Root Server System Governance Working Group
Teleconference #28 | 8 April 2021 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

RSS GWG

Kim Davies	Liaison from the IANA
Ted Hardie	IAB Representative
Hiro Hotta	RSO 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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Adie Akplogan
Sam Eisner
Paul Hoffman
David Olive
Wendy Profit
Carlos Reyes

Absences

Luis Diego Espinoza	ccTLD Registries Representative

Apologies

Geoff Huston	IAB Representative

MINUTES

Call to Order

Ted Hardie called the teleconference to order at 22:01 UTC and reviewed the proposed agenda. There were no objections to the agenda.

Administration

Carlos Reyes reviewed the draft minutes of teleconference #27 on 25 March 2021. There were no objections to publishing the minutes.

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

NewOrg Document

Duane Wessels and Ted Hardie both noted that no new comments or edits have been made in the draft New Organization (NewOrg) document. Brad Verd informed the RSS GWG that the Root Server Operators have expressed concerns about the NewOrg proposal and are coordinating consultation sessions to capture specific feedback. Ted Hardie recognized that some sections could benefit from clearer text.

Roles of PRS

Duane Wessels highlighted a comment from Hiro Hotta that the NewOrg proposal does not focus enough on the relationship of NewOrg to the root server system (RSS). Hiro Hotta suggested a sentence could be added to describe the overall responsibility of Public Root Services (PRS) to ensure root server operators (RSOs) meet service levels. Duane Wessels agreed. Paul Hoffman commented that a sentence about PRS and the RSS and a sentence about PRS and the RSOs would be better. Hiro Hotta agreed.

Role of RSSAC

Brad Verd remarked that the NewOrg proposal should state what is the relationship between the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) and the Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Function (SAPF). Suzanne Woolf also asked if PRS could have the same function and role as RSSAC. Ted Hardie agreed that the NewOrg proposal should elaborate on the relationship between RSSAC and SAPF, especially since RSSAC expressed interest in joining the Empowered Community. However, RSSAC and SAPF have different functions and should remain separate in NewOrg. SAPF is not an evolution of RSSAC, and RSSAC can evolve itself if it chooses.

Lars-Johan Liman noted that another option is to consider if SAPF can take on the current role of RSSAC. Tripti Sinha asked Brad Verd to clarify his comments. Brad Verd explained that RSSAC037 features checks and balances. The RSOs expected that RSSAC would be part of the Empowered Community in exchange for giving up some of their autonomy. If the RSS GWG will not address this in its NewOrg proposal, then RSSAC needs to know about this gap.

Ted Hardie agreed with Lars-Johan Liman about the benefit of exploring the two options for the future role of RSSAC. Lars-Johan Liman noted that he can envision SAPF advising the ICANN Board but not as a member of the Empowered Community. Having more bodies may complicate and confuse the Internet community. Hiro Hotta stated that RSSAC should remain, but its tasks may be different with SAPF in place. Brad Verd agreed to ask RSSAC about this. RSOs and RSSAC will provide input to the RSS GWG.

Other Issues
Duane Wessels noted the previous discussion about the evolution of PRS would depend on the composition of the PRS Board.

Ted Hardie also stated that the RSO review panel section could benefit from RSO input due to the high variability of scenarios. Paul Hoffman asked the RSS GWG to consider the implications of RSO review panels on the RSS as well.

Ted Hardie urged the RSS GWG to review the draft NewOrg document and to encourage feedback from stakeholders.

Any Other Business
There were no additional agenda items.

Adjournment
Ted Hardie adjourned the teleconference at 22:45 UTC.