

Root Server System Governance Working Group

Teleconference 51 | Thursday, 3 November 2022 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

RSS GWG

Fred Baker	RSOs
Kim Davies	Liaison from the IANA
Luis Diego Espinoza	ccTLD registries
Wes Hardaker	RSOs
Hiro Hotta	RSOs
Peter Koch	ccTLD registries
Kurt Pritz	gTLD registries
Ashwin Rangan	RSOs
Ken Renard	RSOs
Karl Reuss	RSOs
Ryan Stephenson	RSOs
Brad Verd	RSOs
Paul Vixie	RSOs
Duane Wessels	Liaison from the RZM
Suzanne Woolf	SSAC

Absent

Lars-Johan Liman	RSOs
Kaveh Ranjbar	RSOs
Jim Reid	IAB
Barbara Schleckser	RSOs
Hanyu Yang	gTLD registries

Observers

John Augenstein	RSOs
Robert Carolina	RSOs
Jeff Osborn	RSOs
Erum Welling	RSOs
Paul Hoffman	ICANN org
Carlos Reyes	ICANN org

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Call to Order

Brad Verd called the teleconference to order at 22:03 UTC and reviewed the proposed agenda. There were no objections to the agenda.

Administration

Carlos Reyes reviewed the information for the upcoming GWG workshop in December 2022. Funded travelers will soon receive reservation details. All other travelers may make reservations at their convenience. Breakfast and lunch will be provided all three days of the workshop.

Brad Verd informed the GWG of the new liaison and alternate liaison from the ICANN Board: Christan Kaufmann and Edmon Chung, respectively.

Draft Chair's Report

Brad Verd reviewed the draft chair's report on the discussions in Kuala Lumpur. The draft chair's report also includes all previous communication that led to those six work sessions. In particular, Brad Verd highlighted the distinction between governance principles and governance structure. This is especially important as the GWG considers its next steps. After defining governance principles, the GWG will develop governance processes. Ultimately, the governance structure will define the controls for shared power, responsibility, resources, and accountability. The objective for the upcoming GWG workshop is to finish developing the governance principles. Brad Verd also noted the distinction between architecture and governance.

Brad Verd outlined the three ongoing areas of discussion: separation and balance of powers, designation and removal of RSOs, and RSS financing. Geoff Huston asked the GWG to consider the issue of RSS survivability and RSO self-governance. Brad Verd asked if these issues could be considered part of the separation and balance of powers area; Geoff Huston agreed. Brad Verd also noted that the rapporteur approach worked well in Kuala Lumpur. The work sessions expanded the ongoing discussions and generated positive feedback from GWG members and observers. Brad Verd asked the GWG if there was any feedback on the draft chair's report. There was no feedback.

Brad Verd reviewed the proposed agenda for the upcoming GWG workshop in December 2022. Ashwin Rangan supported the proposed order of topics and suggested a "parking lot" to return to topics later in the schedule. Wes Hardaker suggested better allocation of time for separation and balance of powers. Geoff Huston recommended leaving the third day open to provide more flexibility based on the discussions the first two days. Brad Verd explained that the discussions will serve as a barometer of what GWG members currently think and all the topics are interrelated. Kurt Pritz agreed. Jeff Osborn advised against leaving a substantive area for the end. Brad Verd agreed to circulate a revised version of the workshop agenda.

Paul Hoffman noted that the designation and removal topic did not include voluntary resignation of an RSO as explained in RSSAC037.

Any Other Business

There were no additional agenda items. The next teleconference will be Thursday, 17 November 2022 at 22:00 UTC.

Adjournment

Brad Verd adjourned the teleconference at 22:38 UTC.