

Root Server System (RSS) Governance Working Group (GWG) Discussions

Date	Activity	Record
February to May 2020	GWG reviewed source documents.	Recordings and minutes
14 May 2020	GWG agreed to first focus on designing a structure for the Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Function (SAPF).	Minutes
29 May 2020	GWG Chair asked the GWG for SAPF proposals.	Email
5 June 2020	GWG Chair again asked the GWG for SAPF proposals.	Email
11 June 2020	GWG discussed two proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RSS Supporting Organization ● Public Root Services (PRS) GWG agreed to develop the PRS proposal.	Minutes
Rest of 2020	GWG developed the PRS proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An affiliate organization of ICANN to perform the Finance, Secretariat, and Performance Monitoring and Measurement Functions ● A community council to perform the SAPF ● RSO review panels to perform the Designation and Removal Function 	Recordings and minutes
October 2020	RSOs outlined three options for entering into potential agreements with the proposed affiliate organization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Memorandum of understanding ● Letter of intent ● Contract These options account for the diverse organizational structures of the RSOs and allow for additional services.	Email
Early 2021	GWG focused on resourcing for the PRS proposal.	Recordings and minutes
June 2021	RSOs expressed concerns about the NewOrg proposal (formerly PRS), specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lack of checks and balances ● Loss of RSO independence ● Missing details and gaps RSOs also expressed concerns about representation in the NewOrg proposal and in the GWG.	Email RSO Feedback

	Finally, the RSOs wanted to understand the reasons for an affiliate organization.	
July 2021	GWG Chair asked the RSOs about acceptable representative models.	Email
5 August 2021	GWG paused its work while the RSOs considered the question of representation and reviewed the NewOrg proposal in more detail.	Minutes
August and September 2021	RSOs held weekly consultations and a workshop to develop a success criteria document and forwarded it to the RSSAC.	Email
24 November 2021	RSSAC published the success criteria document.	Email
December 2021 to Now	GWG resumed work and considered charter changes, including expanded membership to include all RSOs.	Recordings and minutes

RSS GWG Correspondence

Date	Activity	Record
10 June 2021	Maarten Botterman to Ted Hardie <ul style="list-style-type: none">ICANN Board affirms the importance of RSSAC037, the role of the RSOs as stakeholders, and the engagement of Board liaisons	Letter
15 June 2021	Ted Hardie to Maarten Botterman <ul style="list-style-type: none">GWG Chair explains upcoming engagement with the RSOs and commits to transparent practices	Letter
2 December 2021	Maarten Botterman to Ted Hardie <ul style="list-style-type: none">ICANN Board directs GWG to incorporate RSSAC058 into its work and reaffirms its commitment to evolving RSS governance according to RSSAC037	Letter
17 January 2022	Ted Hardie to Maarten Botterman <ul style="list-style-type: none">GWG informs the ICANN Board that it adopted RSSAC058 and asks the ICANN Board to update its membership and work plan	Letter
16 February 2022	Maarten Botterman to Ted Hardie <ul style="list-style-type: none">ICANN Board supports expanding GWG membership to every RSO and requiring consensus for GWG decisions and requests a report of GWG work and a revised work plan	Letter
14 March 2022	Ted Hardie to Maarten Botterman <ul style="list-style-type: none">GWG provides a report of its work and a revised work plan	Letter
30 March 2022	Maarten Botterman to Ted Hardie <ul style="list-style-type: none">ICANN Board confirms revised GWG work plan	Letter