Root Server System Governance Working Group
Teleconference #9 | 25 June 2020 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

RSS GWG
Joe Abley   SSAC Representative
Luis Diego 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
Tripti Sinha   Liaison from the ICANN Board
Brad Verd   RSO Representative
Duane Wessels   Liaison from the Root Zone Maintainer

ICANN org
Paul Hoffman
Becky Nash
Wendy Profit
Carlos Reyes

Observers
Yaxian Li

Apologies
Naela Sarras   Liaison from the IANA

Absences
Hanyu Yang   gTLD Registries Representative

MINUTES

Call to Order
Ted Hardie called the teleconference to order at 22:01 UTC and reviewed the proposed agenda.
There were no objections to the agenda.

Administration

Carlos Reyes reviewed the draft minutes of teleconference #8 on 11 June 2020. There were no objections to publish the minutes.

Public Root Services Proposal Discussion

Geoff Huston reviewed the current PRS proposal, providing an update on the work of the drafting team. The current PRS proposal includes provisions about its corporate structure; the composition of its board; and its relationship to the RSSAC, IETF, and root server operators. Contrats with the root server operators could include financial remuneration (i.e., the Finance Function). There are recent additions to the proposal about the sensitivity of data from DNS queries; moreover, the PRS would also execute the Performance Monitoring and Measurement Function. Root Server Operator Review Panels would perform the Designation and Removal Function.

The RSS GWG discussed the current PRS proposal:
- Lars-Johan Liman noted that the core features of the Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Function were not captured in the PRS proposal. More discussion and work is needed to ensure the functions from RSSAC037 are reflected in the future organization.
- Duane Wessels suggested a diagram could help RSS GWG members understand the PRS proposal.

ACTION ITEM: Carlos Reyes to create a separate document with a diagram of the PRS proposal.

- Joe Abley asked about circular governance relationships in the PRS proposal and about clarifying the use of RSSAC, RSSAC Caucus and Root Ops. Lars-Johan Liman suggested that references to the RSSAC should only refer to the current RSSAC.
- Brad Verd emphasized that the IANA functions (where root data originates) should have a direct connection to root service in the future organization, perhaps even the current Public Technical Identifiers (PTI).
- Paul Hoffman advised the RSS GWG to ensure it understands the origins of PTI before mimicking it in the PRS proposal.
- Ted Hardie noted that identifying a certain group to appoint members of the PRS board does not mean that group would end up with appointments of its members to the PRS board. This can be specified in the charter.
- Kurt Pritz noted that the RSS GWG should be prepared to provide a rationale for the PRS model that aligns with why PTI was established. The RSS GWG should be cautious with community-led reviews and how many appointments the ICANN Nominating Committee would make to the PRS board. The mechanisms for funding will have a significant effect on the development of the future organization.
- Ted Hardie advised against expanding the purpose of PTI to include the PRS proposal because it would require considerable community discussion and approval.

- Geoff Huston suggested independent subject-matter experts such as an audit may be a more appropriate review mechanism. The Strategic, Architecture, and Policy Function (SAPF) should report to and be held accountable to the PRS. Reusing the PTI model makes more sense than to change PTI.
- Kurt Pritz agreed that the SAPF should not report to the ICANN Board. In the future organization, there should be some direct communication between a community group representing the root server operators and the ICANN Board.
- Lars-Johan Liman would like to see the PRS bound by the community-developed policy recommendations of the SAPF.
- Geoff Huston noted that root server operators would have to provide root service as outlined in its contract(s) with PRS. Ted Hardie agreed.
- Ted Hardie noted that the SAPF could advise both the ICANN Board and the single member of the PRS.

Ted Hardie suggested that unresolved issues in the PRS proposal document will be addressed with separate documents to keep the discussion organized. Geoff Huston noted concern about the pace of work and suggested increasing the frequency of teleconferences. Tripti Sinha preferred writing a thoughtful proposal than meeting the deadline. Ted Hardie emphasized the value of early community input.

ACTION ITEM: Carlos Reyes to facilitate PRS discussion with a drafting team consisting of Luis Diego Espinoza, Ted Hardie, Geoff Huston, and Lars-Johan Liman.

Any Other Business
There were no additional agenda items.

Adjournment
Ted Hardie adjourned the teleconference at 23:02 UTC.