

Root Server System Governance Working Group

Teleconference #27 | 25 March 2021 | 22:30 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
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
Hanyu Yang	gTLD Registries Representative

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Adiel Akplogan
Xavier Calvez
Sam Eisner
Paul Hoffman
Wendy Profit
Carlos Reyes

MINUTES

Call to Order

Ted Hardie called the teleconference to order at 22:31 UTC and reviewed the proposed agenda. There were no objections to the agenda.

Administration

Carlos Reyes reviewed the draft minutes of teleconference #26 on 11 March 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 finish the election process and announce the results.

NewOrg Document

Duane Wessels reviewed the New Organization (NewOrg) document following an editing session to resolve comments and address edits. There are several issues remaining that require RSS GWG discussion.

The first topic is the name of the Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Function (SAPF). However, it is not clear if the SAPF will replace the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) or what role the RSSAC will have in the New Organization (NewOrg) proposal. Ted Hardie asked Duane Wessels to select a collective noun for the SAPF while retaining “Strategy, Architecture, and Policy”.

Duane Wessels reviewed the section about the relationship between ICANN and Public Root Services (PRS). Suzanne Woolf suggested that the RSS GWG has not yet specified what it wants and presupposes legal structures. Ted Hardie stated that functionally PRS is a part of ICANN and has been delegated to perform a set of activities and responsibilities by ICANN.

Next, Duane Wessels reviewed the section about the evolution of PRS. Geoff Huston noted that it is reasonable for ICANN to have a say in the re-casting of the PRS charter and bylaws since PRS is a subsidiary of ICANN. If PRS were able to leave ICANN without its concurrence, then this is fundamentally unsafe. There are two ways to effect changes to PRS: Changing the composition of the PRS Board and referring changes to the ICANN Board. Reflecting on the experience of serving on the Customer Standing Committee, Lars-Johan Liman cautioned against including specific details about root service and root server operators (RSOs) and only including structural matters in the PRS bylaws. Suzanne Woolf noted that this section also seems to capture functional requirements in legal language. Geoff Huston stated that the bylaws should maintain a focus on the structure and relationships rather than the activities. Sam Eisner reiterated that the bylaws should have foundational relationships and management; separate documents can have operational details. Sam Eisner suggested testing certain assumptions. Ted Hardie agreed to dedicate a future teleconference to that.

ACTION ITEM: Ted Hardie asked the RSS GWG to review the NewOrg document and consider if there is too much “how” and not enough “what” or “why”, the role of RSSAC, and RSO review panels section.

Brad Verd reminded the RSS GWG that this work started with the intent of establishing accountability for the RSOs. Brad Verd also noted that RSOs expect an equal say in the NewOrg proposal. Ted Hardie stated that the RSS GWG is trying to address the question of how to replace an RSO and how to address other use cases. Lars-Johan Liman agreed. The RSS GWG is designing a holding place for authority.

Any Other Business

There were no additional agenda items.

Adjournment

Ted Hardie adjourned the teleconference at 23:06 UTC.