RSSAC Meeting Minutes
1 December 2020 | 15:00-16:30 UTC

Attendance

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

Apology       Danielle Migault
Observer      Erum Welling (DISA)

Staff         Andrew McConachie, Ozan Sahin, and Steve Sheng

Action Items from this Meeting:
● Staff to publish the minutes from 3 November 2020 teleconference.
● Staff to send published minutes from the 3 November 2020 teleconference to the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.
● Staff to add Daniel Mahoney to the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.
● Staff to get the revised RSSAC work plan published on the RSSAC web page.
● Staff to submit the second RSSAC2 organizational review implementation progress report to the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee.
● Staff to submit the RSSAC Statement on IANA Naming Function Review Initial Report as RSSAC’s input to the Public Comment proceeding of the same name.
- Staff to publish the RSSAC Statement on IANA Naming Function Review Initial Report on RSSAC Publications web page.
- Fred Baker to send an email to Ted Hardie, RSS GWG Chair, on the sentiment inside the RSSAC about the financial aspects of increased accountability.
- Fred Baker to send a note to Paul Hoffman on the reference data set regarding the implementation of RSSAC047.
- Steve Sheng to share the draft statement of work (SoW) for the Statistical Prediction of RSS Failure work party with the RSSAC for input.
- Lars-Johan Liman and Kaveh Ranjbar, as the leaders of the (1) Service Coverage of the RSS work party and (2) Best Practices for the Distribution of Anycast Instances of Root Name Service work party, to start drafting a statement which is to be published upon the receipt of RSSAC047 implementation data.
- Staff to reorganize the “Potential Work Items” document based on the discussion from the RSSAC December meeting.

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 3 November 2020 teleconference. There were no objections or abstentions.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to publish the minutes from 3 November 2020 teleconference.
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RSSAC Chair Election
Brad Verd reminded the RSSAC that Fred Baker was the only nominee to serve as the RSSAC Chair from 1 January 2021 through 31 December 2022. RSSAC elected Fred Baker as the RSSAC Chair for another term by acclamation. Motion by Wes Hardaker and second by Kaveh Ranjbar.
RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee Update

Jeff Osborn reported that the RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee received an application from Daniel Mahoney. Jeff shared with the RSSAC that the recommendation from the Membership Committee was to accept Daniel Mahoney’s application.

The RSSAC accepted Daniel Mahoney’s RSSAC Caucus membership application. There were no objections or abstentions. Motion by Paul Vixie and second by Wes Hardaker.

**ACTION ITEM:** Staff to add Daniel Mahoney to the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.

RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee Composition for 2021

Fred Baker explained that the three members of the 2020 RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee were all willing to continue to serve in 2021.

The RSSAC appointed Alejandro Acosta, Dave Lawrence, and Jeff Osborn to serve on the 2021 RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee. There were no objections or abstentions. Motion by Paul Vixie and second by Wes Hardaker.

RSSAC Work Plan

Fred Baker discussed that one of the RSSAC2 Organizational Review recommendations was for RSSAC to have an annual work plan. RSSAC reviewed the revisions to its work plan and accepted the work plan for 2021.

**ACTION ITEM:** Staff to get the revised RSSAC work plan published on the RSSAC webpage.

RSSAC2 Organizational Review Implementation Progress Report

Ozan Sahin reported that the RSSAC submitted its first implementation progress report in June 2020 and the second report was due by the end of December 2020. Ozan noted that whether the work of RSS GWG would result in a change in the membership structure of the RSSAC and/or RSSAC Caucus, which was initially assumed, was not clear at the time of the report and this perspective was reflected in the report.

RSSAC approved the second RSSAC2 organizational review implementation progress report. There were no objections or abstentions.

**ACTION ITEM:** Staff to submit the second RSSAC2 organizational review implementation progress report to the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee.
Work Items

RSSAC Statement on IANA Naming Function Review (IFR) Initial Report
Fred Baker summarized that RSSAC drafted a short comment to support the IFR Team Initial Report and opened it up for a vote.

RSSAC approved the RSSAC Statement on IANA Naming Function Review Initial Report. There were no objections or abstentions.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to submit the RSSAC Statement on IANA Naming Function Review Initial Report as RSSAC’s input to the Public Comment proceeding of the same name.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to publish the RSSAC Statement on IANA Naming Function Review Initial Report on RSSAC Publications web page.

RSSAC Statement on Recommendations for ICANN’s Root Name Service Strategy and Implementation
Steve Sheng reported that a meeting was held the previous day to draft the RSSAC statement. Steve explained that the following next steps were agreed upon during the meeting: 48-hour editing period, followed by a 7-day stable period, and a 72-hour online vote.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to notify the ICANN org contact for Recommendations for ICANN’s Root Name Service Strategy and Implementation Public Comment proceeding that the RSSAC comment would be submitted late.

RSSAC/RSSAC Caucus Potential Work Items
Fred Baker reviewed the list of potential work items for the RSSAC and RSSAC Caucus.

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Tool to Gather A Local Perspective of the RSS Work Party Update
Ken Renard reported that one thing getting traction in this work party was the use case of identifying underserved areas and measurement metrics in order to do that. Ken invited RSSAC members to review the work party document and provide input.

Effects and Mitigations of a Rogue RSO Work Party Update
Ken Renard reported that the work party was in the process of reorganizing the description of “what it means to be rogue” by drafting subjective and objective descriptions. Ken invited RSSAC members to join the next work party meetings to be held on December 14th and 15th.

Reports

Chair/Vice Chair
Fred Baker and Brad Verd had no update.

ICANN Board
Kaveh Ranjbar had no update.

CSC
Lars-Johan Liman reported that the Customer Standing Committee replaced its representative to the IANA Naming Function Review Team. Lars-Johan added that the CSC also recently discussed the IANA customer survey as well as auditing the DNSSEC operations of IANA.

RZERC
Duane Wessels reported that RZERC was working on two documents; Recommendations Regarding Signing Root Zone Name Server Data and Adding Zone Data Protections to the Root Zone.

SSAC
Russ Mundy had no update.

IAB
Wes Hardaker reported that the biggest discussion at IAB and IETF in general was the DNS Operations (dnsop) discussion surrounding a private use space in the TLD land.
IANA
James Mitchell reported that IANA had been polling the community for dates of the next Root KSK ceremony which was expected to be conducted in a similar fashion to the previous KSK ceremony.

Root Zone Maintainer
Duane Wessels had no update.

Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSS GWG)
Hiro Hotta reported that the GWG discussed the funding model. Hiro explained the “grant model” noting the discussions also suggested “emergency funding” to be used by PRS and RSOs in order to allow RSS respond to unanticipated events in a timely manner.

Any Other Business
Ozan Sahin explained the Independent Review Process (IRP) Standing Panel selection process including the formation of the Community Representatives Group to select the IRP Standing Panel. There were no objections to the decision to not endorse any RSSAC or RSSAC Caucus members to represent RSSAC on the Community Representatives Group.

Ozan discussed the Operational Design Phase concept paper for the GNSO consensus policies by pointing out the “Feedback Group” track in the proposal. Ozan added that ICANN org was seeking input on the concept paper to create a next version of the document. Fred Baker invited RSSAC members to share their comments on the mailing list. It was agreed to have the next RSSAC Meeting on Tuesday, 5 January 2021.

Adjournment
The RSSAC concluded the meeting without objections.