Root Zone Evolution Review Committee (RZERC) Meeting Minutes
20 April 2021 | 19:00 - 20:00 UTC

Attendance

ICANN Board	Kaveh Ranjbar
PTI	Kim Davies
SSAC	Geoff Huston
RSSAC	Daniel Migault
IETF	Tim April
GNSO RySG	Howard Eland
ccNSO	Peter Koch
Verisign (RZM)	Duane Wessels
Staff	Danielle Rutherford
Apologies	Carlos Martinez (ASO)

Action Items from this Teleconference
- **ACTION ITEM: Staff to publish approved 16 March 2021 minutes on RZERC's website.**
- **ACTION ITEM: Tim April to send thank you letter to Verisign**
- **ACTION ITEM: Staff to send spreadsheet of RZERC002 and RZERC003 statements of understanding to full RZERC**

Call to Order
Tim April called the teleconference to order at 19:00 UTC.

Roll Call
Danielle Rutherford conducted a roll call.

Agenda Review
There were no amendments to the agenda for this meeting.

Administration
Draft Minutes from 16 March
Tim April called for a vote on the draft minutes from the previous teleconference. There were no objections to the minutes and the minutes were approved.

- **ACTION ITEM: Staff to publish approved 16 March 2021 minutes on RZERC's website.**

Thank you correspondence for Duane Wessels
Tim April reviewed a thank you letter drafted by Danielle Rutherford to Duane Wessel's employer thanking him for his service as RZERC Chair. There were no objections to the letter.
- **ACTION ITEM: Tim April to send thank you letter to Verisign**

Board Advice understandings for RZERC002 and RZERC003
Tim April went through the statements of understanding from ICANN org for RZERC recommendations in RZERC002 and RZERC003. Duane Wessels previously added some clarifying comments in response to the statements of understanding for RZERC002.

For RZERC002 Recommendation 1A, Peter Koch asked if the level of detail in the statement of understanding was too detailed for this stage of consideration. Tim April responded that the RZERC recommended ICANN pursue an open-ended research question and he is unsure of how to provide ICANN with more defined research goals. Geoff Huston stated that it looks like the statement of understanding begins to get into research methodologies, which may be beyond the initial statement of understanding. Kim Davies provided background information on the purpose of the understanding process and the greater board advice process within ICANN org. Geoff Huston recommended that the RZERC respond with "The RZERC wishes confirmation that this research is on the agenda for ICANN org's research program." There were no objections to this suggestion.

For RZERC002 Recommendation 1B, Duane Wessels explained his initial clarifying comments for ICANN org. Geoff Huston responded that the statement of understanding was too specific and suggested the RZERC use a similar response to the Recommendation 1B understanding as the Recommendation 1A understanding. Daniel Migault and Peter Koch agreed. Howard Eland proposed new wording to address the fact that RZERC002 posed additional questions on top of research recommended in RSSAC028.

- **ACTION ITEM: Staff to send spreadsheet of RZERC002 and RZERC003 statements of understanding to full RZERC**

Discussion Items
Potential of working with ICANN OCTO
Tim April brought up the topic of potentially inviting a liaison from ICANN OCTO to regularly join RZERC meetings. Duane Wessels provided background insight from the beginning of RZERC. Early RZERC members had decided against having a liaison from ICANN OCTO participate in meetings. Duane Wessels stated that looking back that may have made certain discussions more difficult in the past. Peter Koch stated he would like to know the initial reasons for deciding against having an OCTO liaison work closer with the RZERC before making any decisions.

Geoff Huston stated that he would like more time to consider this possibility before coming to a decision. Howard Eland proposed an alternative, where an OCTO staff member would join on occasion but not by default.

AOB
Tim April noted that there were no comments under AOB.

Adjournment
The RZERC concluded the teleconference without objections at 20:00 UTC.