

Root Zone Evolution Review Committee (RZERC) Monthly Teleconference Call – Meeting Minutes

22 May 2018 | 17:00-18:00 UTC

Attendance

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

Staff

Steve Sheng
Mario Aleman

Apologies

Kim Davies (PTI)

Absent

None

DECISIONS:

- Next RZERC in-person meeting will be during ICANN62 in Panama

ACTION ITEMS:

- Russ, Howard and Peter to work together on preparing a statement for OCTO regarding the Root Zone Management Evolution Study and Staff to work on the meeting minutes.
- RZERC to discuss via mailing list the advice to the Board related to the resolution on the KSK Rollover

Call to Order

Duane Wessels called the meeting to order at 17:03 UTC

Roll Call

Mario conducted the roll call

Agenda Review

There were no amendments to the meeting agenda

Review of Action items from 11 December Teleconference

Mario read the action items from the previous meeting and informed that all of them have been completed, except the appointment for RZERC members which is a work in progress to be discussed with Duane and Staff.

The minutes, transcripts and audio recording from the previous meeting have been published on the RZERC web page.

Approval of Minutes

Mario informed that Staff has shared the minutes via mailing list last January 2017 and have been approved.

RZERC (Duane W)

Discussion and comments of the Root Zone Management Evolution Study

Duane went over the proposed Root Zone Evolution Management Study received in April 2018 from OCTO, which requested RZERC for comments on the scope and timing of the study. The following inputs were received:

Jim commented and believes there's not a justification or meaning at the moment for doing this study and it's premature since nothing significant has happened since then. However, there is no objection for doing the study.

Duane clarified that there's no timeline proposed from OCTO at the moment for doing the study.

Russ agreed that there is no real timeline per say and agrees with Jim's comment that there's not enough information or activity necessitated. Also, noting the statistics that IANA maintains and report to the CSC, and perhaps may or may not be reflected on this study as indicators.

Duane agreed with Russ's comments and share similar opinion on the indicators.

Peter mentioned that he doesn't fully understand the scope of the study and also couldn't find any background information on the CWG. Peter assumes that the study may be focused on the three parties involved on this study and there is lack of understanding related to the preconditions of the interviews with stakeholders. Also, mentioned that he is not aware whether this study is in the agenda for the CSC and would like to recommend improvements.

Howard mentioned about the uncertainties about the scope of this study and recommends conducting a risk analysis as a mitigation perspective and identify risks on the processes. Howard also expressed concerns on the section three of the proposed document and believes it's a mistake to limit the deployment of this study for cost effectiveness reasons.

Russ agreed with Howard's comments on recommending a risk assessment on the overall root zone management system.

Jim agrees with Russ and Howard's perceptions and also believes it's important to define the scope of the risk being assessed i.e. root zone, root servers, TLD operators, etc. Also, security is mentioned in the scope of the study but he believes this is for stability and not sure the security aligns with policy.

Jim noted that the proposed study limits itself to "evolutionary" changes. That will give some concerns that OCTO is conducting a separate study.

Duane responded to Jim's comments regarding the evolutionary changes and believes OCTO is undertaking a separate study focusing on revolutionary nature.

Peter recommended to extend the risk assessment study to other scenarios covered in the CWG recommendation, however this not stated in the scope of the study. Other topics and scenarios would be relevant to add in a second study.

Jim noted that it'll be important to see all boundaries another study, so that will get more emphasis in support to ICANN.

Duane asked RZERC on how to respond to this request from OCTO given a mild consensus on the necessity for this study or request clarification of the scope.

Peter responded he would ask for clarification since the scope of the study is not clear. Peter also recommends OCTO to enable the community and RZERC to comment on the study more in depth.

Jim responded that RZERC needs more clarity on the scope and it's not clear what changes will happen if RZERC provides inputs.

Duane commented that OCTO will value RZERC's inputs and recommendations

Howard agreed with Jim's comments about the type of inputs OCTO is expecting from RZERC and also recommend to perform a full risk assessment if a risk assessment recommendation is requested.

Jim clarified that a one-shot will be a one-time study that will never be repeated

Duane particularly understands that one shot means a one-time input or recommendation for this study, however this may take several inputs and communication.

Russ reminded everyone about the RZERC and NTIA background as organizations and believes that this study will make RZERC part of it.

Peter perceives that RZERC is entering on an initial and ongoing phase of a dialogue with OCTO.

Duane requested anyone to volunteer and help draft a response to OCTO

Russ, Howard and Peter offered to help drafting a response after receiving the minutes.

ACTION ITEM: Russ, Howard and Peter to work together on preparing a statement for OCTO regarding the Root Zone Management Evolution Study and Staff to work on the meeting minutes.

RZERC (Kaveh Ranjbar) Board Resolution on KSK Rollover

Kaveh went over the KSK Rollover resolution and mentioned that the Board is requesting advice from RZERC on the “Updated Plan for Continuing the Root KSK Rollover” and associated plan documents, and report back to the Board by 10 August 2018.

Russ commented that SSAC is forming a work party to consider a response on the same resolution and will be happy to share the advice with RZERC; Russ also asked RSSAC whether they will be providing advice to the resolution

Brad responded that a discussion is under way for RSSAC

Peter commented that RZERC is not included in the text of the rationale for this resolution, only RSSAC and SSAC

Kaveh responded that RZERC should be included in the rationale and he believes it’s an administrative issue and appreciates the feedback.

Jim asked Kaveh if the Board will be comfortable receiving advice from RZERC?

Kaveh responded that the Board is expecting RZERC’s recommendations and he’s not sure whether the Board has contacted RZERC Staff.

Russ commented that RZERC must respond to this resolution even with no recommendations. Russ believes, this is an opportunity for RZERC to provide advice to the Board related the KSK Rollover. As a general point of reference, SSAC has issued two documents on this topic - see SAC063 and SAC073

Howard commented that he can see areas that need to be improved.

Russ recommended to send a thank you note to the Board and inform that RZERC has no inputs and supports the deployment of KSK rollover.

Peter mentioned that he’s not convinced about the RZERC’s role on this resolution

Kaveh responded that he appreciates the feedback and that the Board is working closely with ICANN Org about an implementation plan for the KSK Rollover.

Howard agrees with Jim to provide comments on different areas of improvement

Duane asked RZERC if this resolution should be discussed during the next meeting?

Peter suggested to keep discussing the resolution over the RZERC mailing list

Carlos and Howard agreed with Peter's suggestion.

ACTION ITEM: RZERC to discuss via mailing list the advice to the Board related to the resolution on the KSK Rollover

Any other business

RZERC members attending ICANN62 in Panama

Duane requested Mario to go over a roll call to confirm members attending the next ICANN meeting

Mario confirmed the attendance from Russ, Kaveh, Peter, Duane and Carlos. Duane will be confirming attendance from Brad. Howard will not attend.

Duane asked RZERC the need to have an open or closed session during the next ICANN meeting.

Peter and Russ suggested to have a working session during ICANN62

Jim commented that a working session will be more suitable during the next ICANN63 Annual General Meeting AGM in Barcelona.

Selection of the next RZERC meeting

Russ recommended to have the next RZERC meeting in Panama

Duane agreed with Russ in having the next RZERC meeting in Panama

DECISION: The next RZERC in-person meeting will be during ICANN62 in Panama.

Adjournment

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