

Root Zone Evolution Review Committee (RZERC) Meeting Minutes 16 March 2021 | 19:00 - 20:00 UTC

Attendance

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| ICANN Board | Kaveh Ranjbar |
| PTI | Kim Davies |
| SSAC | Geoff Huston |
| RSSAC | Daniel Migault |
| ASO | Carlos Martinez |
| IETF | Tim April |
| GNSO RySG | Howard Eland |
| ccNSO | Peter Koch |
| Verisign (RZM) | Duane Wessels |

Staff Danielle Rutherford, Steve Sheng

Action Items from this Teleconference

- **ACTION ITEM: Staff to publish approved 16 February 2021 minutes on RZERC's website.**
- **ACTION ITEM: Staff to initiate and oversee RZERC Chair selection process on 16 February 2021**
- **ACTION ITEM: Staff to draft a thank you correspondence on behalf of the RZERC for Duane's service**

Call to Order

Duane Wessels 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 16 February

Duane Wessels 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: Staff to publish approved 16 February 2021 minutes on RZERC's website.**

Chair Election

Danielle Rutherford presented the procedures and rules for the RZERC Chair Election to be initiated on 16 March 2021. There were three candidates nominated as of 16 March 2021: Tim April, Geoff Huston, and Daniel Migault.

Danielle Rutherford asked each of the candidates if they accepted the nomination. Each of the three candidates indicated they accepted their nomination. Each candidate addressed the RZERC on their candidacy and spoke to their goals as a potential RZERC Chair.

Duane Wessels asked the candidates what each of them thinks about what they think about the balancing having regular Committee meetings for consistency when there are no work items before the Committee. Geoff Huston responded that while he believes there is no shortage of material to consider, if there truly is nothing to do, it is a case of meeting enough to exercise the processes and make sure RZERC is familiar with ongoing work. Daniel Migault, agreed with Geoff Huston that he does not believe there is a lack of topics for the RZERC to discuss and thinks the RZERC will have reason to meet regularly in the future. Tim April also agreed with Geoff Huston and stated he expects if members were to prompt their respective constituencies, they may have some things for the RZERC to consider, whether it turns into a document or not.

Danielle Rutherford then reviewed the procedures for online voting with Big Pulse and stated the poll will open on 16 March 2021 and close on 23 March 2021.

Kaveh Ranjbar stated that he will be abstaining from voting in the election as it is typical for the Board representative in any group to abstain from voting or any other type of decision making, except if it is mandated by bylaws or charter of the respective group.

Peter Koch asked if the winner will be determined by a simple majority and if that means there will be a pick one choice ballot and not a rank choice ballot. Danielle Rutherford confirmed that the winner will be determined by a simple majority and that RZERC members will pick one candidate on the ballot.

Howard Eland asked if it was possible for a three-way tie in the initial round of voting. Danielle Rutherford responded that with Kaveh Ranjbar abstaining, assuming all other members vote there would not be a three-way tie in round one.

- **ACTION ITEM: Staff to initiate and oversee RZERC Chair selection process on 16 February 2021**

Thank you to Duane Wessels

RZERC members had an opportunity to say thank you to Duane Wessels for serving as the first Chair of RZERC and giving the Committee four years of service. Steve Sheng, Kim Davies, Kaveh Ranjbar, Geoff Huston, Peter Koch, Tim April, Howard Eland, and Daniel Migault all spoke and shared their gratitude to Duane Wessels for his leadership from the beginning of the RZERC to the present.

Duane Wessels thanked everyone for their support and stated he looks forward to continuing to work in the RZERC and looks forward to working with the next Chair.

- **ACTION ITEM: Staff to draft a thank you correspondence on behalf of the RZERC for Duane's service**

AOB

Duane Wessels noted that there were no comments under AOB.

Adjournment

The RZERC concluded the teleconference without objections at 19:35 UTC.