Root Zone Evolution Review Committee (RZERC) Meeting Minutes
18 August 2020 | 19:00 - 20:00 UTC

Attendance

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

Action Items from this Teleconference
- Staff to publish approved 21 July 2020 minutes on RZERC's website
- Duane to propose new text in the protecting root zone content draft to address RZERC feedback provided on 18 August 2020
- Staff to develop new process for sharing remote participation details for RZERC teleconferences off of the publicly available RZERC mailing list

Call to Order
Duane Wessels called the teleconference to order at 19:00 UTC.

Roll Call
Danielle Rutherford conducted a roll call.

Agenda Review
Howard Eland and Brad Verd added agenda items under AOB

Administration
Welcome to Tim April
Duane recognized the IETF's new appointment to the RZERC, Tim April. Tim greeted the RZERC and introduced himself to everyone.

Draft Minutes from 21 July
Duane 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 21 July 2020 minutes on RZERC's website.**

Work Items
Protecting root zone content
RZERC members discussed the updated draft. Several RZERC members made comments in the document and the RZERC discussed each comment in the teleconference.

Peter Koch requested the RZERC add more explanatory language as to why RZERC took on this work in the preface. Duane agreed and took an action item to add text to the preface to address Peter's comment.

Peter and Geoff Huston provided feedback on the opening paragraph in the introduction section of the document. Duane noted their feedback and Howard Eland's comment in the document to delete the first sentence.

Duane brought up comments on the paragraph mentioning hyperlocal root and RFC 8806. Peter, Geoff, Tim, Howard, and Steve Sheng all provided input regarding the motivation of zone data protections and the potential relationship to hyperlocal root. Duane considered the feedback and took an action item to propose different wording in the draft.

Next, the Duane reviewed suggested edits made to the recommendations section of the draft. Kim Davies asked if there was a reason the RZERC is planning to publish its comment before the internet draft on the relevant topic is issued as an RFC. Peter and Carlos also voiced support for waiting to publish an RZERC comment until there is an RFC. Geoff and Brad voiced support for publishing an RZREC document sooner so as not to delay the start of the Board consideration process. Duane took note of the feedback from members and stated the RZERC will progress on its work and while there may not be consensus as of this meeting, it may become a moot point by the time the RZERC finalizes its comment.

Kim suggested the RZERC provide clearer language in the recommendations section as it is the first time the RZERC would be providing recommendations to the ICANN Board. Duane took the action item to suggest new language in the recommendations section to address this feedback.

- **ACTION ITEM: Duane to propose new text in the protecting root zone content draft to address RZERC feedback provided on 18 August 2020**

Signing the root-servers.net zone

Duane reviewed the status of the draft document after his conversation with ICANN OCTO. OCTO is receptive to receiving these recommendations from RZERC. Duane mentioned that OCTO provided some feedback in broadening the scope of the document from signing the root-servers.net zone to more generally making the document refer to signing root zone name server data.

Several RZERC members provided feedback on this document. Howard brought up a comparison between the requirements for TLDs and root zone name server data which prompted a discussion on how RZERC's recommended studies could evaluate this discrepancy. Brad responded to Howard's observations and suggested questions the RZERC could ask regarding the signing of root server name data. Peter stated he thinks the second recommendation goes outside the scope of RZERC and recommends against including it in the final document.

AOB

Logistical Item from Howard Eland

Howard noted that the remote participation emails contain the URL with meeting ID and password in clear text and asked if there should be stronger protections on that information. Duane agreed and asked support staff to consider new options for sharing remote participation emails in the future.

- **ACTION ITEM: Staff to develop new process for sharing remote participation details for RZERC teleconferences off of the publicly available RZERC mailing list**

Update from Brad Verd

Brad shared that his term as the RSSAC representative to RZERC has come to an end and that the RZERC has appointed Daniel Migault as the new representative. Duane thanked Brad for his time served on the RZERC.

Adjournment

The RZERC concluded the teleconference without objections at 19:57 UTC.