RSSAC Meeting Minutes
5 April 2022 | 14:00-15:30 UTC

Attendance

Cogent	Paul Vixie
DISA	Kevin Wright
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
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 IAB	Daniel Migault
Liaison from the SSAC	Russ Mundy
Liaison from the IANA Functions Operator	James Mitchell
Liaison from the Root Zone Maintainer	Duane Wessels

Apologies	Ryan Stephenson

Staff	Andrew McConachie, Danielle Rutherford, and Ozan Sahin

Action Items from this Meeting:

- Staff to publish the minutes from 8 March 2022 teleconference.
- Staff to send published minutes from 8 March 2022 teleconference to the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.
- Staff to add Erum Welling and Hugo Salgado to the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.

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. There were no objections or requested additions.

Administration

Approval of Minutes

The RSSAC approved the draft minutes from 8 March 2022 teleconference. Paul Vixie from Cogent abstained. There were no other abstentions or objections.

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RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee Update

Ozan Sahin reported that the RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee received two applications: one from Hugo Salgado and another one from Erum Welling. Ozan shared with the RSSAC that the recommendation from the Membership Committee was to accept both Hugo Salgado's and Erum Welling's applications.

The RSSAC accepted both RSSAC Caucus membership applications. There were no objections or abstentions.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to add Erum Welling and Hugo Salgado to the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.

Liaison to the ICANN Board Election Process

Ozan Sahin shared the timeline to elect the RSSAC liaison to the ICANN Board. Ozan reported that the current liaison Kaveh Ranjbar would be completing his second three-year term by ICANN75. Ozan mentioned that a one-month nomination period would start towards the end of April.

Liaison to the ICANN Nominating Committee Election Process

Ozan Sahin reported that a one-month nomination process started on 24 March 2022 and it would be closing on 25 April 2022. Ozan shared that the current liaison Amir Qayyum would be completing his third one-year term by ICANN75. Ozan noted that Hiro Hotta and Abdulkarim Oloyede already volunteered to serve as the liaison to the ICANN Nominating Committee.

ICANN74 Planning

Ozan Sahin noted that registration for ICANN74 opened and pre-registration would be required to attend the meeting. Ozan pointed out that health and safety rules were heightened for ICANN74 attendees. Ozan introduced the draft ICANN74 schedule for RSSAC.

Work Items

Potential New Work Item: The Intended Users of the RSS

Guest speaker Paul Hoffman introduced a draft Statement of Work (SoW) for this potential new work item. Paul mentioned two use cases. Kaveh Ranjbar agreed with the need to have such a document, but he was not sure if it would be within RSSAC's scope of work. Karl Reuss, Duane Wessels, and Wes Hardaker agreed that defining what an acceptable user is and what is not would be outside of RSSAC's scope. Brad Verd suggested defining the perspective of each of the metrics in RSSAC047v2 rather than defining who the users are.

After further discussion the topic was dropped for the time being. RSSAC may revisit the topic in the process of writing RSSAC047v3.

Potential RSSAC Statement on the Evolution of the Root Server System Governance

Ken Renard noted that the interest in writing this document seemed to be waning. Ken added that he would be happy to continue working on the document with somebody else who was still interested in pursuing this document and invited interested members to reach out to him.

Public Comment: Root Zone Update Process Study

Ozan Sahin reminded RSSAC members that the Root Zone Update Process Study Public Comment proceeding opened on 14 March, and it would close on 25 April. Ozan asked RSSAC whether it would like to draft and submit input to this proceeding or not. RSSAC did not see a need to submit a comment to this Public Comment proceeding.

Reports

Chair/Vice Chair

Fred Baker reported that he had been conducting his periodic 1:1 review meetings with incoming and outgoing RSSAC liaisons. Ken Renard reported that he volunteered to be the RSSAC representative in the ICANN Planning Prioritization Pilot which would have a meeting later in the day. Ken added that he would report back on this pilot during the RSSAC May meeting.

ICANN Board

Kaveh Ranjbar had no updates.

CSC

Lars-Johan Liman reported that the Customer Standing Committee was undergoing a periodic effectiveness review. Liman highlighted that his term as the RSSAC liaison to the CSC would come to an end by October 2022 and RSSAC would start an election process in August 2022.

RZERC

Daniel Migault reported that the RZERC charter review was yet to start.

IAB

Daniel Migault reported that the IAB would be meeting with the liaisons later in the week and invited RSSAC to raise any issues that it wants Daniel to bring up during the meeting.

SSAC

Russ Mundy reported that SSAC was in the process of setting up an "Evolution of the DNS" work party which would review the impacts of the various technology changes. Russ added that SSAC might ask for involvement by knowledgeable individuals including those from the root server operators. In the case this work party is set up and outside membership is sought, Russ invited RSSAC members to start thinking about whether they would be interested in participating.

IANA

James Mitchell reported that KSK Ceremony 45 was scheduled to take place on 12 May 2022. James added that IANA was working with Verisign to begin the separation of the .arpa name service.

Root Zone Maintainer

Duane Wessels brought up the topic of adding ZONEMD to the root zone and the draft deployment plan authored by Verisign (RZM) and IANA which was being reviewed by the RZERC. Duane reported that one of the discussions in the RZERC was how the root server operators would behave in the event of a ZONEMD verification failure. Duane added that some RZERC members were looking to see statements or assurances in the deployment plan regarding this behavior. Duane asked for suggestions to address such concerns.
Based on the RSSAC discussions on the topic, Duane agreed to include the following expectations of the RSOs regarding the verification of ZONEMD record during the soft launch in the draft deployment plan:
   ● RSOs should not enable ZONEMD verification for some amount of time,

- RSOs should not fail to load the zone if the verification fails.

Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSS GWG)

Brad Verd and Lars-Johan Liman reported that RSS GWG was going through a Chair election process.

ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom)

Amir Qayyum gave an update on the 2022 NomCom's selection process to fill the open positions on ICANN Board, PTI Board, ccNSO council, GNSO council, and ALAC.

ICANN Fellowship Selection Committee

Amir Qayyum reported that the Fellowship Selection Committee announced ICANN fellows for ICANN74 back in January 2022. Amir noted that he observed a decline in the number of applications during the virtual meeting period due to lack of travel, as an individual can be selected as a fellow for a maximum of three times in total.

ICANN Fellowship Mentoring Committee

Afifa Abbas reported that she had been mentoring ICANN fellows since ICANN72 and due to her own technical background she was typically assigned mentees with interest in DNS cybersecurity and technical area. Afifa also noted that before ICANN73 fellows were offered mentoring meetings with representatives from ICANN constituencies and Fred Baker and Ken Renard presented during the meeting that was organized for RSSAC.

NextGen@ICANN Selection Committee

Abdulkarim Oloyede reported that the committee received very few applications for ICANN73 due to lack of travel and it would begin the selection process for ICANN74 shortly.

NextGen@ICANN Mentoring Committee

Dessalegn Yehuala reported on the activities used to provide guidance to the mentees. Dessalegn noted that the program requires mentees to make a presentation and mentors provide guidance in the presentation preparation process. Dessalegn added that, to improve the mentoring process, he suggested adding a Root Server System course to the online learning platform called ICANN Learn. Dessalegn said he would work with RSSAC support staff and other ICANN org members to help prepare such a course.

Any Other Business

Regular RSSAC meetings are open to observers, and it is possible for RSSAC Caucus membership applicants to attend the RSSAC meeting during which their applications are discussed and considered by the RSSAC. Kaveh Ranjbar brought up this issue and shared that

this situation was not ideal. Kaveh requested the RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee to come up with a solution.

It was agreed to have the next RSSAC Meeting on Tuesday, 3 May 2022 at 14:00 UTC.

Adjournment

The RSSAC concluded the meeting without objections.