

**Root Server System Governance Working Group**  
Teleconference #14 | 3 September 2020 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

**RSS GWG**

Luis Diego Espinoza	ccTLD Registries Representative
Ted Hardie	IAB Representative
Geoff Huston	IAB Representative
Lito Ibarra	Alternate Liaison from the ICANN Board
Peter Janssen	ccTLD Registries Representative
Lars-Johan Liman	RSO Representative
Kurt Pritz	gTLD Registries Representative
Naela Sarras	Liaison from the IANA
Tripti Sinha	Liaison from the ICANN Board
Brad Verd	RSO Representative
Duane Wessels	Liaison from the Root Zone Maintainer
Hanyu Yang	gTLD Registries Representative

**ICANN org**

Xavier Calvez  
Paul Hoffman  
Wendy Profit  
Carlos Reyes

**Apologies**

Hiro Hotta	RSO Representative
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**Absences**

Joe Abley	SSAC Representative
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MINUTES

**Call to Order**

Ted Hardie called the teleconference to order at 22:04 UTC and reviewed the proposed agenda. There were no objections to the agenda.

## **Administration**

Carlos Reyes reviewed the draft minutes of teleconference #13 on 20 August 2020. There were no objections to publishing the minutes.

ACTION ITEM: Carlos Reyes to publish the approved minutes on the RSS GWG workspace.

## **Community Composition of Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Function (SAPF)**

Luis Diego Espinoza began the discussion by proposing a large, open community with membership requirements. Ted Hardie asked how decision-making would work in this structure. Lars-Johan Liman expressed some concerns, preferring guardrails to avoid capture. Kurt Pritz noted that the middle ground could reiterate that SAPF members would be representing their communities and not themselves. Lars-Johan Liman stated a preference for a limited group with a wider consultation group.

Tripti Sinha reiterated that SAPF needs to be tightly coupled with DNS resolution, architectural capacity, and evolving technologies. Geoff Huston noted the tension between deep technical subject matter expertise and process-driven representation and consultation, noting that this would impact the effectiveness of SAPF as a decision-making body. Lars-Johan Liman stated that the Root Server System is not vastly complicated, but it is linked to international politics and domain name policy.

Ted Hardie expressed concerns about closed (human) networks enabling capture over time. Ted Hardie noted three models: open consultation, named constituencies with open elections, and deliberate representation. Named constituencies with open elections is likely the easiest starting point, and more structure can be provided later if necessary. Geoff Huston agreed with that conclusion. Paul Hoffman noted the example of the RSSAC Caucus and its membership application and retention processes.

Ted Hardie noted rough consensus on starting with named constituencies providing an initial set of members to populate the SAPF with structures for open consultation. Luis Diego Espinoza agreed.

## **Writing Teams**

Ted Hardie proposed two writing teams to capture RSS GWG discussions around the SAPF and Public Root Services (PRS) components of its emerging proposal. Lars-Johan Liman and Duane Wessels agreed to lead the PRS writing team with Hanyu Yang contributing. Tripti Sinha and Brad Verd agreed to lead the SAPF writing team with Geoff Huston and Kurt Pritz contributing. The RSS GWG will review the output of the writing teams by mid-October. Tripti Sinha asked about scoping statements. Ted Hardie encouraged the writing teams to provide as many details as possible.

ACTION ITEM: Carlos Reyes to arrange teleconferences for each writing team.

### **Any Other Business**

Ted Hardie noted that the RSS GWG would not have any sessions during ICANN69 and continue its usual cadence of teleconferences. The RSS GWG will meet with the RSSAC on 8 October 2020 to prepare for a joint meeting with the RSSAC and ICANN Board on 14 October 2020.

ACTION ITEM: Carlos Reyes to send calendar invitations for the RSSAC-RSS GWG joint meeting and the ICANN Board-RSSAC-RSS GWG joint meeting.

Xavier Calvez asked if the RSS GWG was considering providing a broader update and suggested a blog post. Geoff Huston suggested that the checkpoint summary could be repurposed as a blog post.

ACTION ITEM: Carlos Reyes to work with Ted Hardie on a blog post.

### **Adjournment**

Ted Hardie adjourned the teleconference at 22:55 UTC.