

Root Server System Governance Working Group
Teleconference #15 | 17 September 2020 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

RSS GWG

Joe Abley	SSAC Representative
Luis Diego Espinoza	ccTLD Registries Representative
Ted Hardie	IAB Representative
Hiro Hotta	RSO 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
Brad Verd	RSO Representative
Duane Wessels	Liaison from the Root Zone Maintainer

ICANN org

Paul Hoffman
Wendy Profit
Carlos Reyes
Mary Wong

Apologies

Tripti Sinha Liaison from the ICANN Board

Absences

Hanyu Yang gTLD Registries Representative

MINUTES

Call to Order

Ted Hardie called the teleconference to order at 22:02 UTC and reviewed the proposed agenda. There were no objections to the agenda.

Administration

Carlos Reyes reviewed the draft minutes of teleconference #14 on 3 September 2020. There were no objections to publishing the minutes.

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

Carlos Reyes noted upcoming changes with daylight saving time around the world may impact the availability of RSS GWG members in certain time zones.

ACTION ITEM: Carlos Reyes to circulate a Doodle poll to the RSS GWG to confirm standing teleconference time in light of daylight saving time changes.

Carlos Reyes and Ted Hardie noted that the next report to the ICANN Board Technical Committee (BTC) is due. The RSS GWG work plan also needs to be updated.

ACTION ITEM: Carlos Reyes and Ted Hardie to develop the next report to the ICANN BTC and propose updates to the RSS GWG work plan.

Ted Hardie informed the RSS GWG that Naela Sarras, liaison from the IANA functions operator, Public Technical Identifiers (PTI), will be stepping down from the RSS GWG due to a new role. Naela Sarras noted that Kim Davies will be selecting a replacement soon.

PRS Writing Team Update

Duane Wessels provided an update about the work of the Public Root Services (PRS) writing team. The PRS writing team has considered two structural models for PRS: a fully independent organization or a subsidiary of ICANN. The PRS writing team concluded that the subsidiary model would facilitate funding in the NewOrg proposal. Duane Wessels noted that this aligned with the consensus in the RSS GWG.

Paul Hoffman asked if PRS would encompass all three proposed functions (Finance, Performance Monitoring and Measurement, and Secretariat). Ted Hardie confirmed that PRS would be one body performing those three functions. Lars-Johan Liman compared this structure to PTI, which performs naming, numbering, and protocol parameter services. Kurt Pritz asked a scoping question about potential issues that may not be addressed through PRS and SAPF. Ted Hardie noted that one of the main aims of the NewOrg proposal is to limit the number of issues that would be referred to the ICANN Board. Duane Wessels noted the example of PTI and the KSK rollover.

SAPF Writing Team Update

Geoff Huston provided an update about the work of the Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Function (SAPF) writing team. Geoff Huston noted that the structure of SAPF would be informed by the structure of PRS. The SAPF writing team focused on the essential technical aspects of SAPF and on its role as the focal point for community engagement, noting that its

recommendations should be supported by its stakeholders. SAPF will be chartered by the PRS Board, and only the PRS Board can change the SAPF charter. The SAPF writing team also enumerated required skills and desired characteristics of SAPF members. The proposed composition includes three appointees each from the RSOs, IETF, and ICANN.

Ted Hardie clarified that he prefers the SAPF be instantiated when the RSS GWG completes its work rather than deferring to the PRS Board for that. Ted Hardie also suggested more analysis of input and output relationships for SAPF. Brad Verd noted his understanding of the SAPF is a departure from a typical ICANN community. Geoff Huston stated that constructing a new community of stakeholder interest in root service is different from the typical collection of broad interests of the ICANN community.

Agendas for Joint Meetings

Ted Hardie reminded the RSS GWG of two upcoming joint meetings with RSSAC and with the ICANN Board and RSSAC. Ted Hardie asked if there was anything in particular that the RSS GWG would like to raise or present in either joint meeting. Ted Hardie proposed that the content of RSS GWG updates be based on the upcoming BTC report, an updated diagram of the NewOrg proposal, and accompanying slides. Brad Verd and Lars-Johan Liman supported this approach. Lito Ibarra also suggested providing an update to the ICANN Board on financial considerations of the NewOrg proposal.

Any Other Business

There were no additional agenda items.

Adjournment

Ted Hardie adjourned the teleconference at 22:53 UTC.