
BRENDA BREWER:

Thank you, Russ. Good day, everyone. This is Brenda speaking. Welcome to the SSR2 Plenary call #109 on the 22nd of April 2020 at 1400 UTC.

Attending the call today we have Kaveh, Danko, Russ, Laurin, Naveed, Zarko, and Scott. Apologies from Kerry-Ann, Boban, Eric, Alain, Ramkrishna, and Jabhera. Observing us today are Ramanou and Dennis. And attending from ICANN Org is Jennifer, Steve, and Brenda. Technical Writer Heather is on the call.

Today's meeting is being recorded. Please state your name before speaking for the record. Russ, I'll turn the call over to you today. Thank you.

RUSS HOUSLEY:

Thank you. So, the things we want to do today are, make sure that everybody is working along on the sub-teams to resolve the public comments. The spreadsheet on the agenda, the first link in the spreadsheet has the list of the teams. And each of the teams has a name that is bold. We're asking that person to act as the rapporteur for that sub-team.

The first question I have is whether any of the sub-teams' rapporteurs have any issues they need to bring back to the whole team at this time? Okay. Hearing none, what I'm hoping is that these teams are making progress or at least getting organized to make progress. If we are able to finish the summary comments today, what we'll do is not have a call next week so that the sub-teams can get together in this time slot in

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addition to any other time. So, let's see if we can do that. So, in the agenda, the second link is the public comments spreadsheet. And I thought I had marked where we left off.

HEATHER FLANAGAN: Line 138 on the second tab.

RUSS HOUSLEY: Yes, we did. Sorry, we're in Organized by section tab and we were discussing row 367 when we ran out of time last week. So, we had gotten to the point where we said, "Each of the sub-teams needs to make sure the recommendations that they're dealing with are SMART. And that we did not believe that any of the recommendations we were making were outside of the remit of ICANN." So, we kind of came to that last point just as the call was ending. So please take a minute and review this and see if there is anything else we want to do regarding this one. Heather, can you remind us whether the citation on page 31 has been filled in?

HEATHER FLANAGAN: Probably not. We haven't gone back in and dealt with any of the citations at this time.

RUSS HOUSLEY: Okay. So, another part of the response is that we will fill that in. Okay. Is there anything else to do here? Okay.

Let's turn to row 368, comment from SSAC. My gut reaction is to assign this to the Abuse sub-team. Basically, what they're saying is between now and SSR3, it's not even remotely possible that DNS abuse will be eliminated. So, what is the yardstick for have made progress on this?

SCOTT MCCORMICK: Hey, Russ. On this one I mean; I agree that I don't think we're ever going to effectively make DNS abuse go away. Right? We can track metrics on it. But it's just like spam, right? We do our best but it's still pervasive.

RUSS HOUSLEY: I think that's right. So, we should identify the metric and how much of a dent we can hope for.

SCOTT MCCORMICK: Yeah. There should be some sort of metric that we can track against versus trying to eliminate it. Right? And obviously, if there is a kind of natural disaster or pandemics and stuff like that it's going to spike. So, it's not always going to be a downward trend in the metric.

RUSS HOUSLEY: I think we should assign this to sub-team 11.

LAURIN WEISSINGER: Yeah. I think that this is definitely an aspect that we can always think of two ways of doing this. One is looking at metrics and the other one is, and I think this is a relevant one that's why I'm raising my voice for this

review team which is proposing certain controls or mitigation strategies. So, you should be able to say, "Have these been implemented." Right?

So, this would be the other one. In general, looking at the last one and this one, we might want to consider adding a bit more detail on essentially the whole landscape where we locate ICANN in there because then I think we would address both issues in one go essentially.

RUSS HOUSLEY: Sure. All right. Anything else on row 368? Okay. Let's move to 369. Okay. Which recommendation is page 51 part of?

HEATHER FLANAGAN: I'll sort that out. I think this is wherever they have, "The citation is left to be added." Because we probably put in brackets, "Citation to be added." That's just a thing that needs to be done.

RUSS HOUSLEY: Right. But let's have the sub-team that's working that page anyway do it.

HEATHER FLANAGAN: Okay. I will find it.

RUSS HOUSLEY: Thank you. Okay. Let's move to 370. So, M3AAWG is asking us to add a recommendation, if I read this right.

LAURIN WEISSINGER: In fact, two.

HEATHER FLANAGAN: That's why I didn't directly assign it so something. I wasn't sure what to do with this.

RUSS HOUSLEY: Yeah. I can see. Well, we do have a privacy-related recommendation that could take on the two, the GDPR and CCPA pieces of this. Is that right? Yeah. Team 29. So, the other one I think the team needs to talk about. Do we want to even say anything about sunseting WHOIS before RDAP is proven?

LAURIN WEISSINGER: Obviously looking at M3AAWG's comment, they are in the weeds with this and obviously want to see a solution here. But there is obviously a whole different process in place to deal with WHOIS and there is ...

RUSS HOUSLEY: Right. So, they just want another voice.

LAURIN WEISSINGER: Yes. So, what I'm wondering about is, and I think we need to have a discussion about this at some point. Right? We're just like, "From our perspective as SSR how important this is." Should we make a comment

about this, number one, and two, should this comment reach the level of a recommendation. So, I mean we could talk about it but not make a recommendation. Recognizing that there are other people to do this.

RUSS HOUSLEY:

Right. And I happen to totally be in favor of RDAP and the ability to use the login or not log in or the once you've logged in which you're a member of to release more granular information to those people who need it. So, I think it's the right thing to do. They're just afraid we're going to do it before we know that it meets everything that WHOIS does. And from what I've seen of the ICANN plan, it's extremely conservative in making sure that they don't cut over too soon. But frankly, I'd like them to be a little more aggressive. But I don't think that's an SSR issue and certainly, it's not clear it would align with the strategic plan.

LAURIN WEISSINGER:

So, to me, that sounds like we write something about it but don't do a recommendation?

RUSS HOUSLEY:

Well, we could write something in our public response.

LAURIN WEISSINGER:

Exactly, yes.

RUSS HOUSLEY: Okay. Who?

LAURIN WEISSINGER: The abuse team would be the most logical but the problem is I think we give a lot of stuff to the abuse team and the abuse team needs to do all that work.

RUSS HOUSLEY: But they are the ones who do point to the RDS related stuff. Right?

LAURIN WEISSINGER: Yep.

DENISE MICHEL: Can you guys hear me?

RUSS HOUSLEY: Yes. Go ahead.

DENISE MICHEL: Great. Sorry, I was muted. I'll have the group I'm working with take a look at this. I think at a minimum we should make sure that the comments that we aren't able to address are called to the attention of staff. I think one issue that is quite concerning is that even the current minimum RDAP standards are not being properly implemented by a number of contracted parties.

That was brought to light in the recent study that Greg Aaron completed. He might have sent a link to this team. That has, of course, important implications for WHOIS. It does touch on the recommendations and work that this team has done. So, I think that at a minimum the group that is dealing with this in the report should also take a look at this comment.

RUSS HOUSLEY:

Okay. Subteam 11 then I think. Okay. So, we've given two parts to two sub-teams. Is there anything else we need to do here as a whole group? Okay.

Let's move to 371 then. So, one of the things about this is the Operating Standards did not even exist when this team started and we said that we would look at them and implement some things but we would not implement others. So this, I don't remember being in one pile or the other the what inputs did we look at? I remember we chose that we were not going to estimate the cost of implementation. Which is what the end of this statement is talking about. But the first part is not.

LAURIN WEISSINGER:

I think a lot of this can be resolved through dealing with the SMART issue because that would essentially talk about what the decided outcome would be. How you would measure it. Right. And then the problem statements, this is I think something we have to keep in mind when we go through the report again. Make sure this is given every time. With estimating the costs there are good reasons why we're not going to do it. So, I think this is, I feel, this is one that is warranted but I

feel this is a more general one that we need to address, make sure in the end that it's all there. At least these are my two cents.

RUSS HOUSLEY: Okay. So, I think what we just said is, one, we're not going to estimate the resources to implement. Why is that?

HEATHER FLANAGAN: Don't worry. I'll fix it.

RUSS HOUSLEY: But I can't read it.

LAURIN WEISSINGER: Russ, with the resource thing we should I think also mention some of the reasoning. And I remember one part of the reasoning was that in a lot of cases we're not clear what is happening within ICANN and what's already been done. So, it is very hard to estimate how much it would be because it could range from essentially creating something to just taking a few things that already exist and create some documentation or get an audit. Right? So, I think that's important that we say that we have good reasons why we're saying we cannot do this.

RUSS HOUSLEY: Well, we also felt that this was setting up a situation where say we came up with an estimate of \$500,000 for one of our recommendations and then staff goes and estimates it and it's either a \$100,000 or \$2 million

and that is then used as a justification for the team didn't know what we were talking about. So, it ends up being a gotcha instead of a thing that is helping prioritize and facilitate implementation.

LAURIN WEISSINGER: Okay. I'm typing a comment that I will just add as a Google comment so we don't forget this.

RUSS HOUSLEY: To say something about that in the intro or something.

LAURIN WEISSINGER: Yes. And Heather can put it wherever she needs it to have.

RUSS HOUSLEY: That makes sense. Okay. Is there anything else to capture with 371? Okay. Let's look at the last one, 372. If we do this quickly you can get half the time back. Yeah. I think this is a really good comment. We do need to highlight what they call overlap where we know it exists. Anyone think otherwise? Anything else to say here?

Okay. Then that brings us to the any other business part of the agenda. Okay. In terms of confirming actions, the sub-teams need to get together and bring back anything that they think might break consensus in dealing with their groups and the plan will be for there not to be a Plenary call next week but for sub-teams to use that time to get together. I'm not hearing anybody trying to say anything.

LAURIN WEISSINGER: Sounds good.

RUSS HOUSLEY: So, I think that means we're done for today. All right. Thank you, everyone.

LAURIN WEISSINGER: Thank you.

BRENDA BREWER: Thanks, Russ. Thank you. Bye.

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