

Root Server System Governance Working Group

Teleconference #16 | 1 October 2020 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

RSS GWG

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
Tripti Sinha	Liaison from the ICANN Board
Brad Verd	RSO Representative
Duane Wessels	Liaison from the Root Zone Maintainer

ICANN org

Xavier Calvez
Paul Hoffman
David Olive
Wendy Profit
Carlos Reyes
Mary Wong

Apologies

Joe Abley	SSAC Representative
Hanyu Yang	gTLD Registries Representative

MINUTES

Call to Order

Ted Hardie called the teleconference to order at 22:03 UTC and reviewed the proposed agenda. There were no objections to the agenda.

Administration

Carlos Reyes reviewed the draft minutes of teleconference #15 on 17 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 and Ted Hardie noted that the next meeting of the ICANN Board Technical Committee (BTC) has been postponed to November; therefore, the RSS GWG will review its next report to the BTC on 29 October.

Ted Hardie informed the RSS GWG that a blog post with an update about its work will be published when there is a specific call to action for community feedback. Geoff Huston mentioned that earlier input would be valuable to RSS GWG discussions. Kurt Pritz cautioned against publishing anything prematurely to avoid confusion in the community. Ted Hardie reiterated that RSS GWG members are encouraged to share the work of the RSS GWG with their appointing organization. The RSS GWG will continue to provide regular reports to the BTC and publish a coherent proposal for Public Comment at the appropriate time.

PRS Writing Team Update

Duane Wessels provided an update about the work of the Public Root Services (PRS) writing team. PRS is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is to coordinate and oversee the entities providing resolution services for the root zone. As a legal entity, PRS is a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC), whose single member is ICANN. As such it will have its own articles of incorporation, bylaws, board of directors, and budget. Directors are elected by ICANN as the single member of the corporation. PRS has an operational role. It does not develop policy, but rather, carries out policies developed by the Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Function (SAPF). PRS is tasked with fulfilling the following roles and services: the Performance Monitoring and Measurement Function (PMMF), the Finance Function through contracts and/or agreements with Root Server Operators (RSOs), and the Secretariat Function for SAPF, PRS Board, and the RSOs. PRS maintains relationships with other bodies involved in RSS governance, including: the IANA, RSOs, Root Zone Maintainer, and SAPF. The paper describes some of these relationships and the accountability of PRS.

Lars-Johan Liman suggested adding text to the paper to explain why the current PTI is not modified to perform the functions of PRS. Similarly, this may be a point of consideration for expanding the scope of the Customer Standing Committee as an accountability mechanism for PRS. Geoff Huston noted that mixing the “what” and the “why” in the same paper may be confusing. Lars-Johan Liman agreed that a separate paper with the rationale would be better. Ted Hardie explained that PRS and PTI do not necessarily need to have the same parent organization as described in the PRS paper. Furthermore, separating PRS from ICANN (as a result of PTI separating from ICANN) would present complicated questions of funding. Ted Hardie suggested more discussion of the coordination relationship between PRS and PTI, especially the implications of a change to where PTI is located.

SAPF Writing Team Update

Geoff Huston provided an update about the work of the Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Function (SAPF) writing team. SAPF is a community-based group that is focused on the management of the strategy and architecture of the Root Server System System (RSS). This includes the development of policies related to this function that are to be communicated to the PRS Board for implementation. The SAPF role encompasses both the study of technical aspects of the provision of the root service and the broader consideration of the overall architecture of root service provision and the strategies that will align the root service to these architectural principles. SAPF will also be the focal point for community engagement with these tasks and should ensure that its actions are supported through stakeholder engagement. SAPF is chartered by the PRS Board, and the terms of reference for this group are provided by the PRS Board. These terms of reference may be amended by the PRS Board according to the processes adopted by NewOrg.

Luis Diego Espinoza asked if the DNS resolver community could be represented in SAPF. Geoff Huston noted that the writing team took the approach of capturing characteristics and skills of SAPF members and requiring broad community engagement and coordination rather than representation. Paul Hoffman asked if SAPF working groups would be standing working groups of communities. Ted Hardie explained the assumption that working groups would be for a specific question or task.

Ted Hardie suggested that the RSS GWG discuss finances in the PRS paper. Lars-Johan Liman agreed. Kurt Pritz noted that the PRS paper should include how the Financial Function would work and who can improve the process over time.

Any Other Business

There were no additional agenda items.

Adjournment

Ted Hardie adjourned the teleconference at 23:02 UTC.