

Root Server System Governance Working Group

Teleconference #37 | 13 January 2021 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

RSS GWG

Kim Davies	Liaison from the IANA
Ted Hardie	IAB Representative
Geoff Huston	IAB 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 RZM
Suzanne Woolf	SSAC Representative
Hanyu Yang	gTLD Registries Representative

Absences

Luis Diego Espinoza	ccTLD Registries Representative
Hiro Hotta	RSO Representative
Akinori Maemura	Alternate Liaison from the ICANN Board

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Xavier Calvez
Sam Eisner
Paul Hoffman
David Olive
Wendy Profit
Carlos Reyes
Mary Wong

MINUTES

Call to order

Ted Hardie called the teleconference to order at 22:04 UTC and reviewed the proposed agenda. There were no objections to the agenda.

Administration

Carlos Reyes reviewed the minutes for teleconference 36 on 16 December 2021. There were no objections to publishing the draft minutes.

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

Draft Response to 2 December 2021 Letter from the ICANN Board

Ted Hardie reviewed the draft response to the 2 December 2021 letter from the ICANN Board. Kurt Pritz asked if “full consensus” meant “unanimity”. Ted Hardie confirmed that intent and noted that it did not mean without compromise. Suzanne Woolf reiterated the importance of differentiating between the procedures of the GWG and the potential governance model. Mary Wong noted the practical challenges of requiring full consensus and asked the GWG if it had considered other approaches. Suzanne Woolf asked what the expected outcome would be of sending the letter. Ted Hardie explained that the ICANN Board will have to review the requested charter adjustments and set out a new timeline for the GWG work plan.

Review of RSSAC058

Geoff Huston stated that it would be useful to understand the delta from RSSAC037 to RSSAC058. Ted Hardie asked the GWG what mechanism would facilitate the review. Geoff Huston reiterated that understanding differences would be critical to avoid wasting time. Ted Hardie suggested smaller teams of GWG members could compare the three documents. Geoff Huston suggested the GWG review the documents based on previous experiences with smaller teams.

The GWG reviewed the success criteria in RSSAC058. Geoff Huston noted that the gating function for the success criteria was the approval of the RSOs not the approval of RSSAC even though it is an RSSAC publication for practical reasons. Brad Verd clarified that the success criteria are for any governance model not just the GWG proposal and reminded the GWG that the RSOs have been providing feedback. Lars-Johan Liman emphasized the importance of RSO autonomy and independence for any governance model. Ted Hardie acknowledged this

principle and also highlighted the need to balance the success criteria. Finally, Ted Hardie cited the definitions of technical diversity and organizational diversity.

Any other business

There were no additional agenda items.

Adjournment

Ted Hardie adjourned the teleconference at 22:53 UTC.