

## **Root Zone Evolution Review Committee (RZERC) Teleconference Minutes**

28 November 2016 | 17:00-18:00 UTC

### **Attendance**

Brad Verd (RSSAC)  
Carlos Martinez (ASO)  
Duane Wessels (Root Zone Maintainer)  
Howard Eland (GNSO RySG)  
Jim Reid (IETF/IAB)  
Kaveh Ranjbar (ICANN Board)  
Kim Davies (PTI)  
Peter Koch (ccNSO)  
Russ Mundy (SSAC)

### *Staff*

Glen De Saint Gery  
Kathy Schnitt  
Mario Aleman  
Trang Nguyen  
Steve Sheng

### *Apologies*

None

### **Decisions**

- The next RZERC teleconference will be on 23 January 2017 17:00 – 18:00 UTC.

### **Action Items**

- Kathy to create a mailing list for RZERC and subscribe members + staff to the list.
- RZERC members to continue to discuss what is in scope (and what is out of scope) for RZERC on the mail list before the next call.
- RZERC members, with the help of support staff, to work on the duties/commitments of chair, and possible election process on the mail list before the next call.
- Kathy to send out calendar invites for the next RZERC Teleconference.

### **Call to Order**

Steve Sheng called the meeting to order at 17:05 UTC.

### **Roll Call**

Kathy Schnitt conducted the roll call. All RZERC members were either present or joined

shortly after the call started.

### **Opening Remarks**

Trang provided background information on why RZERC was formed.

### **Introduction of the RZERC Members**

Each of the RZERC members introduced themselves and which organizations they represented.

### **Introduction of Staff**

The ICANN Policy Development Support Department will provide the day-to-day support for the RZERC. The exact nature of the support needs to be discussed and determined in consultation with the RZERC. Within the policy department, Currently, Steve Sheng, Kathy Schnitt and Mario Aleman are currently responsible for RZERC support. Specific support person(s) will be decided once RZERC clarifies the scope and nature of the support which will be required.

- Action Item: Kathy to create a mailing list for RZERC and subscribe members + staff to the list.

Trang Nguyen was involved with the transition implementation work and is available to answer any background questions and to provide continuity as the committee gets itself up and running.

### **Review of RZERC Charter**

Trang reviewed the RZERC Charter.<sup>1</sup> A few points were discussed.

Russ Mundy raised that it is possible the ICANN Board will receive conflicting advice from the RZERC and other advisory committees such as the SSAC. Kim Davies asked that as the implementer, it would be good for staff to come to RZERC directly, instead of going to SO/ACs which are represented on the RZERC separately.

Kim Davies raised, and others concurred, that the scope and the kinds of proposals that RZERC wishes to entertain should be determined. RZERC members discussed and concluded that: 1) routine changes to the root zone (e.g. adding TLDs) should not be subject to RZERC approval; 2) the language of in the current RZERC charter may needs to be updated; 3) additional discussions are needed to carefully delineate RZERC's scope; and 4) the place to start is to list and review past architectural changes to the root zone that required NTIA's approval and determine which of those would fall into the scope of the RZERC should RZERC existed before.

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<sup>1</sup> Available at: <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/revised-rzerc-charter-08aug16-en.pdf>

- **ACTION ITEMS: RZERC members to continue to discuss what is in scope (and what is out of scope) for RZERC on mail list before next call.**

Kim Davies also raised that it would be helpful to have an expectation of the timeliness for RZERC considerations so that IANA can take this into consideration in its planning.

### **Selection of the Chair**

Steve Sheng shared how other SO/ACs select chairs and RZERC members discussed about the timing for the selection of the chair. The following conclusions are reached: 1) some work needs to be done on the mailing list about the duties / commitments needed of the chair; 2) discussions needed about whether co-chairs are needed, or chair / vice chair, or simply one chair; 3) additional work on the scope of the RZERC will be able to shed light on the responsibilities of the chair; and 4) RZERC would aim to appoint a chair (and maybe a vice chair if needed) early in 2017.

- **ACTION:** RZERC members, with the help of support staff, to work on the duties/commitments of chair, and possible election process on mail list before next call.

The committee will discuss chair election again at its next meeting.

### **Face-to-Face Meeting at ICANN 58**

The group had a preliminary discussion about a possible face-to-face public meeting at ICANN58. No decision was taken and it was agreed a further discussion would take place on the next conference call.

### **Next Teleconference**

The group agreed that the next teleconference will be on 23 January 2017 17:00 – 18:00 UTC.

- **Action Item:** Kathy to send out calendar invites for the next RZERC Teleconference.

### **Adjournment**

The RZERC concluded its meeting without objections at 18:05 UTC.