Root Server System Governance Working Group
Teleconference #35 | 2 December 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
Lars-Johan Liman	RSO Representative
Akinori Maemura	Alternate Liaison from the ICANN Board
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
David Olive
Wendy Profit
Carlos Reyes

MINUTES

Call to order
Ted Hardie called the teleconference to order at 22:03 UTC and informed the GWG that Peter Janssen had resigned. Ted Hardie then reviewed the proposed agenda. There were no objections to the agenda.

Administration
Carlos Reyes committed to providing draft minutes for teleconferences 34 and 35.

<u>ACTION ITEM:</u> Carlos Reyes to share draft minutes for teleconferences 34 and 35.

RSSAC058
Ted Hardie noted the publication of RSSAC058 and proposed adopting the publication as an input document. Carlos Reyes conducted a roll call vote; Geoff Huston abstained. The RSS GWG approved the adoption of RSSAC058 as an input document.

Ted Hardie asked RSS GWG members about how to incorporate RSSAC058 into RSS GWG work.
- Kurt Pritz suggested comparing the latest RSS GWG proposal against RSSAC058.
- Geoff Huston expressed concern about incumbent RSOs setting the rules for their successors. Also, if each RSO will have a seat at the table, then that same courtesy should be extended to all root server system stakeholders.
- Hiro Hotta suggested inviting the RSOs to review the success criteria with the RSS GWG.
- Lars-Johan Liman encouraged the RSS GWG to take its time in reviewing RSSAC058 and incorporating the success criteria into its work.
- Brad Verd agreed with inviting the RSOs to review RSSAC058 and reiterated the point that this work should not be rushed.
- Suzanne Woolf noted the balancing act of having other stakeholders provide input in RSS GWG work.
- Duane Wessles advised resolving the tension between having an ICANN community to provide governance or an external structure to provide governance.
- Tripti Sinha said RSSAC058 was a good outcome.
- Akinori Maemura explained the grounding of RSSAC058 in RSSAC037.

Potential charter adjustments

Ted Hardie proposed adding all RSOs to the RSS GWG and asked RSS GWG members how this would impact the dynamic of its work. Bringing in all RSOs should not diminish the voices of other stakeholders, and this is not a negotiation; the RSS GWG has a responsibility to the whole Internet. RSS GWG members also discussed the tension between representing their appointing organizations and their individual views. Brad Verd noted that the RSOs have never had a governance model.

The RSS GWG agreed to continue these discussions on 16 December 2021. The next report to the ICANN Board Technical Committee will be a response to the 2 December 2021 letter from ICANN Board Chair Maarten Botterman.

Any other business

There were no additional agenda items.

Adjournment

Ted Hardie adjourned the teleconference at 22:54 UTC.