

**Root Server System Governance Working Group**  
Teleconference 57 | Thursday, 18 May 2023 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

**RSS GWG**

John Augenstein	RSOs
Kim Davies	Liaison from the IANA
Luis Diego Espinoza	ccTLD registries
Hans Petter Holen	RSOs
Hiro Hotta	RSOs
Geoff Huston	IAB
Peter Koch	ccTLD registries
Jeff Osborn	RSOs
Kurt Pritz	gTLD registries
Jim Reid	IAB
Ken Renard	RSOs
Karl Reuss	RSOs
Brad Verd	RSOs
Suzanne Woolf	SSAC

**Absent**

Edmon Chung	Liaison from the ICANN Board (Alternate)
Wes Hardaker	RSOs
Christian Kaufmann	Liaison from the ICANN Board
Lars-Johan Liman	RSOs
Ashwin Rangan	RSOs
Barbara Schleckser	RSOs
Paul Vixie	RSOs
Duane Wessels	Liaison from the RZM
Hanyu Yang	gTLD registries

**Observers**

Robert Carolina	RSOs
Andrew Kimble	RSOs
Erum Welling	RSOs

**ICANN staff support**

Samantha Eisner  
Paul Hoffman  
David Olive  
Carlos Reyes

## MINUTES

### **Call to Order**

Brad Verd called the teleconference to order at 22:02 UTC and reviewed the proposed agenda. There were no objections to the agenda.

### **Administration**

Carlos Reyes reviewed the draft minutes of teleconference 56 on 6 April 2023. There were no objections to publishing the draft minutes.

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

There was one candidate for GWG chair after the nomination period. Therefore, the GWG elected the candidate by acclamation on 16 April 2023. Jeff Osborn provided the motion to confirm the election of Brad Verd as GWG chair, and Ken Renard provided the second. There were no objections.

### **April 2023 Workshop Questionnaires**

Brad Verd noted the productive workshop in Washington, D.C. The GWG agreed to conduct another round of questionnaires on the proposed governance principles. There have been limited responses. Brad Verd explained that the questionnaires will remain open so that there is more data and encouraged GWG members to respond.

Brad Verd asked GWG members if there are any impediments to completing the questionnaires. Jeff Osborn asked how many responses had been recorded so far. Brad Verd stated that less than a third of GWG members have responded. Robert Carolina suggested that as long as GWG members respond in the next two to three weeks, the GWG could still have substantive discussions during ICANN77. Brad Verd stated that the focus of the ICANN77 discussions will be the considerations for implementation for each proposed governance principle. This approach may help generate more alignment in the GWG.

Suzanne Woolf noted that most GWG members are in agreement with the proposed governance principles following the April 2023 workshop. Geoff Huston advocated for a more cautious approach because there are still some gaps to be addressed in some proposed governance principles, which reflect the diversity of the GWG. Robert Carolina suggested reframing the considerations for implementation as interpretation notes to provide for more expansion on specific proposed governance principles. Suzanne Woolf stated that the GWG may have reached the point to test the proposed governance principles with considerations for implementation.

Geoff Huston acknowledged that time is passing on this work. It may be time to move on, but some important matters require further discussion. Jim Reid suggested a deadline may be helpful to prompt more responses. Brad Verd stated that the last round of questionnaires did not achieve 100% response rate, but this round has not achieved a critical mass yet.

Hans Petter Holen noted there are limits to proceeding without consensus. Brad Verd clarified that the questionnaires are not votes. Jim Reid stated that, in practice, silence implies consent in most calls for consensus. Hans Petter Holen appreciated the reminders to respond. Brad Verd reminded the GWG that its success depends on how well the consenting parties accept the outcome. Kurt Pritz requested that discussions during ICANN77 focus on implementation of proposed governance principles with agreement.

ACTION ITEM: Carlos Reyes to remind GWG members about completing the questionnaires.

**Any Other Business**

Brad Verd outlined the schedule of four sessions planned for ICANN77 and committed to develop agendas for review on 1 June 2023.

**Adjournment**

Brad Verd adjourned the teleconference at 22:31 UTC.