RSSAC Meeting Minutes
2 March 2021 | 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, Patrik Fältström
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
Liaison from the Root Zone Maintainer   Duane Wessels

Observers   Erum Welling (DISA), Jill Place (DISA), Robert Carolina (ISC)

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

Action Items from this Meeting:
- Staff to publish the minutes from 2 February 2021 teleconference.
- Staff to send published minutes from 2 February 2021 teleconference to the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.
- Staff to share the recording from the Briefing by the European Commission on the Recent EU Initiatives on Digital Services and Cybersecurity session.
- Staff to work with the ICANN meetings team to update the session description of Block 3 on 23 March to have a working session on Guiding Principles.
- Staff to work with ICANN org to schedule the RSSAC Strategic Outlook Trend Identification session on Tuesday, 16 March 14:00-15:30 UTC.

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 2 February 2021 teleconference. There were no objections or abstentions.

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RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee Update - Activity Tracking Project

Ozan Sahin presented the findings from the most recent activity tracking round of RSSAC Caucus members and noted the inactivity ratio went down. Ozan also reported that the RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee came to an agreement to grant a bit of leniency due to the pandemic and hold off on sending out inactivity notifications to RSSAC Caucus members. There were no objections from RSSAC to this approach.

ICANN70 RSSAC Schedule

Ozan Sahin reviewed the RSSAC schedule for ICANN70. Ozan shared that the RSSAC meeting that was requested for Block 2 on Tuesday, 23 March was moved to Block 3 on the same day as the maximum number of sessions was already reached for this particular block on 23 March.

IETF 110 RSSAC Caucus Meeting Agenda

Ozan Sahin reviewed the draft agenda for the RSSAC Caucus meeting at IETF 110 on Sunday, 7 March 2021 and invited RSSAC members to share their feedback on the draft agenda.

The Revised Network and Information Security Directive (NIS2)

Kaveh Ranjbar explained his understanding of the NIS2 from European Commission. Kaveh stated that the proposal would put some explicit requirements on and have expectations from not only the two Root Server Operators (RSOs) based in Europe (Netnod and RIPE NCC) but

all RSOs. Kaveh suggested providing individual comments as RSOs to the public comment process and brought up the idea of asking the ICANN Board to engage in the public comment process. Patrik Fältström added that the interpretation of the proposal which had extraterritorial coverage was alarming for Netnod and RIPE NCC. Patrik invited other operators to evaluate the proposal for their own operations. Marco Hogewoning from RIPE NCC explained that since non-EU based RSOs had servers in EU member states, other RSOs were in the scope of the directive, too, based on his interpretation.

Brad Verd asked Kaveh, Patrik, and Marco whether they thought the NIS2 would affect the way the Root Ops and RSSAC function. Patrik Fältström replied that the NIS directive and NIS2 had the requirements for reporting in case the organization covered had security incidents and added that NIS2 would not change how RSOs or RSSAC would operate, from his perspective. Patrik added that, based on his understanding, entities outside of the EU would need to appoint legal entities within the EU in order to report security incidents. Ken Renard commented that the critical infrastructure, provided in the report, that the EU cared about could be the RSS or collection of RSOs versus the individual RSOs or RSO servers.

RSSAC agreed to have a joint discussion with the SSAC on NIS2 in the next RSSAC & SSAC meeting. Kaveh Ranjbar explained that 18 March was the deadline for the comment round.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to share the recording from the Briefing by the European Commission on the Recent EU Initiatives on Digital Services and Cybersecurity session.

Work Items

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

Ken Renard reported that the work party pared down the number of user narratives to three; (1) evaluating proposed location for new instance or root server, (2) informing a decision on underserved area, and (3) recursive operators trying to understand their view of the root server system. Ken added that the group needed some help with the requirements section as well as the conclusions.

Effects and Mitigations of a Rogue RSO Work Party Update

Ken Renard reported that the work party had subjective and objective examples of what rogue behavior would be. Ken added that the work party document was intended to provide input to a future governance body. Ken mentioned that it could take a few more months for each work party to wrap up and come up with output documents. There were no objections to this extension request from the RSSAC.

RSSAC Document on Principles Guiding the Operation of the Public Root Server System

Lars Johan-Liman talked about the Guiding Principles document he drafted for RSSAC's review. Liman anticipated another month for the document to be finalized and be stable before a

potential vote on the RSSAC April meeting. Liman invited RSSAC members to review the document and provide their feedback. RSSAC agreed to use Block 3 on Tuesday, 23 March on the RSSAC ICANN70 schedule for a discussion on this topic.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to work with the ICANN meetings team to update the session description of Block 3 on 23 March to have a working session on Guiding Principles.

Reports

Chair/Vice Chair

Fred Baker and Brad Verd had no updates.

ICANN Board

Kaveh Ranjbar stated that he would share the memo on NIS2 that RIPE NCC and Netnod drafted with the ICANN Board if there were no objections from the RSSAC. RSSAC had no objections.

CSC

Lars-Johan Liman reported that the Customer Standing Committee had a meeting on 15 February. Liman discussed that the last report from the PTI regarding the IANA services met the SLAs 100%. Liman stated that CSC intended to comment on the IANA Functions Review Team (IFRT) Final Report once the report was submitted to the ICANN Board. Lars-Johan noted that CSC had a report from the PTI regarding their customer satisfaction survey which read the customer satisfaction was rising over time. Lastly, Liman added that the CSC would have a meeting with the Board Technical Committee at CSC's April meeting and a CSC Chair election process was underway.

RZERC

Daniel Migault reported that there was a Chair election process underway as the current Chair Duane Wessels was completing his second term.

IAB

Daniel Migault had no update.

SSAC

Russ Mundy reported that there would be a revised agenda to be circulated for the RSSAC/SSAC Joint meeting on Monday, 29 March.

Root Zone Maintainer

Duane Wessels reported that a key signing key (KSK) ceremony was held in February which went smoothly and keys were signed for three more quarters.

Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSS GWG)

Hiro Hotta reported that the RSS GWG held only one meeting in February and the GWG was still in the process of drafting its working document. Hiro added that a Chair election process was coming up to determine the Chair of the group for its second year.

Any Other Business

Ozan Sahin introduced the Strategic Outlook Trend Identification session briefing paper and discussed what this session is about. Ozan suggested Tuesday, 16 March 14:00 UTC for RSSAC to have this session. There were no objections.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to work with ICANN org to schedule the RSSAC Strategic Outlook Trend Identification session on Tuesday, 16 March 14:00-15:30 UTC.

It was agreed to have the next RSSAC Meeting on Tuesday, 6 April 2021.

Adjournment

The RSSAC concluded the meeting without objections.