

Root Server System Governance Working Group

Teleconference #6 | 14 May 2020 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

RSS GWG

Joe Abley	SSAC Representative
Luis Espinoza	ccTLD Registries Representative
Ted Hardie	IAB Representative
Hiro Hotta	RSO Representative
Geoff Huston	IAB Representative
Lito Ibarra	Alternate Liaison from the ICANN Board
Peter Janssen	ccTLD Registries Representative
Lars-Johan Liman	RSO Representative
Kurt Pritz	gTLD Registries Representative
Naela Sarras	Liaison from the IANA
Tripti Sinha	Liaison from the ICANN Board
Brad Verd	RSO Representative
Duane Wessels	Liaison from Root Zone Maintainer
Hanyu Yang	gTLD Registries Representative

ICANN org

Xavier Calvez
Paul Hoffman
Becky Nash
Wendy Profit
Carlos Reyes

Observers

Yaxian Li

MINUTES

Call to Order

Ted Hardie 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 draft minutes of teleconference #5 on 30 April 2020. There were no objections to publish the minutes.

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

Overview of ICANN org Finance and Procurement Functions

Xavier Calvez introduced Becky Nash to provide an overview of the ICANN org Finance and Procurement functions. Becky Nash reviewed the Project Support Team framework for ICANN community groups which includes project planning, subject matter expert oversight, budgeting and forecasting, and monthly reporting of the entire project's expenses and key milestones. Next, Becky Nash reviewed the functional areas of procurement, accounting, billing and accounts receivable, financial and management reporting, and budgeting and forecasting.

“Drawing the Line” Discussion

The RSS GWG revisited the discussion about the scope of its mandate. Geoff Huston stated that the envisaged governance model must be responsive to the evolution of requirements. The RSS GWG model should address responsiveness to changes in root service. Lars-Johan Liman agreed, noting that this is part of the intent of the Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Function (SAPF) in RSSAC037.

Ted Hardie made two points. The SAPF merits sufficient resourcing for analysis to ground its recommendations. The structures in the RSS GWG model should be capable of self-modifying their charters and roles based on evolution in root service. This resists ossification but could increase risks such as capture.

Geoff Huston noted that the RSS GWG should consider integrating more stakeholders of root service in its model. Lars-Johan Liman reiterated that the SAPF would facilitate interaction of these stakeholders. Paul Hoffman suggested that more work needs to be done in specifying these stakeholders. Tripti Sinha offered more context from the development of RSSAC037. Joe Abley agreed with the discussion.

DECISION: The RSS GWG agreed that the SAPF is the function which it will describe first. The SAPF should have the ability to evolve root service and to evolve itself. Its design may be significantly broader and different to the existing model.

Ted Hardie suggested that the RSS GWG may want to consider multiple design options for the SAPF as discussions continue in the coming weeks and as writing begins in the coming months.

Any Other Business

There were no additional agenda items.

Adjournment

Ted Hardie adjourned the teleconference at 22:59 UTC.