

Root Server System Governance Working Group

Teleconference #32 | 17 June 2021 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

RSS GWG

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
Kurt Pritz	gTLD Registries Representative
Tripti Sinha	Liaison from the ICANN Board
Brad Verd	RSO Representative
Suzanne Woolf	SSAC Representative

RSOs

Robert Carolina
Wes Hardaker
Andy Kimble
Matt Larson
Tom Miglin
Jeff Osborn
Ken Renard
Karl Reuss
Ryan Stephenson
Kevin Wright

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Sam Eisner
Paul Hoffman
Andrew McConachie
David Olive
Carlos Reyes
Ozan Sahin

Overview of Current RSO Feedback

Lars-Johan Liman summarized the current feedback of the RSOs. The RSOs are concerned about:

1. Loss of checks and balances
2. Loss of RSO independence
3. ICANN affiliate structure
4. Lack of details

Lars-Johan Liman clarified for Ted Hardie that the GWG is the first time all RSOs have experienced representation by a group of RSOs. Lars-Johan Liman also stressed the importance of preventing capture of an RSO or of the entire RSS.

Brad Verd reiterated the point that RSSAC037 was written with the expectation that RSS governance would exist within the ICANN multistakeholder model. Brad Verd noted that the RSOs are working on a list of success criteria for RSS governance and are also exploring the Supporting Organization model in more detail.

Robert Carolina clarified that the three RSO representatives in the GWG cannot bind the other RSOs. Ted Hardie asked how the GWG should engage with the RSOs. Jeff Osborn stated that the Internet Systems Consortium has zero representation on the GWG. Robert Carolina suggested that the list of success criteria for RSS governance could help determine a way forward. Wes Hardaker agreed that involving all RSOs is important.

Discussion of Next Steps

Ted Hardie noted that the work of the GWG is always available for review. Ted Hardie also explained that the GWG charter specifies how votes are allocated if consensus is not achieved. Ted Hardie further elaborated that achieving consensus may take more time because of input from other stakeholders.

Wes Hardaker suggested more joint meetings between the GWG and RSOs would be beneficial. Robert Carolina stated that the RSOs want to help the GWG develop a proposal that has the most chances of success. Suzanne Woolf encouraged the participants to understand the different perspectives on capture and risk.

Ted Hardie asked about a timeline for the RSO list of success criteria for RSS governance. Brad Verd noted that the RSOs are aligned and need to develop a document. Ted Hardie encouraged

GWG members to inform their communities about expected changes to the GWG proposal. Lars-Johan Liman suggested waiting to schedule the next joint meeting until the RSOs make more progress. Brad Verd estimated mid-to-late September 2021.

Any other business

There were no additional agenda items.

Adjournment

Ted Hardie adjourned the teleconference at 22:58 UTC.