

Root Server System Governance Working Group

Teleconference 76 | Thursday, 22 August 2024 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

RSS GWG

Edmon Chung	Liaison from the ICANN Board (Alternate)
Luis Diego Espinoza	ccTLD registries
Hiro Hotta	RSOs
Geoff Huston	IAB
Lars-Johan Liman	RSOs
Jeff Osborn	RSOs
Ken Renard	RSOs
Brad Verd	RSOs
Duane Wessels	Liaison from the RZM
Suzanne Woolf	SSAC

Excused

Kim Davies	Liaison from the IANA
Wes Hardaker	RSOs
Christian Kaufmann	Liaison from the ICANN Board
Peter Koch	ccTLD registries
Ashwin Rangan	RSOs
Karl Reuss	RSOs

Absent

John Augenstein	RSOs
Hans Petter Holen	RSOs
Kurt Pritz	gTLD registries
Jim Reid	IAB
Barbara Schleckser	RSOs
Paul Vixie	RSOs
Hanyu Yang	gTLD registries

Observers

Robert Carolina	RSOs
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ICANN staff support

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

The RSS GWG reviewed the draft minutes of teleconference 75. There were no objections to publishing the draft minutes.

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

What are the stages to achieve a turnkey model?

Brad Verd recalled that the previous discussion focused on decision-making of the RSS GS Council, so this discussion will focus on decision-making of other stakeholders.

The bootstrap phase for the RSOs includes maintaining operational autonomy, approving the RSS GS charter, participating in the RSS GS, and serving on the committees of the RSS GS Council.

Other Participant Stakeholder Communities would be able to approve the RSS GS charter, participate in the RSS GS, and serve on the committees of the RSS GS Council. Ken Renard asked about the mechanics of ensuring the Other Participant Stakeholder Communities are invited to participate in the RSS GS. Robert Carolina urged the RSS GWG to not worry about those details because there is a principle for broad participation. Peter Koch cautioned that there may be interdependencies related to appointments from the Other Participant Stakeholder Communities. Hans Petter Holen explained that there would likely be some Participant Stakeholder Communities from day one of the RSS GS. Brad Verd reiterated that determining how the RSS GS invites specific groups is not the job of the RSS GWG. John Crain suggested that without a mechanism for inviting specific groups then it is not possible to identify the Participant Stakeholder Communities in the bootstrap phase. Robert Carolina proposed that one of the first work items for the RSS GS is to determine how to get participation beyond the TLD registries and RSOs. Therefore, Other Participant Stakeholders would get involved in the RSS GS after the bootstrap phase. Kurt Pritz said it would be a risk to the success of the RSS GWG if it developed recommendations without meaningful participation by Other Participant Stakeholders. Brad Verd stressed that participation by Other Participant Stakeholders would be an early focus of the RSS GS, and Kurt Pritz agreed that it would be alright.

The RSS GS Council would specify which committees exist in the bootstrap phase and delegate any powers accordingly. Ken Renard noted that practically the committees may not be populated until after the Other Participant Stakeholders are identified and are participating in the RSS GS.

The RSS GWG agreed that the secretariat would report to the RSS GS Council and perform lightweight administrative tasks in the bootstrap phase.

For governance funding in the bootstrap phase, the voluntary contributions would likely come from the Participant Stakeholder Communities. The turnkey phase would include compelled contributions from the Participant Stakeholder Communities. At some point, the funding source has to be identified and funds have to be committed. Hans Petter Holen provided the example

of how the five Regional Internet Registries rotated the secretariat for the Address Supporting Organization but then eventually pooled resources for a permanent secretariat.

For operations funding, the RSOs would continue to self-fund in the bootstrap and turnkey phases.

In terms of norms and obligations for the bootstrap phase, Brad Verd stated that the RSS GWG previously agreed that the commitment to participate in the RSS GS from the Participant Stakeholder Communities should be documented. Samantha Eisner also proposed a commitment to participate in the continued evolution of the RSS GS. Robert Carolina suggested that a charter could serve this purpose.

Any Other Business

There were no additional agenda items.

Adjournment

Brad Verd adjourned the teleconference at 22:57 UTC.