

## Root Server System Governance Working Group

Teleconference #29 | 22 April 2021 | 22:00 UTC

### ATTENDANCE

#### **RSS GWG**

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| 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                     |
| Luis Diego Espinoza | ccTLD Registries 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         |

#### **ICANN org**

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

### 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 #28 on 8 April 2021. There were no objections to publishing the minutes.

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

## **NewOrg Document**

### *RSO Review Panels*

Duane Wessels introduced the new text in the section about Root Server Operator (RSO) Review Panels. Geoff Huston noted the differences with RSSAC037. The New Organization (NewOrg) document proposes ad hoc RSO Review Panels, while RSSAC037 envisioned a standing body to perform the Designation and Removal Function (DRF) when needed. The NewOrg document establishes that designation and removal are separate actions. Geoff Huston continued by noting that the DRF interacted with the Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Function (SAPF) in RSSAC037; the NewOrg document proposes that RSO Review Panels interact with Public Root Services (PRS) and not the Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Council (SAPC). The NewOrg document focuses on representation of stakeholders in the RSO Review Panels, while RSSAC037 enumerated the specific composition of the DRF. The Performance Monitoring and Measurement Function of the PRS will provide data to the RSO Review Panels. The PRS Board will consider decisions of RSO Review Panels and will be responsible for instantiating the recommendations.

Duane Wessels asked for feedback about the standing or ad hoc nature of the RSO Review Panels. Ted Hardie discussed the trade-offs of both options, including necessary lead time to assemble an ad hoc RSO Review Panel and variable conditions requiring different people at different times if there were a standing RSO Review Panel. Geoff Huston asked the GWG to confirm its preference. The GWG considered various extraordinary cases and potential scenarios. Duane Wessels suggested leaving the RSO Review Panels as ad hoc for now.

Geoff Huston contemplated a situation where an RSO Review Panel does not make a recommendation, especially to designate a new RSO. Brad Verd asked for clarification and recalled that RSSAC021 states what might happen if a single RSO is unavailable. Tripti Sinha reiterated this point. Sam Eisner cautioned that, depending on the composition of the RSO Review Panels, there may be concerns about anti-competition.

Duane Wessels asked if the NewOrg document should specifically state that the SAPC can determine the number of RSOs. Ted Hardie explained that the SAPC should determine what is needed for the whole Root Server System (RSS) and work with the community on how that can be delivered. Ted Hardie also emphasized that a removal must be data driven. Geoff Huston suggested that the section on how the PRS Board considers decisions of the RSO Review Panels deserves attention. Sam Eisner encouraged the GWG to design an appeals process.

Suzanne Woolf suggested that the GWG could offer guidance to the SAPC in its NewOrg document about technical criteria for RSO and RSS metrics. Brad Verd noted the need for remediation time. Ted Hardie asked Suzanne Woolf to propose text that refers to RSSAC037.

**ACTION ITEM:** Suzanne Woolf to propose text based on RSSAC037 for guidance to the SAPC about technical criteria for RSO and RSS metrics.

#### *Differences with RSSAC037*

Duane Wessels spoke about a new section that elaborates on the differences between the NewOrg document and RSSAC037. Geoff Huston noted that in the NewOrg document, the PRS Board would coordinate all the functions in a way not specifically articulated in RSSAC037. Duane Wessels reviewed the differences for each of the functions. Geoff Huston explained the motivation for this section. Kurt Pritz suggested that this section could explain refinements and disagreements more clearly.

#### *Other Issues*

Duane Wessels reviewed comments and proposed edits in the NewOrg document. Sam Eisner noted that ICANN has a unifying role in the relationship with PRS as an affiliate.

#### **Any Other Business**

Ted Hardie provided an update on the work of the intermediary requesting an estimate from each RSO about the scale of likely aggregate funding for the RSS. The intermediary is in communication with the RSOs.

There were no additional agenda items.

#### **Adjournment**

Ted Hardie adjourned the teleconference at 22:58 UTC.