Gateway
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Membership Dues

Membership fees are set at £25.00 per annum payable annually. This is discounted to £20.00 for BACS payments. However, services provisioned to each member are priced separately. All port dues are payable quarterly in advance. Each connection at *10Mbps* will be charged dues of £100.00 per annum; each connection at *100Mbps* will be charged dues of £200.00 per annum. Gigabit ports will be assessed as the capability is added.

Communications

RBIEX will provide a set of public and private e-mail lists for communications between members and between the members and the CoM. RBIEX will also operate a web-based WHOIS style registry of person and prefix data. Members acknowledge that it is their responsibility to keep this information up to date, and that RBIEX takes no responsibility for its accuracy.

Agreement

We, the directors, hereby ratify this charter for the operation of RBIEX Limited as an Internet Exchange Point (IXP) on this the thirteenth day of April 2004, signed:

Rob Golding

Cameron Gray

Matthew Smith