

Root Server System Governance Working Group

Teleconference #26 | 11 March 2020 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

RSS GWG

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

ICANN org

Adiel Akplogan
Xavier Calvez
Sam Eisner
Paul Hoffman
David Olive
Wendy Profit
Erika Randall
Carlos Reyes
Mary Wong

Absences

Kim Davies	Liaison from the IANA
Luis Diego Espinoza	ccTLD Registries 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 #25 on 11 February 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 reviewed the New Organization (NewOrg) document. Duane Wessels added text about the relationship between Public Root Services (PRS) and Public Technical Identifiers (PTI). The opening paragraph of this new section itemizes important PTI services for the Root Server System (RSS). Suzanne Woolf elaborated on this text and included the PTI role of coordinating with PRS. This is the core of the operational relationship. Therefore, the relationship has to be defined carefully. There are separate policymaking mechanisms for the particular functions of PTI and PRS. Ted Hardie asked for clarity about the policy role of the Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Function (SAPF), suggesting a distinction between technical standards and potential contractual language. Geoff Huston disagreed with this characterization. The SAPF should be making policy, and the use of “policy” should be consistent. Ted Hardie agreed that it was inconsistent. Suzanne Woolf noted the need for consultation and coordination between PTI and PRS.

Geoff Huston highlighted the potential interactions with other ICANN community groups, including the Root Zone Evolution Review Committee (RZERC). Ted Hardie asked for input. Brad Verd stated that Venn diagrams would clarify overlapping relationships and explain the text. Duane Wessels noted that the text is not meant to describe Figure 3 in the NewOrg document, but it could evolve. Lars-Johan Liman noted that he is a proponent of direct communication. Geoff Huston noted that the text suggests a liaison between the PTI Board and PRS Board. There is a mutual commitment to a shared mission between PTI and PRS. Suzanne Woolf noted that there are different levels of specificity and different layers of operational hierarchy. Lars-Johan Liman agreed with Geoff Huston. Suzanne Woolf noted the unique status of the Root Zone and avoiding conflicts of interest and divergence of interests in operational dependence between PTI and PRS. The text identifies these issues first before proposing mechanisms for resolving these issues. Geoff Huston noted that the PTI and PRS

relationship is too critical to defer to contractual language. Ted Hardie confirmed the importance of capturing this relationship correctly in the text. Ted Hardie also advised against proposing a revision of the RZERC charter.

Duane Wessels reviewed the section about the PRS Board and asked if the text captures the previous discussion correctly. Ted Hardie explained that ultimately it is the ICANN Board that appoints all members of the PRS Board regardless of who appoints them. Mary Wong offered additional briefings from ICANN org to provide background information. Sam Eisner clarified that a single member of a corporation is expected to predominate the composition of that board of directors. Ted Hardie asked if this is a special case under California law. Sam Eisner confirmed it is a case under California law for a membership organization of this type. Ted Hardie asked for a briefing on this. Suzanne Woolf explained the intricacies of ICANN governance as it relates to PTI. Duane Wessels noted that the balance of the PRS Board had been a concern for the Root Server Operators. Ted Hardie asked Duane Wessels to seek clarification on this point. Duane Wessels requested a work session to review the edits and comments in the NewOrg document.

ACTION ITEM: Carlos Reyes to organize a work session on the NewOrg document.

Any Other Business

There were no additional agenda items.

Adjournment

Ted Hardie adjourned the teleconference at 23:04 UTC.