**Root Zone Evolution Review Committee (RZERC) Meeting Minutes**
**19 October 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 |
| **ccNSO** | Peter Koch |
| **RZM (Verisign)** | Duane Wessels |

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| **Staff** | Danielle Rutherford |

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| **Apologies** | Howard Eland (RySG) |

**Action Items from this Teleconference**
- **ACTION ITEM: Danielle to publish approved 21 September 2021 minutes on RZERC's website.**
- **ACTION ITEM: Danielle Rutherford to incorporate the proposed changes to slides for the RZERC's public meeting at ICANN72.**

**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 21 September*
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 21 September 2021 minutes on RZERC's website.**

### *RZERC Public Meeting at ICANN72*
Tim April reviewed the RZERC slides for the RZERC's public meeting at ICANN72. Tim April proposed the following edits to the RZERC slide deck: add RZERC002 recommendations, add RZERC003 recommendations, and add a slide on the scoping exercise and charter review. RZERC members agreed with the proposed changes.

- **ACTION ITEM: Danielle Rutherford to incorporate the proposed changes to slides for the RZERC's public meeting at ICANN72.**

### Work Items
### *Topic Scoping Exercise*
Tim April presented the results of the topic scoping exercise to the RZERC members. Tim April initiated a discussion on how the RZERC might consider using the results of the topic scoping exercise to inform any possible amendment to the RZERC Charter. Geoff Huston noted that the ongoing work of the Root Server System (RSS) Governance Working Group (GWG) may have some material impact on the work of the RZERC. Duane Wessels stated that while he appreciated that the RZERC charter is narrow in scope, one aspect of the RZERC he struggled with was the word "content" in the opening sentence. Peter Koch stated that there is currently some confusion on what RZERC is about and that the charter is the right place to solve that confusion. Peter Koch then suggested making the topic scoping exercise a public document, with further explanation for public consumption, to provide insight for other communities on the RZERC's scope and function. Kim Davies, Geoff Huston, and Carlos Martinez supported making the spreadsheet public.

Geoff Huston provided his perspective on how much context to provide for each topic in the survey and how to distribute the results to interested community groups. Tim April suggested taking the results spreadsheet, the expanded text of the survey topics distributed to each RZERC member with the survey, and drafting a short document that provides examples of what we think are normal operational business practices that don't require coming to the full committee, what things are on the border, and then what things are clearly in scope for the RZERC. Kim Davies volunteered to work on this document.

Duane Wessels asked if the RZERC should talk through several of the individual topics marked for discussion with the remaining time. Tim April and Geoff Huston concurred.

Topics: Another 1,000 TLDs, another 100,000 TLDs. Peter Koch stated he was interested to learn why roughly doubling the current size of the root zone would be a problem and indicated he voted not sure. Kim Davies indicated that he voted it was out of scope for RZERC because an additional 1,000 TLDs will not change PTI's operations in a meaningful way. Duane Wessels

stated he believes there is a threshold between an additional 1,000 and 100,000 TLDs that would trigger RZERC discussion.

Topic: AXFR service by Root Server Operators. Geoff Huston stated he thinks it's a substantive architectural discussion and would be within scope of RZERC to consider. Peter Koch stated he thinks it is in scope of the current RZERC charter as the topic of distribution is within RZERC's remit. Kaveh Ranjbar stated this topic may not be strictly within the current RZERC charter but may need to be considered for future charters based on Geoff Huston and Peter Koch's comment.

Topic: Actual RZM Transition. Kim Davies stated that RZERC has a role in defining the parameters for a transition, but not in the actual specifics of executing the transition. Geoff Huston stated he did not think it was in RZERC's scope.

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