

Root Server System Governance Working Group
Teleconference 60 | Thursday, 13 July 2023 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

RSS GWG

Kim Davies	Liaison from the IANA
Luis Diego Espinoza	ccTLD registries
Hiro Hotta	RSOs
Geoff Huston	IAB
Peter Koch	ccTLD registries
Lars-Johan Liman	RSOs
Jeff Osborn	RSOs
Kurt Pritz	gTLD registries
Ashwin Rangan	RSOs
Jim Reid	IAB
Ken Renard	RSOs
Karl Reuss	RSOs
Brad Verd	RSOs
Duane Wessels	Liaison from the RZM
Suzanne Woolf	SSAC

Excused

Christian Kaufmann	Liaison from the ICANN Board
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Absent

John Augenstein	RSOs
Edmon Chung	Liaison from the ICANN Board (Alternate)
Wes Hardaker	RSOs
Hans Petter Holen	RSOs
Barbara Schleckser	RSOs
Paul Vixie	RSOs
Hanyu Yang	gTLD registries

Observers

Robert Carolina	RSOs
David Conrad	RSOs
Andrew Kimble	RSOs
Erum Welling	RSOs

ICANN staff support

Paul Hoffman
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 noted that the minutes for teleconferences 59 and 60 will be available for review by teleconference 61.

Designation and Removal of RSOs

Brad Verd noted that candidate principle 2.40 on objective and transparent criteria for designation and removal received unanimous support. Suzanne Woolf reiterated that the eventual Root Server System Governance Structure (RSS GS) should have the ability to evolve. Kurt Pritz reiterated that designation and removal of Root Server Operators (RSOs) are two distinct actions that should be treated separately.

Candidate principle 2.41 on impartiality of decision-making also received unanimous support. Jim Reid and Suzanne Woolf stressed the importance of fairness. Geoff Huston cautioned that impartiality may be difficult to implement. Robert Carolina agreed and suggested impartiality could be defined in implementation. Suzanne Woolf explained that the candidate principle needs more context. Jim Reid noted that impartiality could be determined by the Internet community when a designation or removal of an RSO occurs.

Ken Renard sought clarification on the word “additional” in candidate principle 2.60 about technical necessity for a designation or removal of an RSO. Suzanne Woolf emphasized the importance of future-proofing the candidate principle. Peter Koch asked if technical necessity implies there is a defined number of RSOs. Robert Carolina explained that the candidate principle should apply to both scenarios when a current RSO is being replaced and when a new RSO is being designated. Duane Wessels stated that candidate principle 2.60 should be about the number of RSOs, and candidate principle 2.70 should be about the characteristics of RSOs. Robert Carolina agreed that these are two different issues. Brad Verd suggested that the RSS GS will have to define a range for the number of RSOs. Geoff Huston stated that the criteria for dropping the number of RSOs is about mitigating harm, and the criteria for raising the number of RSOs is about RSS improvement. Therefore, there is asymmetry between each change. Robert Carolina proposed focusing candidate principle 2.60 on the number of RSO designations and candidate principle 2.70 on issues of RSO organizational identity. Ken Renard encouraged referencing RSSAC024 in the interpretation note. Suzanne Woolf and Jim Reid identified potential issues for implementation.

Candidate principle 2.80 on differentiated treatment of RSO designation and removal received unanimous support. Comments from Suzanne Woolf and Kurt Pritz have been previously addressed.

Robert Carolina proposed deleting candidate principle 2.29 on balance of coverage. There were no objections. Brad Verd asked the GWG about the re-wording of candidate principle 2.30 on the global and universal scope of root service; Geoff Huston and Robert Carolina supported the new draft. There were no objections. Brad Verd reviewed candidate principle 2.31 on the global and universal scope of RSO service. There were no objections.

Any Other Business

The GWG reviewed the schedule of upcoming teleconferences. There were no additional agenda items.

Adjournment

Brad Verd adjourned the teleconference at 23:00 UTC.