

Root Server System Governance Working Group

Teleconference 45 | Thursday, 2 June 2022 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

RSS GWG

Fred Baker	RSOs
Kim Davies	Liaison from the IANA
Wes Hardaker	RSOs
Hiro Hotta	RSOs
Geoff Huston	IAB
Peter Koch	ccTLD Registries
Lars-Johan Liman	RSOs
Akinori Maemura	Alternate Liaison from the ICANN Board
Kurt Pritz	gTLD Registries
Ashwin Rangan	RSOs
Jim Reid	IAB
Ken Renard	RSOs
Karl Reuss	RSOs
Barbara Schleckser	RSOs
Tripti Sinha	Liaison from the ICANN Board
Ryan Stephenson	RSOs
Brad Verd	RSOs
Paul Vixie	RSOs
Duane Wessels	Liaison from the RZM
Suzanne Woolf	SSAC

Absent

Luis Diego Espinoza	ccTLD Registries
Kaveh Ranjbar	RSOs
Hanyu Yang	gTLD Registries

Observers

Robert Carolina	RSOs
Samantha Eisner	ICANN org
Paul Hoffman	ICANN org
David Olive	ICANN org

Jeff Osborn	RSOs
Wendy Profit	ICANN org
Carlos Reyes	ICANN org
Erum Welling	RSOs

MINUTES

Call to Order

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

Welcome New GWG Member

Brad Verd welcomed the new GWG member from the IAB. Jim Reid introduced himself.

Review Draft Minutes of Teleconference 44

Carlos Reyes reviewed the draft minutes for teleconference 44 on 5 May 2022. There were no objections to publishing the draft minutes.

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

Review ICANN74 Schedule

Carlos Reyes reviewed the schedule of planned GWG sessions during ICANN74 and encouraged the GWG to register. Jim Reid asked how many GWG members were expected to attend in person. Carlos Reyes noted that 13 of the 21 members intend to attend in person. Brad Verd explained that two sessions during ICANN74 will be dedicated to applying the success criteria for root server system (RSS) governance to the affiliate organization and Supporting Organization models. These two sessions will be led by small teams of GWG members.

Engagement and Discussion of RSSAC058

Brad Verd asked the GWG if there were any questions about Section C in RSSAC058, which the GWG reviewed during teleconference 44. There were no questions.

Brad Verd introduced Robert Carolina to facilitate the discussion of Section B of RSSAC058. Robert Carolina highlighted the criteria such as the transition to a permanent governance structure which includes constitutional documents and sufficient detail. Robert Carolina noted that there will be compromises in how success criteria are interpreted and prioritized but they

should all be addressed. Parties subject to the authority of the governance structure need to agree to the final terms.

Ashwin Rangan asked a clarifying question about subject matter expertise. Robert Carolina explained that the GWG should include as much detail as possible so that subject matter experts such as lawyers can propose the appropriate structure and processes. Ashwin Rangan noted that the ICANN org legal team provided excellent support during the IANA stewardship transition. Jim Reid cautioned against limiting subject matter expertise to legal advice. Robert Carolina explained that the transition to a new governance structure must not impact the operational stability of the RSS.

Ken Renard asked if the success criteria also apply to potential future root server operators (RSOs). Lars-Johan Liman suggested focusing on the current RSOs because that will likely create enough options. Kurt Pritz asked for examples of why an RSO would not be able to participate in a new RSS governance structure. Samantha Eisner explained that the intent is to ensure prescriptive requirements (such as non profit status or contracting with ICANN) are not part of the expectations of the new RSS governance structure to avoid exclusion of any potential future RSO.

Robert Carolina reviewed Section A again at a high level. Brad Verd noted that developing scenarios helps to identify gaps. Robert Carolina offered to help the GWG small teams applying the success criteria to the affiliate organization and Supporting Organization models.

Any Other Business

Brad Verd thanked Robert Carolina for guiding the GWG through RSSAC058 and reminded the GWG that the ICANN Board directed the GWG to incorporate the success criteria into its work. Ken Renard asked how the small teams should structure their sessions. Brad Verd left it up to each small team to decide.

There were no additional agenda items. The next teleconference will be Thursday, 30 June 2022 at 22:00 UTC.

Adjournment

Brad Verd adjourned the teleconference at 22:56 UTC.