RSSAC Meeting Minutes
2 May 2023 | 14:00-15:30 UTC

Attendance

Cogent
DISA   John Augenstein, Jill Place
ICANN
ISC   Jeff Osborn
NASA
Netnod   Lars-Johan Liman
RIPE NCC   Hans Petter Holen
UMD   Karl Reuss
USC ISI   Wes Hardaker
US ARL   Howard Kash, Ken Renard
Verisign   Brad Verd
WIDE   Hiro Hotta

Liaison to the Board   Wes Hardaker
Liaison to the CSC   Ken Renard
Liaison to the RZERC   Daniel Migault
Liaison from the IAB   Daniel Migault
Liaison from the SSAC   Russ Mundy
Liaison from the IANA Functions Operator
Liaison from the Root Zone Maintainer   Duane Wessels

Apologies   Matt Larson (ICANN), Rob Carolina (ISC)

Staff   Andrew McConachie, Danielle Rutherford, Ozan Sahin, and Steve Sheng

Action Items from this Meeting:

● Staff to publish the minutes from the 4 April 2023 meeting.
● Staff to send published minutes from the 4 April 2023 meeting to the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.
● Staff to add Wataru Ohgai and Sachchidanand Upadhyay to the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.
● Staff to draft a supportive comment for the NomCom2 Implementation Public Comment proceeding and share it with RSSAC for review and edits.
● Hans Petter Holen to draft a comment on NomCom Rebalancing and share it with RSSAC for review.
● Brad Verd and Lars-Johan Liman to work together to draft feedback for the Initial Report on the RZERC Charter Review Public Comment proceeding.

Call to Order

Jeff Osborn called the meeting to order at 14:00 UTC.

Roll Call

Jeff Osborn conducted a roll call. Quorum was present to conduct the meeting and to take formal action, if necessary.

Agenda Review

Jeff Osborn reviewed the agenda. There were no objections or other requested additions.

Administration

Approval of Minutes

The RSSAC approved the draft minutes from the 4 April 2023 meeting. There were no abstentions or objections. Motion by Ken Renard and second by Jeff Osborn.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to publish the minutes from 4 April 2023 meeting.
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RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee Update

Jeff Osborn reported that the RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee received two applications; one from Wataru Ohgai and another one from Sachchidanand Upadhyay. Jeff stated that the recommendation from the Membership Committee was to accept both applications.

The RSSAC accepted Wataru Ohgai's RSSAC Caucus membership application. There were no objections or abstentions. Motion by Ken Renard and Second by Wes Hardaker.

The RSSAC accepted Sachchidanand Upadhyay's RSSAC Caucus membership application. There were no objections or abstentions. Motion by Wes Hardaker and Second by Ken Renard.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to add Wataru Ohgai and Sachchidanand Upadhyay to the RSSAC Caucus mailing list.

ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom) Discussion

Ozan Sahin reported that a Public Comment proceeding on "Bylaws Amendments and Documents to Implement the NomCom2 Review" opened and would close in 28 days. Ozan

noted that with these amendments, all NomCom members would turn into voting delegates (except the NomCom leadership) and serve for two years. Ozan added that the amendments would also include changes to ICANN Bylaws section 12.(ii) to address, in light of RSSAC's request, the circular relationship between the RSSAC, NomCom, and ICANN Board.

Ozan further noted that ICANN Board consideration would start following the close of the Public Comment period. If the Board adopts the Bylaw amendments then the Empowered Community's approval (for fundamental Bylaws amendments) and rejection (for standard Bylaws amendments) action processes would follow. Once these steps have been completed, the changes in the NomCom membership would take effect in the following Annual General Meeting which might be ICANN78 in Hamburg, Germany.

RSSAC members exchanged ideas and built a consensus to submit a supportive comment to the Public Comment proceeding.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to draft a supportive comment for the NomCom2 Implementation Public Comment proceeding and share it with RSSAC for review and edits.

On the topic of NomCom Rebalancing, Ozan underlined that the input sought by the ICANN Board on NomCom Rebalancing was a separate track outside of the scope of the open Public Comment on NomCom2 Implementation. Ozan added that the deadline to provide feedback on NomCom Rebalancing was 30 June 2023.

ACTION ITEM: Hans Petter Holen to draft a comment on NomCom Rebalancing and share it with RSSAC for review.

Regarding the selection of RSSAC liaison to the 2024 ICANN NomCom, Ozan shared that there were three RSSAC Caucus members who volunteered to serve: Harish Chowdhary, Dessalegn Yehuala, and Rao Naveed bin Rais. Ozan started a 72-hour online vote for this election.

Appointment of Representative to the Second IANA Naming Function Review Team
Ozan Sahin reported that the first IANA Naming Function Review was conducted in 2018 and Suzanne Woolf served as the RSSAC representative to this team. As suggested by ICANN Bylaws, the second IFR team was being formed after five years and Ozan requested RSSAC members to think about whether they would be interested in representing RSSAC in the second IFR team and reach out to the RSSAC Admin committee, if they would.
Appointment of Representative and Observer to the Implementation Review Team (IRT) for Future Rounds of New gTLD Applications
Ozan Sahin reminded the RSSAC that the RSSAC Admin Committee discussed this topic and determined that RSSAC's representation in the IRT for Future Rounds of New gTLD Applications would be important. Ozan added that, in case there were no other interested RSSAC members, RSSAC leadership agreed to step in to join this IRT.

Brad Verd and Ken Renard volunteered to represent RSSAC in the IRT for Future Rounds of New gTLD Applications in representative and observer roles, respectively.

ICANN77 Planning

Ozan Sahin reported that the ICANN77 Policy Forum would take place in Washington, DC from 12-15 June 2023. Ozan shared that the registration was open and the registration for in-person attendees was due 7 June 2023.

Ozan also introduced the draft RSSAC ICANN77 schedule that the RSSAC Admin Committee created and requested input, flagging that the ICANN77 session submissions were due 3 May 2023. Hans Petter Holen suggested moving the RSSAC sessions earlier in the week to get free time at the end of the meeting and use this time if needed. Hans Petter and Wes Hardaker discussed the benefit for RSSAC members to attend technical meetings such as Tech Day sessions.

Work Items

RSSAC001v2 Work Party

Duane Wessels reported that after the work party document was shared with RSSAC Caucus for review some feedback was received. Duane shared that the work party was reviewing the document in light of this feedback and still discussing its relationship with RFC 7720 or BCP 40. Duane added that the next work part meeting would take place on Thursday, 4 May 2023.

Wes Hardaker suggested not binding the publication times of the RSSAC001v2 and BCP 40 together.

RSSAC002v5 Work Party

Ken Renard reported that the work party document would go into a two-week stable period after which it would be ready for an RSSAC vote in the June meeting.

RSS Security Incident Reporting

Ken Renard reported that he and Steve Sheng worked together to resolve the comments on the statement of work leaving only two comments on the document. Ken welcomed any last minute comments and added that the document would go into a stable period and be ready for an RSSAC vote in the June meeting.

Reports

Chair/Vice Chair

Jeff Osborn and Ken Renard had no updates.

ICANN Board

Wes Hardaker reported that the ICANN Board had just finished a 4-day workshop. Wes thanked RSSAC for a good CEO Search Listening session with the ICANN Board. Wes added that the ICANN Board was working on better mechanisms or templates to describe where the review processes are for advice; and future rounds of new gTLD applications. Wes talked about the recent meeting with the European Union.

CSC

Ken Renard reported that the SLAs were met 100% and things were going well.

ICANN NomCom

Hiro Hotta reported that the application window for leadership positions closed in March and 155 applications were received for 9 positions including 3 Board seats. Hiro shared that the NomCom did a first round of assessment in April and created a shortlist of candidates. Hiro added that the NomCom would continue to review the shortlisted candidates.

RZERC

Daniel Migault had no updates.

IAB

Daniel Migault had no updates.

SSAC

Russ Mundy reported that the call for participation for DNSSEC and Security Workshop was still open. Russ invited RSSAC members to share any presentation topic ideas for this workshop.

RZM

Duane Wessels had no updates.

ICANN Fellowship Selection Committee

Amir Qayyum reported that the committee had completed the fellow selections for ICANN78 in Hamburg and the new representative would replace him to represent RSSAC in the selection committee for subsequent ICANN meetings.

ICANN Fellowship Mentoring Committee

Afifa Abbas reported that the ICANN77 fellowship mentoring process started the day before and it would continue even after the ICANN77 meeting. Afifa added that she took part in the

mentoring committee for the past 6 ICANN public meetings and she would be stepping down after the ICANN77 mentoring process is over. Afifa thanked RSSAC for appointing her to this role.

NextGen@ICANN Selection Committee

Abdulkarim Oloyede reported that the committee completed the selection process for ICANN78 in Hamburg.

NextGen@ICANN Mentoring Committee

Ali Hussain had connection issues so it was agreed that Ali would provide his report via email.

Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSS GWG)

Brad Verd reported that RSS GWG recently had a workshop in Washington, DC where the group worked on the principles and narrowed them down.

Any Other Business

Brad Verd brought up the question of whether RSSAC wanted to provide input to the Initial Report on the RZERC Charter Review Public Comment proceeding. Brad and Lars-Johan Liman added that it would be appropriate for RSSAC to add its input to this proceeding. Brad and Liman committed to draft a comment and share it with RSSAC for review.

ACTION ITEM: Brad Verd and Lars-Johan Liman to work together to draft feedback for Initial Report on the RZERC Charter Review Public Comment proceeding.

It was agreed to have the next RSSAC Meeting in conjunction with ICANN77 in Washington, DC.

Adjournment

The RSSAC concluded the meeting without objections.