

## RSSAC Meeting Minutes

2 June 2020 | 14:00-15:30 UTC

### Attendance

Cogent

DISA Kevin Wright, Ryan Stephenson

ICANN Matt Larson

ISC Fred Baker, Jeff Osborn

NASA Keith Bluestein

Netnod Lars-Johan Liman

RIPE NCC Kaveh Ranjbar

UMD Karl Reuss

USC ISI Wes Hardaker, Suzanne Woolf

US ARL 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

Brad Verd

Liaison from the SSAC

Liaison from the IAB

Daniel Migault

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: Russ Mundy

### Action Items from this Meeting:

- Staff to publish the minutes from 5 May 2020 teleconference.
- Staff to send published minutes from 5 May 2020 teleconference to the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.
- Fred Baker to work with staff to organize an orientation session for the RSSAC Caucus members.
- Staff to publish the RSSAC Statement on Draft PTI FY21-24 Strategic Plan and submit the input from the RSSAC for the relevant Public Comment proceeding.
- Staff to start a one-week online vote on RSSAC023v2 on Monday, 8 June.
- Staff to reschedule RSO Financials meeting to 14:00 UTC on Tuesday, 23 June 2020.
- Staff to start a one-month application period for (1) the RSSAC Outgoing Liaison to the CSC role and (2) the RSSAC Outgoing Liaison to the RZERC role on the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.

- Fred Baker and Brad Verd to come up with a proposal on the adjustment of RSSAC Liaison term limits.
- Staff to share the link to the final report of the CCWG on the new gTLD Auction Proceeds on the RSSAC 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 and there was no objection. Kaveh Ranjbar requested that an agenda item called “unstoppable domains” be added under “any other business” section.

### **Administration**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The RSSAC approved the draft minutes from the 5 May 2020 teleconference. Motion by Ryan Stephenson and second by Wes Hardaker and Lars-Johan Liman.

**ACTION ITEM: Staff to publish the minutes from 5 May 2020 teleconference.**

**ACTION ITEM: Staff to send published minutes from 5 May 2020 teleconference to the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.**

#### **RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee**

Jeff Osborn reported on the progress of the RSSAC Caucus activity tracking project. Jeff explained that there had been improvement in terms of the activity of RSSAC Caucus members, with a decline in the percentage of inactive RSSAC Caucus members from about 40% in September 2019 to just under 25% in May 2020.

Kaveh Ranjbar asked whether there were other ICANN constituencies tracking the activity of their members. Steve Sheng responded that the SSAC had a similar tracking process. Steve added that participants’ attendance to GNSO PDPs were also being tracked and published. Lars-Johan Liman indicated that the RSSAC Caucus membership activity evaluation process was modeled on SSAC procedures. Liman added that there was a requirement in the CSC to attend a certain number of meetings per year.

Ken Renard discussed that he remembered there was a slide deck on what RSSAC Caucus does, its procedures, and some content on the RSSAC Caucus web page. Ken asked whether

there had been enough new RSSAC Caucus members recently to hold a Zoom session to go over this slide deck, and he volunteered to help with organizing this session.

**ACTION ITEM: Fred Baker to work with staff to organize an orientation session for the RSSAC Caucus members.**

### **RSSAC2 Organizational Review Implementation Progress Report**

Ozan Sahin provided a background on the RSSAC2 Organizational Review Implementation Progress Report. Ozan discussed that the staff worked with the Review Implementation Work Party to draft the report and introduced the draft report to the RSSAC.

### **RSSAC Outgoing Liaison to the CSC and RZERC Selection Processes**

Lars-Johan Liman explained that he would be completing his term as the RSSAC Liaison to the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) by October 2020. As a result, Liman added, the CSC reached out to RSSAC Leadership and requested to be informed about the decision on the appointment. Liman concluded that he would be happy to continue his role as the current liaison to the CSC. Brad Verd pointed out that Liman was the Chair of the CSC and doing a great job in this role. Brad recommended RSSAC to consider reappointing Liman as the RSSAC Liaison to the CSC. Kaveh Ranjbar joined Brad Verd in emphasizing the great work Lars-Johan Liman was doing as the Chair of the CSC. Brad Verd added that he would be happy to continue his role as the RSSAC Liaison to the Root Zone Evolution Review Committee (RZERC) if the RSSAC wanted to reappoint him.

**ACTION ITEM: Staff to start a one-month application period for (1) the RSSAC Outgoing Liaison to the CSC role and (2) the RSSAC Outgoing Liaison to the RZERC role on the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.**

Wes Hardaker asked the RSSAC whether it would consider changing the term limits as they did not seem effective. Lars-Johan Liman responded that he was supportive of having the term limits but might need adjustments. Suzanne Woolf pointed out that term limits aggravated the risk that RSSAC would not be able to find somebody for a particular role. Suzanne added that it was worth revisiting the term limits in the operating procedures.

**ACTION ITEM: Fred Baker and Brad Verd to come up with a proposal on the adjustment of RSSAC Liaison term limits.**

### **Work Items**

#### **Vote Item**

The RSSAC approved the RSSAC Statement on Draft PTI FY21-24 Strategic Plan. There were no objections or abstentions.

**ACTION ITEM: Staff to publish the RSSAC Statement on Draft PTI FY21-24 Strategic Plan and submit the input from the RSSAC for the relevant Public Comment proceeding.**

### **Tool to Gather a Local Perspective of the RSS Work Party**

Ken Renard reported that the work party had a meeting on Monday, 1 June during which it selected Abdulkarim Oloyede as the work party leader. Ken added that he would continue as the work party shepherd.

### **Effects and Mitigations of a Rogue RSO Work Party**

Ken Renard reported that this work party met right before the RSSAC meeting and selected himself as the leader of the work party. Ken added that the next work party meeting would take place on 30 June 2020.

### **RSSAC023v2: History of the Root Server System**

Andrew McConachie reported that the final review period for RSSAC023v2 closed on Friday, 29 May and he sent the final version to RSSAC Caucus mailing list on Monday, 1 June. Andrew added that staff would start an online vote on this document by 8 June.

**ACTION ITEM: Staff to start a one-week online vote on RSSAC023v2 on Monday, 8 June.**

### **RSO Financials & SLE/SLA Drafting Discussion**

Fred Baker discussed that a small team of five volunteers started the drafting work in preparation for the broader RSSAC meeting on the topic on 22 June 2020. However, due to the conflicts some RSSAC members had, RSSAC agreed to reschedule this meeting to Tuesday, 23 June 14:00 UTC.

**ACTION ITEM: Staff to reschedule RSO Financials meeting to 14:00 UTC on Tuesday, 23 June 2020.**

## **Reports**

### **Chair/Vice Chair**

Fred Baker reported that there was an SO/AC Chairs call on Monday, 1 June and the SO/AC leaders discussed how to improve the multistakeholder model. Brad Verd noted that stages on getting back to face to face meetings were also discussed on the same call.

### **ICANN Board**

Kaveh Ranjbar had no update.

## **CSC**

Lars-Johan Liman reported that there were a set of changes for creation and delegation of top-level domains (TLDs) pending approval from the ccNSO and GNSO. Liman explained that these changes were approved by both the ccNSO and the GNSO and the CSC started implementing new timers for the delegation and re-delegation of TLDs.

## **IAB**

Daniel Migault had no update.

## **IANA Functions Operator**

Naela Sarras thanked RSSAC for providing input to the Draft PTI FY21-24 Strategic Plan Public Comment proceeding. Naela added that they would be undertaking the work of changing the RZM system to update it for the newly approved SLE/SLAs for the ccTLD delegations and transfers.

## **Root Zone Maintainer**

Duane Wessels reported that some Verisign servers were exposed and based on the logs they determined that people were able to copy off some files including the files that contained transaction signature (TSIG) keys, used to authenticate and secure root zone transfers. Duane added that Verisign thought there was not a lot of risk around that disclosure but Verisign changed those TSIG keys anyway.

## **ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom)**

Amir Qayyum reported that NomCom processes and schedules were significantly impacted by the cancellation of the face to face meeting in Cancun, Mexico. Amir added that after the online evaluation processes the pool of candidates narrowed down to fourteen candidates for the two ICANN Board positions and five candidates for the other positions. Lastly, Amir shared that it was expected for NomCom to come up with final appointments by the end of July 2020.

## **Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSS GWG)**

Hiro Hotta reported that RSS GWG had two meetings in May during which participants from ICANN org explained finance, procurement, and IANA functions. Hiro added that there were discussions with respect to the scope and depth of RSS GWG discussions (i.e. RSO diversity, time span of the future structure). Lars-Johan Liman added that the definition of the stakeholders and Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Function (SAPF) stood out as the important discussions. Brad Verd reported that the group was still in the information gathering phase.

## **Any Other Business**

Kaveh Ranjbar pointed out “unstoppabledomains.com” offering .crypto top-level domains. Kaveh explained that Opera browser on Android platform supported this process in which the

requests for .crypto TLDs were not routed through the root servers. Suzanne Woolf added that they also resolved .eth which stood for ethereum.

Ozan Sahin brought up that the final report of the CCWG on the new gTLD Auction Proceeds was published on Friday, 29 May. Ozan added that the RSSAC, as a chartering organization in this CCWG, had 60 days from the publication date to review the report and indicate its support. Ozan committed to work with the RSSAC Administrative Team to review the report and share the link to the report on the RSSAC mailing list.

**ACTION ITEM: Staff to share the link to the final report of the CCWG on the new gTLD Auction Proceeds on the RSSAC mailing list.**

It was agreed to have the next RSSAC Meeting on Tuesday, 7 July 2020.

### **Adjournment**

The RSSAC concluded the meeting without objections.