

Root Server System Governance Working Group

Teleconference #33 | 1 July 2021 | 22:00 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 RZM
Suzanne Woolf	SSAC Representative

Absence

Hanyu Yang	gTLD Registries Representative
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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 #32 on 17 June 2021. There were no objections to publishing the draft minutes.

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

Ted Hardie noted that the draft minutes clarify Root Server Operator (RSO) thinking about representative governance, including the structure and nature of the Root Server System (RSS) Governance Working Group (GWG).

Update on RSO work

Brad Verd explained that the RSOs are developing a document that outlines success criteria for the RSS in four categories: accountability, transparency, independence, and finances.

Ted Hardie asked if the document will specify the requirement that all RSOs must be included in future decision-making bodies such as the Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Council (SAPC). This requirement would present questions of scale and legitimacy. Ted Hardie suggested that the RSOs should clarify what representative model (if any) is acceptable.

Targets areas of elaboration

Ted Hardie noted that he highlighted target areas of the RSS GWG proposal for elaboration. Reviewing these target areas could be the program for the next series of RSS GWG teleconferences until the RSOs provide their feedback. The first target area for elaboration is to explain the original intent for the selection of the Public Root Services (PRS) model. Paul Hoffman suggested different elaboration approaches for different audiences. Another target for elaboration is to explain the checks and balances of the PRS model, particularly any appeals processes and how it prevents capture. Other target areas for elaboration include explaining the scope of technical studies that the SAPC can commission and explaining the appeals paths for PRS charter changes.

Geoff Huston suggested waiting for all feedback from the RSOs before working on the target areas because the intended mode of operation of the RSS GWG is to find not just rough consensus but unanimity of position. Working on the target areas would be presumptive and a

waste of time. It is important for the RSOs to clarify fundamental assumptions of the RSS GWG. Kim Davies supported this approach. Tripti Sinha agreed.

Kurt Pritz stated that going through the RSS GWG proposal would be worthwhile. Ted Hardie noted the likely limited participation due to August breaks, but this should not stop all work. Ted Hardie suggested that the RSOs should prioritize responding to the question about representation.

Ted Hardie asked each RSS GWG member to comment on their preferred approach: waiting for all RSO feedback, RSOs prioritizing the question about representation, or continuing with RSS GWG work.

- Brad Verd supported continuing with RSS GWG work.
- Duane Wessels supported asking the RSOs to prioritize the question about representation.
- Geoff Huston supported waiting for all RSO feedback.
- Hiro Hotta supported asking the RSOs to prioritize the question about representation.
- Kim Davies supported waiting for all RSO feedback.
- Kurt Pritz supported continuing with RSS GWG work.
- Lars-Johan Liman did not have a strong opinion.
- Lito Ibarra supported asking the RSOs to prioritize the question about representation.
- Suzanne Woolf supported asking the RSOs to prioritize the question about representation.
- Tripti Sinha supported asking the RSOs to prioritize the question about representation.
- Luis Diego Espinoza supported continuing with RSS GWG work.
- Peter Janssen supported waiting for all RSO feedback.

Ted Hardie agreed to ask the RSOs to prioritize responding to the question about representation. Depending on the response, Ted Hardie will develop a report for the ICANN Board Technical Committee.

ACTION ITEM: Ted Hardie to ask the RSOs to prioritize responding to the question about what representative model (if any) is acceptable.

Any other business

There were no additional agenda items.

Adjournment

Ted Hardie adjourned the teleconference at 22:55 UTC.