

Root Zone Evolution Review Committee (RZERC) Meeting Minutes 21 December 2021 | 19:00 - 20:00 UTC

Attendance

ICANN Board Kaveh Ranjbar

IETF Tim April

GNSO RySG Howard Eland

ccNSO Peter Koch

Verisign (RZM) Duane Wessels

Staff Danielle Rutherford

Apologies Kim Davies (PTI), Geoff Huston (SSAC), Daniel Migault (RSSAC), Carlos Martinez (ASO)

Action Items from this Teleconference

- **ACTION ITEM: Staff to publish approved 16 November 2021 minutes on RZERC's website.**
- **ACTION ITEM: Staff to send out calendar invites for monthly RZERC teleconferences in 2022.**
- **ACTION ITEM: Danielle Rutherford to incorporate proposed changes to the RZERC Charter Review Process Paper**

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 November

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 November 2021 minutes on RZERC's website.**

Meeting time in 2022

Tim April confirmed the current monthly meeting time for RZERC teleconferences, the third Tuesday of each month at 19:00 UTC still works for RZERC members in 2022. Peter Koch and Kaveh Ranjbar confirmed the time still works for them. No members objected.

- **ACTION ITEM: Staff to send out calendar invites for monthly RZERC teleconferences in 2022.**

Work Items

RZERC Charter Review Process

Danielle Rutherford provided an overview of the proposed RZERC Charter Review Process. Duane Wessels asked who will ultimately approve or reject any proposed changes to the RZERC Charter. Danielle Rutherford responded that any proposed changes will go to the Board Technical Committee for review and then ultimately to the full ICANN Board for consideration. Peter Koch asked how the proposed process came into being and Danielle Rutherford provided the background of how the charter review process was drafted. Howard Eland asked how parties from ICANN, either the organization or the Board, could provide feedback on any proposed changes. Danielle Rutherford clarified that as Kaveh Ranjbar is the ICANN Board representative to RZERC he could facilitate any feedback from the ICANN Board in the initial phases of the RZERC charter review, Kaveh Ranjbar confirmed this statement.

Duane Wessels asked if there was enough accountability with the RZERC conducting its own charter review and submitting proposed changes to the Board. Kaveh Ranjbar added that the general expectation is the ICANN Board tends to take recommendations from RZERC as expert advice and wants to be as neutral as possible so it can receive expert advice without bias. Howard Eland noted that if the RZERC does not conduct the review itself there's not a natural suggestion for who should conduct the charter review. Howard Eland also noted that there is a public comment opportunity included in the proposed process. Tim April agreed with Howard Eland. Danielle Rutherford proposed more robust feedback sessions with each of the nine appointing organizations of RZERC to actively solicit more feedback. Duane Wessels and Peter Koch supported this idea.

Duane Wessels asked if the RZERC should clarify in the review process if the RZERC intends to work by full consensus in the charter review and how dissenting opinions might be represented in the review's final report. Peter Koch and Duane Wessels discussed the consensus process for other review teams and what consensus model the RZERC should use for the charter review. Tim April suggested the review team could discuss its consensus method once the review initiates and consensus will be documented in the outputs of the review team. No members objected to this plan.

- **ACTION ITEM: Danielle Rutherford to incorporate proposed changes to the RZERC Charter Review Process Paper**

Adjournment

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