

EARN EXECUTIVE

NOG proposal to the Executive

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The split of the LISTSERV backbone seems to be unavoidable.

Moreover, the present LISTSERV backbone has grown to a size where management difficulties have become apparent.

NOG proposes, in order to minimise the impact of the split, recognised as unavoidable, and to grasp the opportunity to improve manageability of the backbone, to proceed to develop a LISTSERV gateway between the two backbones.

To do this successfully will require:

- Deferment of the split until the gateway has been implemented.
- Documentation of and commitment to the gateway protocol on the part of the author of LISTSERV and of EARN.

NOG recommends that use of different versions of LISTSERV on either side of the gateway be avoided, but does not consider that significant disadvantage will result if different versions are eventually used.