

## Root Server System Governance Working Group

Teleconference #30 | 6 May 2021 | 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
Luis Diego Espinoza	ccTLD Registries Representative
Kurt Pritz	gTLD Registries Representative
Brad Verd	RSO Representative
Duane Wessels	Liaison from the Root Zone Maintainer

#### **ICANN org**

Paul Hoffman  
Wendy Profit  
Carlos Reyes  
Mary Wong

#### **Excused**

Kim Davies	Liaison from the IANA
Tripti Sinha	Liaison from the ICANN Board
Hanyu Yang	gTLD Registries Representative
Suzanne Woolf	SSAC Representative

## MINUTES

### **Call to Order**

Ted Hardie called the teleconference to order at 22:02 UTC and reviewed the proposed agenda. There were no objections to the agenda.

### **Administration**

Carlos Reyes reviewed the draft minutes of teleconference #29 on 22 April 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 reviewed the NewOrg document. Geoff Huston explained that the term “community-driven” is problematic, and “community-informed” may be a more accurate description of GWG work. Lars-Johan Liman noted that “community-driven” is in the title of the Concept Paper. Geoff Huston dropped his objection.

Luis Diego Espinoza suggested the NewOrg document could benefit from a glossary. Paul Hoffman noted that RSSAC adopted its own lexicon that could function as a reference for GWG work.

ACTION ITEM: Ted Hardie to consider how to develop a glossary for the NewOrg document.

Duane Wessles noted that the section about the Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Council (SAPC) now contains a specific reference to its role in determining the appropriate number of root server operators (RSOs).

Duane Wessels reviewed the changes to the RSO Review Panels section. Duane Wessels noted the ad hoc nature of RSO Review Panels, which is a different interpretation of RSSAC037. Ted Hardie suggested that it may be worthwhile to highlight different models. Lars-Johan Liman suggested the example of the Registry Services Technical Evaluation Panel (RSTEP) as another model. Geoff Huston noted that the appropriate model should be predicated on the likelihood that this function will need to be exercised. Paul Hoffman shared his perspective based on past experience on RSTEP. Lars-Johan Liman noted that the timing of an expected designation or removal was an important consideration. Brad Verd raised the concern of RSOs about not knowing who would serve on the RSO Review Panel. Ted Hardie cautioned that RSO removals and designations have been rare in the past because no process or structure existed to effect such changes. Kurt Pritz agreed that a standing membership would make sense, much like a volunteer fire department. Geoff Huston suggested leaving the details to the Public Root Services (PRS) Board to determine. Brad Verd proposed the option of having the SAPC perform this function. Lars-Johan Liman explored the idea further. Geoff Huston disagreed with this approach.

ACTION ITEM: Lars-Johan Liman and Brad Verd to review and revise the RSO Review Panels section.

Ted Hardie encouraged GWG members to continue their review of the NewOrg document with their appointing communities.

**Any Other Business**

There were no additional agenda items.

**Adjournment**

Ted Hardie adjourned the teleconference at 22:55 UTC.