Root Server System Governance Working Group
Teleconference #25 | 11 February 2020 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

RSS GWG

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

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

Absences

Hanyu Yang	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 #24 on 28 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 proposed nomination and election process and timeline for the RSS GWG chair role.

ACTION ITEM: Carlos Reyes to administer the nomination and election process in March 2021.

NewOrg Document

Duane Wessels noted that the document is fairly clean toward the end, and there are unresolved comments in the middle. Geoff Huston asked about the references to periodic review of NewOrg and the Designation and Removal Function.

Geoff Huston raised the point about the potential relationship between Public Root Services (PRS) and the IANA Functions. Suzanne Woolf stated that the GWG should consider all aspects of the relationship before proposing specific structures or mechanisms and expressed caution about assuming a specific corporate relationship based on the unique circumstances around the formation of Public Technical Identifiers.

Brad Verd clarified that the intent of aligning PRS with the IANA Functions under ICANN is to keep the registry of the root and the resolution of the root together. If the responsibility of one moves to another body, then there needs to be a relationship between the new body running the registry and the body that now has the contracts with the Root Server Operators. This is to avoid fragmenting the root.

Geoff Huston continued by proposing the re-alignment of the Root Zone Evolution Review Committee (RZERC) under PRS. Suzanne Woolf and Lars-Johan Liman explained that RZERC reviews systemic changes to the root zone such as adding new technologies. Tripti Sinha noted that RZERC exists now to provide technical oversight, replacing the role of the National Institute of Standards and Technology after the IANA Stewardship Transition. Brad Verd stressed that this was out of scope, and Ted Hardie disagreed with Geoff Huston.

Kim Davies clarified that RZERC advises the ICANN Board on how to exercise its authority to approve architectural and operational changes in the management of the root zone. PRS is dedicated to the service of the root zone, rather than the management of its creation. Ted Hardie emphasized these points and persuaded Geoff Huston. Geoff Huston suggested that the reference to RZERC should provide more context about its role. Lars-Johan Liman agreed with Ted Hardie that RZERC works and should not be under PRS. Duane Wessels, current chair of RZERC, stated he was comfortable with where the conversation ended.

ACTION ITEM: Suzanne Woolf and Duane Wessels to review the text about PRS relationships.

Designation and Removal Function

Ted Hardie reviewed the existing text, noting that it aligns with RSSAC037. Geoff Huston agreed that this is broadly adequate and suggested adding guidance about the composition of and timelines for the Review Panels that will perform the Designation and Removal Function (DRF) as needed. Duane Wessels recalled that RSSAC037 provides some guidance. Ted Hardie agreed to review this section.

ACTION ITEM: Ted Hardie to review the DRF section in RSSAC037 and consider the composition of and timelines for the Review Panels section in the NewOrg document.

Any Other Business

There were no additional agenda items.

Adjournment

Ted Hardie adjourned the teleconference at 22:50 UTC.