

RSSAC Meeting Minutes

3 November 2020 | 15:00-16:30 UTC

Attendance

Cogent

DISA Kevin Wright, Ryan Stephenson

ICANN Matt Larson

ISC Fred Baker, Jeff Osborn

NASA Barbara Schleckser, Tom Miglin

Netnod Lars-Johan Liman

RIPE NCC Kaveh Ranjbar

UMD Karl Reuss

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 Lars-Johan Liman

Liaison to the RZERC Daniel Migault

Liaison from the SSAC Russ Mundy

Liaison from the IAB Daniel Migault

Liaison from the IANA Functions Operator Naela Sarras

Liaison from the Root Zone Maintainer Duane Wessels

Observer Erum Welling (DISA)

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

Action Items from this Meeting:

- Staff to publish the minutes from 6 October 2020 teleconference as well as the Proposed MOU/LOI document.
- Staff to send published minutes from the 6 October 2020 teleconference to the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.
- Staff to add Baojun Liu, Ignatius Nkrumah, and Stephen Crocker to the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.
- RSSAC Admin Team to notify ICANN org on the NextGen program appointments.
- Fred Baker to draft a comment on “Recommendations for Early Warning for Root Zone Scaling” and share it with the RSSAC. Staff to put that comment on a google document and start a doodle poll to schedule a call on Monday, 9 November.

- Suzanne Woolf to check with the IANA Naming Function Review Team to see if a supportive comment from RSSAC would be helpful for their initial report and report back to RSSAC. Fred Baker to work with staff to draft a short supportive comment based on the response from Suzanne Woolf / IFRT.

Call to Order

Fred Baker called the meeting to order at 15:00 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 6 October 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 received three applications from the following three candidates:

- Baoujun Liu
- Ignatius Nkrumah
- Stephen Crocker

Jeff shared with the RSSAC that the recommendation from the Membership Committee was to accept all three applications.

The RSSAC accepted Baojun Liu's, Ignatius Nkrumah's, and Stephen Crocker's RSSAC Caucus membership applications. There were no objections or abstentions.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to add Baojun Liu, Ignatius Nkrumah, and Stephen Crocker to the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.

RSSAC Appointments for NextGen@ICANN Program

Jeff Osborn reported that the only volunteers for the NextGen@ICANN program roles were the following:

- Abdulkarim Oloyede to serve on the NextGen@ICANN Selection Committee
- Dessalegn Yehuala to serve as a NextGen@ICANN Program Mentor

Jeff shared with the RSSAC that the Membership Committee recommended appointing both RSSAC Caucus members to the respective roles they volunteered for.

The RSSAC approved the appointment of Abdulkarim Oloyede as the NextGen@ICANN selection committee member, and the appointment of Dessalegn Yehuala as a NextGen@ICANN program mentor. There were no objections or abstentions.

ACTION ITEM: RSSAC Admin Team to notify ICANN org on the NextGen program appointments.

Kaveh Ranjbar thanked the RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee members for their work. Kaveh invited RSSAC members to think about how RSSAC could onboard the new RSSAC members effectively and update RSSAC000 to reflect these ideas.

Selection Processes

RSSAC Chair

Ozan Sahin reminded the RSSAC that the RSSAC Chair selection process was underway and a 30-day nomination period started on 23 October 2020. Ozan added that the only nomination received was for Fred Baker.

Fred Baker stated that he accepted this nomination, in his response to a question from Lars-Johan Liman.

RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee

Ozan Sahin reported that all three members of the RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee (Alejandro Acosta, Dave Lawrence, and Jeff Osborn) were interested to serve for another year. Ozan reminded the RSSAC that the RSSAC Work Plan suggested appointing the following year's RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee members in December and consequently this would be a vote item on the RSSAC December meeting's agenda.

Work Items

RSSAC Work Plan

Fred Baker went through the 2020 RSSAC Work Plan and invited RSSAC members to provide their comments in order to update the work plan for 2021.

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

Ken Renard reported that the work party had its latest meeting at ICANN69 during which the work party pared down the number of user narratives to four. Ken added it was agreed that the implementation of the tool was out of the work party's scope and the focus was on the definition of what the tool had to measure. Ken invited RSSAC members to join the next work party meeting to be held at 16:00 UTC on 23 November.

Effects and Mitigations of a Rogue RSO Work Party Update

Ken Renard reported that the work party document was reorganized and the discussion of unofficial responses was removed. Ken added that out of the four guiding principles being discussed two were subjective and the work party was deliberating whether to keep these principles or not. Ken invited RSSAC members to join the next work party meeting to be held at 14:00 UTC on 24 November.

Public Comments

Recommendations for Early Warning for Root Zone Scaling

Matt Larson explained that this document was an OCTO paper which iterated that looking at the root server system from outside, one could not make judgements about the root zone scalability. Lars-Johan Liman pointed out a report called "Scaling the Root" which was published in 2009. Liman supported the idea of submitting an RSSAC comment for the Public Comment proceeding. Russ Mundy and Brad Verd joined Lars-Joan Liman in supporting the idea of submitting an RSSAC comment.

ACTION ITEM: Fred Baker to draft a comment on "Recommendations for Early Warning for Root Zone Scaling" and share it with the RSSAC. Staff to put that comment on a google document and start a doodle poll to schedule a call on Monday, 9 November.

IANA Naming Function Review Team (IFRT) Initial Report

Suzanne Woolf, the RSSAC liaison to the IFRT, talked through the document and stated that she thought there was not anything in the report that RSSAC needed to object. Brad Verd thanked Suzanne and the IFRT for the report and asked whether the review team needed

support from the RSSAC on the report. Lars-Johan Liman supported the idea of submitting a short supportive RSSAC comment.

ACTION ITEM: Suzanne Woolf to check with IANA Naming Function Review Team to see if a supportive comment from RSSAC would be helpful for their initial report and report back to RSSAC. Fred Baker to work with staff to draft a short supportive comment based on the response from Suzanne Woolf / IFRT.

Recommendations for ICANN's Root Name Service Strategy and Implementation

Brad Verd discussed that a concern he had about the paper was the conflation between two roles; one as an RSO and one as the overseer of the RSS. Fred Baker invited RSSAC members to read the document and share their comments on the mailing list.

Reports

Chair/Vice Chair

Fred Baker reported that ICANN SO/AC Chairs have been discussing the ICANN meeting strategy under COVID-19 conditions.

ICANN Board

Kaveh Ranjbar shared his observation that the ICANN Board was happy with the RSSAC & ICANN Board and RSS GWG interaction at ICANN69 as well as the progress and communication of the RSS GWG work. Kaveh addressed a confusion which grew during the meeting in relation to the PTI model and clarified that the plan was not to have a new structure controlled by ICANN when the work of RSS GWG has been concluded.

CSC

Lars-Johan Liman reported that the Customer Standing Committee had a joint meeting with the PTI Board and talked through some of the recent changes in the composition of the CSC.

RZERC

Daniel Migault had no update.

SSAC

Russ Mundy thanked RSSAC members for joining the RSSAC / SSAC joint meeting at ICANN69.

IAB

Daniel Migault reported that most of the discussion at IAB was about private TLDs. Daniel added that IAB and ICANN Board were exchanging ideas on the topic.

IANA

James Mitchell commented in the chat box that Draft PTI and IANA FY22 Operating Plan and Budgets were open for Public Comment until 30 November 2020. James added that IANA engagement survey invitations were sent out and some RSSAC members may have received them in their RSO contact capacities.

Root Zone Maintainer

Duane Wessels had no update.

Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSS GWG)

Brad Verd reported that the group recently started discussing the topic of funding. Brad added that the group decided to go from a meeting every two weeks to a weekly meeting cadence.

Any Other Business

Fred Baker pointed out the ICANN public meeting strategy survey and invited RSSAC members to participate in the survey which was closing by Thursday, 5 November 2020. It was agreed to have the next RSSAC Meeting on Tuesday, 1 December 2020.

Adjournment

The RSSAC concluded the meeting without objections.