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

Attendance

ICANN Board	Kaveh Ranjbar
PTI	Kim Davies
SSAC	Geoff Huston
RSSAC	Daniel Migault
IETF	Tim April
ASO	Carlos Martinez
ccNSO	Peter Koch
Staff	Danielle Rutherford, Steve Sheng
Apologies	Duane Wessels (RZM), Howard Eland (GNSO RySG)

Action Items from this Teleconference
- **ACTION ITEM: Danielle to publish approved 18 May 2021 minutes on RZERC's website.**
- **ACTION ITEM: ACTION ITEM: Danielle to draft RZERC003 clarifying comments for RZERC's review**
- **ACTION ITEM: Danielle to distribute topic list to RZERC members individually**

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 18 May
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: Danielle to publish approved 18 May 2021 minutes on RZERC's website.**

Board Advice understandings for RZERC003
Tim April went through the statements of understanding from ICANN org for RZERC recommendations in RZERC003.

RZERC discussed the RZERC003 recommendations and in general how the RZERC's recommendations to the ICANN Board relate to the larger ICANN Community. As part of the discussion of RZERC003 Geoff Huston brought up Section 3 of the RZERC Charter, and mentioned the Charter's requirements regarding public comment proceedings:

> *For architectural changes that impose potential risk to the security, stability, or resiliency of the content of the DNS root zone, the systems including both hardware and software components used in executing changes to the DNS root zone, or the mechanisms used for the distribution of the DNS root zone (as identified by one or more committee members and agreed by a simple majority of members), the Committee will coordinate a public consultation process via the ICANN public comment forum regarding the proposed changes, including the identified risks.*

Time April stated his interpretation of the RZERC Charter with respect to RZERC003 is that RZERC would need the results of the research requested in RZERC003 before proceeding with any recommendations to the Board that would require an ICANN public comment proceeding. Steve Sheng stated that this is a new experience for RZERC and it is up to the committee on how to proceed with incorporating a public comment proceeding with respect to the recommendations for RZERC003. Geoff Huston observed that the RZERC has not yet made any recommendations to implement any architectural changes to the root zone. The RZERC's recommendations in RZERC003 call for research, engagement, awareness, and planning for ZONEMD but do not yet recommend implementing ZONEMD.

RZERC members on the call agreed to confirm the statements of understanding for RZERC003 Recommendations 1, 2, and 4 and provide clarifying comments that RZERC would appreciate the opportunity to consult with ICANN org once implementation is complete. RZERC members on the call agreed to disagree with the statement of understanding for RZERC003 Recommendation 3 and provide clarifying comments on the intended audience for engagement.

- **ACTION ITEM: Danielle to draft RZERC003 clarifying comments for RZERC's review**

Discussion Items
Potential of working with ICANN OCTO Liaison

RZERC members discussed the possibility of inviting a liaison from ICANN org's Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) to observe the RZERC mailing list and participate in monthly RZERC teleconferences.

Daniel Migault stated he shared this topic with the RSSAC and the RSSAC does not think a liaison is necessary. The RSSAC's position that it is fine to invite a guest when appropriate but a standing liaison is not required. Peter Koch stated he also does not think the role is necessary. Geoff Huston stated he is in favor of having a good working relationship with ICANN org, but does not necessarily require a titled position in order to do so. Tim April stated he thinks it would be helpful to invite someone from OCTO before the RZERC publishes a document, just so they can review it and provide commentary.

Topic Scoping Exercise
Tim April shared that the RZERC Charter Review is due to begin this calendar year and proposed that the RZRC redo the topic scoping exercise, possibly with adding a few new topics to it, RZERC conducted in 2016. Tim April stated he will work with staff to circulate the original list of topics and then ask RZERC members to consult with their appointing organizations to review the topics and suggest additions or deletions from the topic list. The next step would be to conduct a survey where everyone can vote of whether they believe the topic in-scope, out of scope, or not sure. The RZERC can then take the results of the topic scoping exercise into the Charter Review discussion.

Geoff Huston stated that he is the IAB's representative to the Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSS GWG) and that there could eventually be outputs from the RSS GWG that could potentially have ramifications for the RZERC's charter in the future.

Kim Davies stated that the original topic scoping exercise was considered sensitive and confidential. Tim April stated that he would share the topics off of the publicly archived mailing list and follow similar procedures as the 2016 exercise.

- **ACTION ITEM: Danielle to distribute topic list to RZERC members individually**

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