

RSSAC Meeting Minutes

7 July 2020 | 14:00-15:30 UTC

Attendance

Cogent

DISA Kevin Wright, Ryan Stephenson

ICANN Matt Larson, Terry Manderson

ISC Fred Baker, Jeff Osborn

NASA Tom Miglin

Netnod

RIPE NCC Kaveh Ranjbar

UMD

USC ISI Wes Hardaker, Suzanne Woolf

US ARL Howard Kash, Ken Renard

Verisign Brad Verd

WIDE Hiro Hotta

Liaison to the Board Kaveh Ranjbar

Liaison to the CSC

Liaison to the RZERC Brad Verd

Liaison from the SSAC Russ Mundy

Liaison from the IAB

Liaison from the IANA Functions Operator Naela Sarras

Liaison from the Root Zone Maintainer Duane Wessels

Staff Andrew McConachie, Danielle Rutherford, Ozan Sahin, and Steve Sheng

Apologies: Daniel Migault

Action Items from this Meeting:

- Staff to publish the minutes from 2 June 2020 teleconference.
- Staff to send published minutes from the 2 June 2020 teleconference to the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.
- Staff to add Tim April's application to RSSAC August meeting's agenda and share Tim April's SOI on the RSSAC mailing list.
- Staff to inform the Nominating Committee support staff of RSSAC's appointment and announce the appointment decision on the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.
- If there are no issues with the final report of the CCWG on new gTLD Auction Proceeds at the end of the one-week period, the RSSAC Admin team to draft a response in support of the final report and circulate it on the RSSAC mailing list for input.
- Staff to draft a note explaining the process and informing the Customer Standing Committee that the RSSAC liaison appointment could be communicated on 4 August 2020.

- Staff to add the statement shared by Ken Renard to the draft document and schedule a separate meeting to discuss the remaining items on the RSSAC Operational Procedures update.

Call to Order

Fred Baker called the meeting to order at 14:00 UTC.

Roll Call

Fred Baker conducted a roll call. Quorum was present to conduct the meeting and to take formal action, if necessary.

Agenda Review

Fred Baker reviewed the agenda and there was no objection or requested additions.

Administration

Approval of Minutes

The RSSAC approved the draft minutes from 2 June 2020 teleconference. There were no objections or abstentions.

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RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee

Jeff Osborn reported that the RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee reached out to nine relatively inactive RSSAC Caucus members to see whether they were still interested in being part of the group. Jeff added that half of them responded back and committed to increase their level of activity in the RSSAC Caucus. Jeff also shared that the Committee had recently received an application from Tim April.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to add Tim April's application to RSSAC August meeting's agenda and share Tim April's SOI on the RSSAC mailing list.

Outgoing RSSAC Liaison Appointments

Fred Baker reported that nomination periods recently closed on three RSSAC outgoing liaison roles to various groups. Amir Qayyum was the only volunteer to serve as the RSSAC Liaison to the ICANN Nominating Committee. RSSAC elected Amir Qayyum as the RSSAC Liaison to the 2021 ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom) by acclamation. Motion by Brad Verd, second by Wes Hardaker.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to inform the Nominating Committee support staff of the RSSAC's appointment and announce the appointment decision on the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.

Fred Baker reported that no applications were received to serve as the RSSAC Liaison to the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) except from Lars-Johan Liman who had indicated his willingness to continue in this role but would be term limited as per the RSSAC Operational Procedures.

Brad Verd shared with the group that Lars-Johan Liman had been the chair of the CSC since ICANN66 and given that no other applications were received, it would be worthwhile to make an exception on the term limits and reappoint Lars-Johan Liman. The RSSAC decided to defer the agenda items on the liaison to the CSC and RZERC appointments to after the discussion on the "RSSAC Operational Procedures Update".

Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG) on New gTLD Auction Proceeds - Final Report

Ozan Sahin provided a background on the final report of the CCWG on new gTLD Auction Proceeds. Ozan added that the RSSAC needed to indicate its support to the final report as a chartering organization in this CCWG by 31 July 2020 if it had no issues with the report. Ozan explained that after receiving support from all of the chartering organizations the CCWG would submit its recommendations on the final report to the ICANN Board for its consideration.

Brad Verd discussed that the DNS root service related examples in Annex D (pages 50 and 51) of the final report were added to the original list and stayed there in the final report. Brad added that the RSSAC Admin team was fine with the report. Fred Baker requested the RSSAC members to provide their issues with the report in a week.

ACTION ITEM: If there are no issues with the final report of the CCWG on new gTLD Auction Proceeds at the end of the one-week period, the RSSAC Admin team to draft a response in support of the final report and circulate it on the RSSAC mailing list for input.

Independent Review Process (IRP) - Establishment of the Standing Panel

Ozan Sahin provided a background on an accountability mechanism at ICANN, the independent review process. Ozan reminded the RSSAC members that ICANN organization was seeking input from SOs and ACs on whether to (1) leverage the existence of the IRP Implementation Oversight Team (IRP-IOT) or to (2) form a new separate group; in order to evaluate the expressions of interest to serve on the Standing Panel.

Work Items

Tool to Gather A Local Perspective of the RSS Work Party Update

Ken Renard reported that Abdulkarim Oloyede from the RSSAC Caucus took over as the work party leader and the work party had its third meeting on 29 June. Ken noted that the work party started a document and invited RSSAC members to review this document.

Effects and Mitigations of a Rogue RSO Work Party

Ken Renard reported that this work party had its third meeting on 30 June during which it discussed whether the work party was talking about “rogue operators” versus “rogue responses”. Ken invited RSSAC members to provide their comments on the working document of this work party.

SLE/SLA Drafting Update

Fred Baker pointed out the SLE/SLA Drafting teleconference on 14 July. Fred invited RSSAC members to review the document and provide their comments before this teleconference.

RSSAC000v5: RSSAC Operational Procedures Update

Andrew McConachie discussed that the RSSAC Operational Procedures suggested RSSAC to review the RSSAC Operational Procedures annually. Andrew continued that staff had gathered three update areas for 2020, namely; liaisons and term limits, translations of the RSSAC documents, and the RSSAC meetings.

Wes Hardaker suggested not restricting the liaison to the NomCom role to the RSSAC members only. Brad Verd agreed with Wes Hardaker. Brad added that he was in full support of changing the outgoing liaison term limits. Hiro Hotta shared with the group that he supported extension of term limits. Russ Mundy stressed the importance of diversity in the NomCom environment and he supported the idea of keeping the NomCom liaison role open to the RSSAC Caucus.

Brad Verd suggested the idea of restricting the outgoing liaison roles to (1) the CSC and (2) the RZERC to the RSSAC. Russ Mundy discussed that it would be wise for some of the outbound liaison positions to be filled by individuals that were part of the RSSAC internal meetings. Russ pointed out the alignment between both the sending and the receiving organizations' procedures and gave the example of Nominating Committee (NomCom) term limits currently being implemented by the NomCom review implementation work party. Duane Wessels noted that it did not make sense for a liaison to the RSSAC to be a liaison to another group. Duane added that Daniel Migault needed to run for the role as an RSSAC Caucus member, not as a liaison to the RSSAC. Jeff Osborn agreed with Duane's idea.

Suzanne Woolf agreed with Brad Verd and Russ Mundy that some outgoing RSSAC liaison roles had better be restricted to the RSSAC members. Suzanne added that she was

uncomfortable with putting a term limit as a hard requirement as this could end up in a position where the RSSAC would not be able to appoint the best possible candidate. She recommended reappointing Lars-Johan Liman as the RSSAC liaison to the CSC. Brad Verd agreed and suggested that the RSSAC chair would make a one-time exception on term limits to accommodate this suggestion. Fred Baker responded that he would be more comfortable to make such an exception if there was a supporting statement on the RSSAC operational procedures.

The RSSAC then discussed the timeline of updating RSSAC000v4, including a discussion on whether to update it with a statement Ken Renard had suggested in the meeting chat box (“*The RSSAC chair may authorize an exception to term limits for the selection of liaisons in extraordinary cases*”) to create RSSAC000v5 and address other updates later in the year to create RSSAC000v6. Fred Baker suggested putting this statement in the minutes of the meeting so that it could serve as the formal documentation of the RSSAC’s agreement without having to create different versions of the RSSAC operational procedures back to back. Suzanne agreed with this idea and there were no objections.

RSSAC decided to waive the term limit requirement for the RSSAC liaison to the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) and update its operational procedures in a way that it would allow the RSSAC chair to make an exception to term limits in such extraordinary cases. It was agreed that the minutes of the 7 July 2020 RSSAC teleconference could serve as the formal documentation to proceed with the appointment of the RSSAC liaison to the CSC with a formal vote on 4 August 2020 RSSAC meeting for this appointment.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to draft a note explaining the process and informing the CSC that the RSSAC liaison appointment could be communicated on 4 August 2020.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to add the statement shared by Ken Renard to the draft document and schedule a separate meeting to discuss the remaining items regarding the RSSAC Operational Procedures update.

Reports

Chair/Vice Chair

Fred Baker reported that he was offered to join a China outreach event in August on the root server system to provide an overview of the evolution work. Fred added that the RSSAC Admin team was in the process of modifying the GAC briefing slide deck to prepare for this presentation. Brad Verd reported that the executive summary of the RSSAC037 was translated into six UN languages other than English and the translated versions were available on the RSSAC web page.

ICANN Board

Kaveh Ranjbar had no update.

RZERC

Brad Verd reported that RZERC would possibly reach out to the RSSAC to validate that RSOs would support the new record type. Brad added that the second document being discussed in RZERC was about the signing of root-servers.net which RZERC agreed to send back to the RSSAC and SSAC to review.

SSAC

Russ Mundy thanked everyone for joining the RSSAC/SSAC joint meeting.

IANA Functions Operator

Naela Sarras had no update.

Root Zone Maintainer

Duane Wessels had no update.

Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSS GWG)

Hiro Hotta reported that RSS GWG had two meetings in June where the discussions focused on the new body to implement RSSAC037 and the tendency was to have a model like the Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) rather than a Supporting Organization (SO) model. Brad Verd added that the work was still premature and the GWG had a long way to go before reaching the state of consensus.

Any Other Business

It was agreed to have the next RSSAC Meeting on Tuesday, 4 August 2020.

Adjournment

The RSSAC concluded the meeting without objections.