Root Server System Governance Working Group
Teleconference #40 | 24 February 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

Absences

Hanyu Yang	gTLD Registries Representative

ICANN org

Sam Eisner
Paul Hoffman
Wendy Profit
Carlos Reyes
Mary Wong

MINUTES

Call to Order

Ted Hardie called the teleconference to order at 22:05 UTC and reviewed the proposed agenda. There were no objections to the agenda.

Administration

Carlos Reyes reviewed the draft minutes for teleconference 39 on 17 February 2022. There were no objections to publishing the draft minutes.

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

Review Appointment Letter to RSOs via RSSAC

Ted Hardie reviewed the appointment letter to the root server operators (RSOs) which he sent via the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC). This appointment letter was based on the appointment letter from 2019. Ted Hardie sent it to the RSSAC leaders and copied the GWG mailing list.

Discuss Draft Resolution for Working Method of Consensus

Ted Hardie reviewed the draft resolution to adopt consensus as the working method of the GWG. The text in the resolution is based on the GWG charter:

> Resolved, the Root Service System Governance Working Group will operate henceforth solely on the basis of consensus. For the purposes of RSS GWG work and outcomes, consensus is defined as general agreement without any formal objections.

Carlos Reyes conducted a roll call vote. There were no objections. Hanyu Yang approved the resolution in an email on 2 March 2022. The GWG approved the resolution unanimously.

Discuss Work Plan Revisions

Luis Diego Espinoza asked if the revised work plan considered potential delays waiting for RSO input. Ted Hardie clarified that hopefully that will not happen since the remaining RSOs are joining the GWG. The work plan cannot foresee every issue, such as resolving input from Public Comment. Paul Hoffman explained that the Public Comment process is typically 6-8 weeks. Carlos Reyes clarified that the GWG can adjust its work plan. Kurt Pritz asked if there are specific milestones for each teleconference to ensure the GWG remains on track.

Ted Hardie asked the ICANN Board liaison and alternate liaison if the proposed work plan aligned with the expectations of the ICANN Board. Tripti Sinha noted that the work plan was reasonable; Akinori Maemura. Ted Hardie agreed to include the revised work plan in a response to the ICANN Board letter from 16 February 2022. Tripti Sinha emphasized the importance of getting this work done right rather than rushing to meet a timeline. Suzanne Woolf noted that the work plan may change when upcoming GWG membership changes are effected.

Discuss GWG Reply to ICANN Board Letter
Ted Hardie reminded the GWG that the ICANN Board requested a report in its recent letter. Tripti Sinha explained that the GWG reply will go to the ICANN Board. Then the ICANN Board chair who will refer it to the ICANN Board Root Server System Governance Caucus. Ted Hardie agreed to write the first draft of the reply for the consideration of the GWG.

ACTION ITEM: Ted Hardie to write the first draft of the reply to the ICANN Board.

Any other business
Ted Hardie confirmed that the next teleconference will be Thursday, 10 March 2022 at 22:00 UTC. However, if the GWG approves the reply to the ICANN Board before that date, then there will be no need for a teleconference.

There were no additional agenda items.

Adjournment
Ted Hardie adjourned the teleconference at 22:33 UTC.