Root Server System Governance Working Group
Teleconference #24 | 28 January 2020 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

RSS GWG

Kim Davies	Liaison from the IANA
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
Tripti Sinha	Liaison from the ICANN Board
Brad Verd	RSO Representative
Duane Wessels	Liaison from the Root Zone Maintainer
Suzanne Woolf	SSAC Representative
Hanyu Yang	gTLD Registries Representative

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Paul Hoffman
David Olive
Wendy Profit
Carlos Reyes
Mary Wong

Absences

Luis Diego Espinoza	ccTLD Registries Representative

Excused

Kurt Pritz	gTLD Registries Representative

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 #23 on 14 January 2021. There were no objections to publishing the minutes.

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

Carlos Reyes reviewed the draft report to the ICANN Board Root Server System (RSS) Governance and Accountability Caucus. The RSS GWG considered minor edits from Hiro Hotta and Suzanne Woolf. The RSS GWG approved the draft report.

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

Carlos Reyes announced the upcoming nomination and election process for the RSS GWG chair role.

ACTION ITEM: Carlos Reyes to propose nomination and election periods to the RSS GWG.

Ted Hardie noted that he may be unavailable to preside over the 11 February 2021 teleconference and asked for a volunteer. Geoff Huston agreed to preside.

ACTION ITEM: Carlos Reyes to coordinate with Ted Hardie and Geoff Huston about RSS GWG chair duties for teleconference #25.

Ted Hardie provided an update about the outreach to the Root Server Operators (RSOs) via the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) to identify an intermediary for requesting an estimate from each RSO about the scale of likely aggregate funding for the RSS. Ted Hardie drafted a note with Hiro Hotta, Lars-Johan Liman, and Brad Verd and sent it to RSSAC Chair Fred Baker. Fred Baker did not have any suggestions for an intermediary.

ACTION ITEM: Ted Hardie will provide updates as needed on identifying an intermediary for requesting an estimate from each RSO about the scale of likely aggregate funding for the RSS.

NewOrg Document

Duane Wessels reviewed the latest edits to the New Organization (NewOrg) document. Geoff Huston provided most of the edits, restructuring some sections. There were no objections.

Duane Wessels asked the RSS GWG if there is a proposed name for the Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Function (SAPF). Ted Hardie suggested the Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Advisory Committee. Geoff Huston noted the relationship to Public Root Services (PRS). Lars-Johan Liman stated that there may be standing and ad hoc groups, and the NewOrg document should capture this.

Duane Wessels noted the inclusion of the RSSAC037 model infographic and asked the RSS GWG if this was confusing since it will produce its own model infographic. Ted Hardie stated that it would be reasonable to include a parallel infographic of the RSS GWG model using the same design as the RSSAC037 model infographic.

Duane Wessels highlighted the fact that the RSS GWG has not discussed the Concept Paper in depth. Geoff Huston stated that the NewOrg document should include a reference to the Concept Paper as an input document, noting that the RSS GWG opted to focus on RSSAC037 as the blueprint for its work. However, the RSS GWG should consider reviewing the Concept Paper again. Ted Hardie noted that it is not odd for the RSS GWG to focus on RSSAC037 rather than the Concept Paper, which was a reaction to RSSAC037.

ACTION ITEM: Geoff Huston agreed to capture this narrative about the Concept Paper in the NewOrg document.

The RSS GWG discussed the composition of the PRS Board. Duane Wessels noted that the structure is based on the Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) Board; Ted Hardie stated that it is not necessary to align to the PTI model so closely. Geoff Huston thought it was odd for ICANN to appoint its own employees or employees of PRS to non-ex officio roles on the PRS Board. Suzanne Woolf advised against complicating the structure of the PRS Board. Lars-Johan Liman stated that it is more important to focus on who is appointing PRS Board members than the employer. Geoff Huston suggested that ICANN should appoint two ex officio roles to the PRS Board: The president of PRS and the chief technology officer of ICANN. Lars-Johan Liman supported this proposal. Tripti Sinha advised the RSS GWG to consider an odd number of members for the PRS Board. The PRS bylaws should explicitly outline which directors vote. Suzanne Woolf noted the importance of meeting quorum.

Duane Wessels asked the RSS GWG to consider the relationship between PRS and PTI.

Designation and Removal Function
Geoff Huston noted that the NewOrg document does not mention the Designation and Removal Function (DRF). Ted Hardie suggested that his recent email about this could be a basis for this section.

ACTION ITEM: Ted Hardie to propose text about the DRF in the NewOrg document.

Any Other Business
There were no additional agenda items.

Adjournment
Ted Hardie adjourned the teleconference at 23:00 UTC.