

Sri Lanka Next Generation (SLNG)

1. Name

This organization shall be called the Sri Lanka Next Generation (SLNG). SLNG will serve persons who live in Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. The Chapter shall advance and promote APNG principles and goals.

2. Objectives

- To increase the awareness of Asia Pacific Next Generation activities in Sri Lanka
- Empowering Next Generation (APNG) activity through APNG Local Camps
- Challenging to create new Internet growth opportunity
- Provide opportunities for the youth to improve their knowledge on the Internet and ICT
- Provide a platform to share the knowledge and experience among the community
- Share and discussed the Sri Lankan perspective of the Internet
- Help to master the skills necessary to build and operate the Internet Technologies
- Provide a forum for key Internet builders in Sri Lanka to learn from their peers
- Build the next generation Internet leaders in Sri Lanka
- Help to develop a robust Internet infrastructure in Sri Lanka
- Support to develop the Internet infrastructure in the less developed areas in Sri Lanka
- Promoting and facilitating network enabled research collaboration and knowledge discovery
- Provide a voice in the development Internet Policy Process
- Help to bridging the digital divide in Sri Lanka

3. Members

3.1 Membership

Membership to the SLNG shall be open to individuals promoting the growth and development of the Internet in Sri Lanka. SLNG preferred individuals below age of 40 as organization targeting youth. Members shall pay an annual subscription membership fee as may be determined by the SLNG at a General Meeting from time to time.

3.2 Rights

A member shall have the following rights;

- right to vote on all matters relating to the SLNG
- be eligible to any elective or appointive office of the SLNG

- participate in meetings of the SLNG

3.3 Duties

A member shall have the following duties and responsibilities;

- comply with the By-laws and regulations that may be promulgated by the SLNG from time to time
- attend meetings of the SLNG
- pay membership dues and other assessments
- uphold ideals of the SLNG at all times

3.4 Cessation of Membership

Membership may cease in the following cases:

- A member may withdraw their membership by a notice in writing to the Secretary.
- A member in arrears for fees or assessments for any year shall be automatically suspended at the expiration of three months from the end of such year and shall thereafter be entitled to no membership privileges or powers in the SLNG until reinstated.
- Any member upon a majority vote of all members of the SLNG in good standing may be expelled from membership by the Secretary for any cause which the SLNG may deem reasonable.
- Members who don't participate in the SLNG activities for 2 years without valid reasons may be deregistered from the SLNG after they have been duly notified of the decision.

3.5 Reinstatement of Membership

A person whose membership had ceased as provided for in Article 3.4 may apply in writing to the Secretary provided for in Article 3.5 for reinstatement of their membership. The Executive Committee after consideration of the application, may reinstate such a member or refuse to reinstate such a member, citing reasons for their decision.

4. Executive Committee and Officers

The general affairs of the SLNG shall be run by an Executive Committee comprising of the following officers:

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary
The Treasurer
Chairman - Program Committee
Chairman - Fellowship Committee

Chairman - Working Group Committee

- The Executive Committee shall be elected by members for a term of two years. In the event of a resignation by an officer of their position, the executive committee shall designate an officer to hold such position until the next scheduled election.

5. Duties of Officers

5.1 Chairman

- The Chairman is the principal officer and is responsible for leading the SLNG and managing its activities in accordance with the policies and procedures of the SLNG and these bylaws
- The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of this Chapter and of its Executive Council
- With the advice of the SLNG's Executive Committee, the Chairman shall appoint all members of committees and all Committee Chairmen.

5.2 Vice Chairman

- The Vice Chairman shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chairman
- Carry out any other duties designated to them by the Executive Committee

5.3 Secretary

- Make official communication on behalf of the SLNG
- Keep minutes of the of Executive Committee meetings
- Prepare the Chapters annual report for presentation to the members at the Annual General Meeting
- Keep safe custody of the members register and the correspondence files of the SLNG
- Make official communication with APNG main body

5.4 Treasurer

- Maintain the SLNG financial records
- Prepare the SLNG annual financial report for presentation to the members at the AGM (Annual General Meeting)
- Carry out any other duties incidental to this office

6. Standing Committees

The Standing Committees of the SLNG may include the following:

- a) A Program Committee;
- b) A Working Group Committee; and

c) A Fellowship Committee.

The members of each Standing Committee shall designate a Chair for such a committee. The Chair of each Standing Committee shall also serve on the Executive Committee provided for in Article 4.

Standing Committees shall have a term of 1 year. Where a member of a Standing Committee ceases being a member as provided for in Article 3.4, resigns or is unavailable, the Chairman, in consultation with the Executive Committee may appoint another member in their stead.

7. Role of Standing Committees

7.1 Program Committee

The Program Committee shall plan and make arrangements for the technical / none technical programs in accordance with the membership's interests and the objectives of the SLNG as set forth in Article 2.

7.2 Working Group Committee

The Working Group Committee shall plan and create working groups for the SLNG in accordance with the member's interest and the objectives of the SLNG as set forth in the Article 2.

7.3 Fellowship Committee

The fellowship committee shall screen all fellowship applications and decide upon them.

8. Temporary Committees

The Chairman, in consultation with the Executive Committee may appoint temporary committees at any time. The duties of temporary committees must be consistent with the purposes of the SLNG objectives and these By-laws; provided such committees' purposes are not in conflict with any of the permanent Standing Committees.

9. Meetings

- The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held at the last meeting of the business year (business year: 1st April to 31st March).
- Special General Meetings (SGM) of the members shall be called as the need arises, by the executive committee, the Chairman.
- The Secretary shall, at least 21 days prior to the date of the AGM, send out a notice of the meeting indicating the time, venue, agenda and purpose of the

meeting to be held, if any. The notice of every special meeting shall state briefly the special purposes of such meeting.

- The SLNG shall hold meetings only in places that are open and accessible to members.
- A quorum of the SLNG shall be defined as one fifth of the voting membership of the SLNG or at least 10 members, whichever is greater.

10. Funds

- The funds of the SLNG shall be derived from members' subscriptions, gifts, grants and donations
- Disbursements from the Treasury for SLNG expenditure shall be made by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Chairman or Secretary. All such expenditures shall be included in the relevant minutes of the General Meeting.
- Any disbursements outside the budget must be approved by the Executive Committee.

11. Dissolution

- Dissolution of SLNG by consent of the members shall be by unanimous agreement of all its Officers together with a majority vote at General Meeting.
- Should SLNG be dissolved, its assets shall be transferred to a not- for- profit organization promoting Internet in Sri Lanka.

12. Miscellaneous

- In the event of an ambiguity in the interpretation of any provision of these By-laws, the executive committee shall resolve such ambiguity.
- A simple majority of the members present and voting shall be required to carry a motion.
- These By-laws or any provision thereof may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the members at any General meeting duly held for the purpose. All proposed changes to these By-laws shall have been approved by at least 10 members before being presented to the members for a vote.