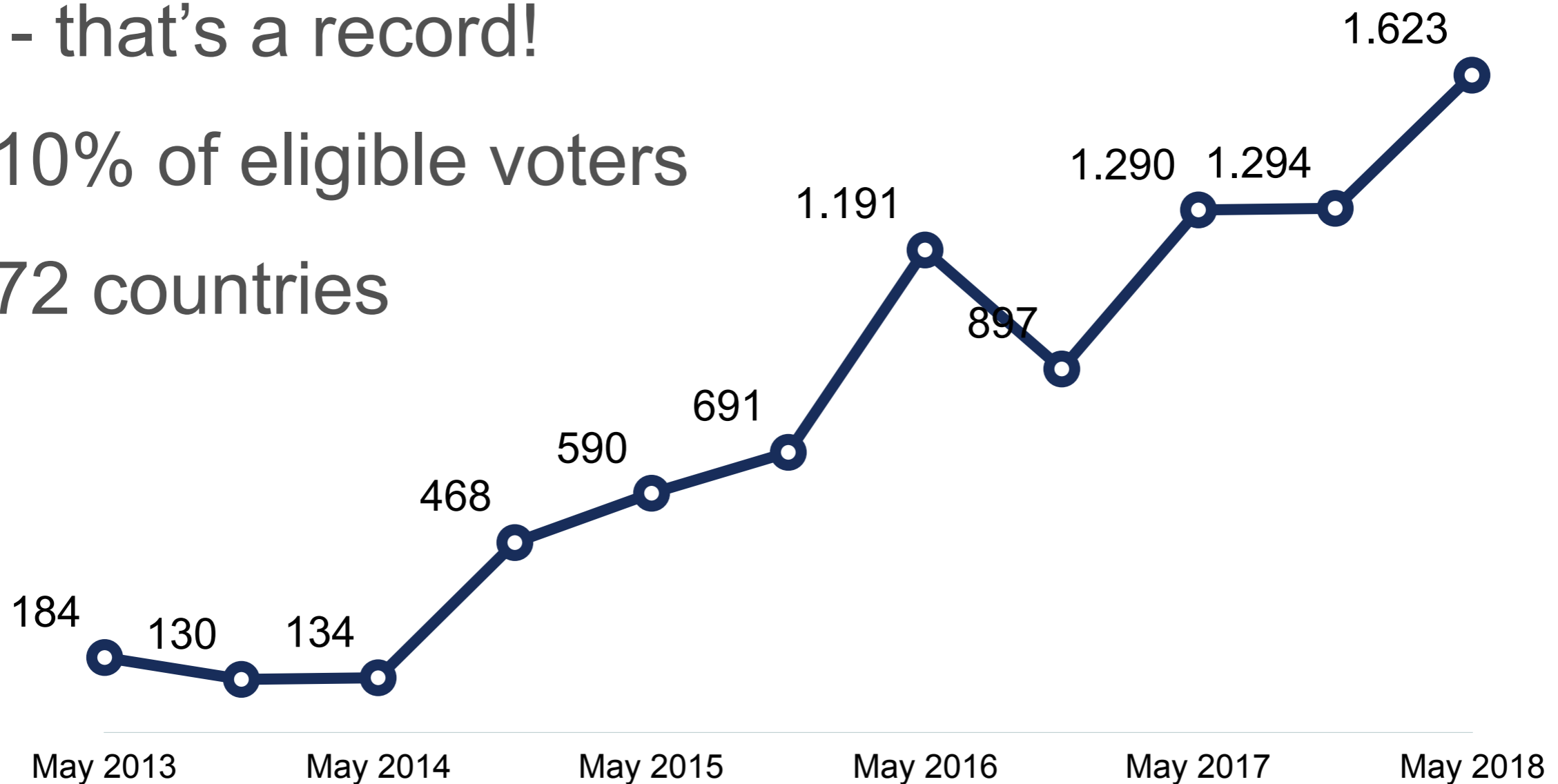# Voting at the RIPE NCC General Meeting

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RIPE NCC Executive Board Chairman

Registration Overview

- 16,045 eligible voters

- 1,623* votes registered
  - that's a record!

- 10% of eligible voters

- 72 countries

184 130 134 468 590 691 1.191 897 1.290 1.294 1.623

May 2013   May 2014   May 2015   May 2016   May 2017   May 2018

* Votes counted at 16:00 UTC+2 - Final count might be slightly higher

Where We Saw Registrations

Top five countries: PL, DE, IR, UK, UA

All have less than 10% of total registrations

Voting at the GM

- Two ways to vote at the GM:

  - Paper ballot (attendees only)

  - Electronically (remote participants and attendees)

- Voting starts at Agenda point 9

- **Paper ballots MUST be handed in before you leave the room**

- Electronic votes can be cast until 09:00 UTC+2 on Friday, 18 May

The Resolutions

- Each resolution needs more than 50% of YES votes to be approved

- Abstentions are noted but do not affect the count

- Electronic voters received a link to the voting application today

Resolutions - Paper Ballot

- Make a mark in **one box only** for each resolution or your vote will be deemed invalid

- There are resolutions on **both sides** of the paper ballot

Election

- Six candidates in the Executive Board election

- Instant run-off voting is used for the election

- You need to rank the candidates in order of preference from 1 (your most preferred) to 6 (your least preferred)

- You can select just 1 if you want (or 2 or 3)

Election

- Candidates need over 50% of votes to be elected

- If no candidate reaches 50% of the votes in the first count, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and the remaining vote counts are recalculated

  - And so on until someone receives 50% of the votes

Election

- After this process, the winner of the first seat is removed and the calculation is redone for the second seat

- You should fill preferences 1-6 to be sure your vote always counts

Election - Paper Ballot

Executive Board Voting

Number the candidates
in order of preference

1	**Candidate A**
2	**Candidate B**
3	**Candidate C**
4	**Candidate D**
5	**Candidate E**
6	**Candidate F**
	Abstain

- Only use numbers 1 to 6 (1 is your most preferred, 6 is your least preferred)

Electronic Voting

- Click the link in the email you received

Dear Fergal,

We invite you to vote on the RIPE NCC General Meeting's nine resolutions and the RIPE NCC Executive Board election.

To access the poll and start voting at Resolution 1, click this link: https://www.bigpulse.com/rr?uD0eAKhv5FlFWtP5oTArBwhgguHN9nHgAAdplQ

If the above link does not appear to work, copy and paste it into your browser.

IMPORTANT: The voting period begins at the end of the GM session on Wednesday, 16 May (approximately 20:00 UTC+2) and will remain open until 10:00 (UTC+2) on Friday, 18 May. You can follow the GM live at:
https://www.ripe.net/participate/meetings/gm/meetings/may-2018/webstream

Important Security Warning: Do not forward this email because it contains your personal auto-sign-in link.

You will be presented with the nine resolutions to be voted on. For each resolution, you need to vote YES, NO or ABSTAIN. The ABSTAIN votes are noted but do not count towards the results.

After the resolutions, you will be presented with the Executive Board election. You will need to number your candidates from 1 to 6 in order of preference. You do this by clicking the boxes beside each candidate's name.

The weighting displayed in the voting software reflects the number of members you are authorised to vote for.

Counting the Votes

- We use the third party BigPulse system for voting

- The paper ballots are stored in the hotel safe until 09:00 UTC+2 on Friday

- After the voting deadline passes, paper votes are added to the electronic votes in the BigPulse system

- Independent observers from the other RIRs oversee the input of paper ballots into the system

Announcing the Results

- At 10:45 UTC+2 on Friday, 18 May, the GM will reconvene in this room

- The Chairman of the Executive Board will announce the results

- The announcement will be broadcast live for remote participants

- https://www.ripe.net/participate/meetings/gm/meetings/may-2018/webstream

Questions

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