

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

Attendance

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

Staff Danielle Rutherford

Apologies Howard Eland (GNSO RySG)

Action Items from this Teleconference

- **ACTION ITEM: Staff to publish approved 19 January 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 share detailed term length information with RZERC**

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 19 January

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 19 January 2021 minutes on RZERC's website.**

Upcoming Chair Election

Duane Wessels reviewed the schedule for the upcoming Chair election. Nominations will open on 16 February 2021. Nominations will close on 9 March 2021. At the meeting on 16 March 2021, Chair nominees will indicate their intention to accept or decline their nomination. There will be an opportunity for the nominees to address the RZERC about their candidacy during the meeting. If there are two or more candidates then an online, anonymous vote will take place 16-23 March 2021. If there is only one candidate the RZERC can confirm the new Chair by acclamation during the meeting on 16 March. Duane Wessels encouraged members who are interested to reach out to him for any questions about the Chair position.

Peter Koch asked a question about how the RZERC Chair term may conflict with individual RZERC member terms, as members' terms are specified by their appointing organization. Duane Wessels responded that in the circumstance a member is elected Chair, the RZERC can ask the appointing organization to honor the member's full term as Chair. Danielle Rutherford shared text from the RZERC Operational Procedures in the chat that states if the Chair is term-limited and cannot serve the full two years, then the RZERC will initiate a new Chair selection process.

- **ACTION ITEM: Staff to initiate and oversee RZERC Chair selection process on 16 February 2021**
- **ACTION ITEM: Staff to share detailed term length information with RZERC**

Danielle Rutherford updated the RZERC on the schedule for the upcoming RZERC Chair election. Duane Wessels's official second term will end at the close of the March 2021 meeting. The nomination period will open on 16 February 2021 and close on 9 March 2021. If there is only one candidate the RZERC can confirm the new Chair by acclamation during the 16 March 2021 call. Otherwise, there will be an online election for the new Chair.

Howard Eland asked if RZERC could hold the election for the week before the meeting. Duane Wessels clarified the schedule provided is spelled out in the RZERC operational procedures.

Work Items

RZERC002: Recommendations Regarding Signing Root Zone Name Server Data

Duane Wessels shared that RZERC002: Recommendations Regarding Signing Root Zone Name Server Data was approved by the RZERC, shared with the ICANN Board, and officially published on the RZERC website.

RZERC003: Adding Zone Data Protections to the Root Zone

Duane Wessels shared that RZERC003: Adding Zone Data Protections to the Root Zone was approved by the RZERC and shared with the ICANN Board. Staff will publish RZERC003 after the 48 hour preview period for the ICANN Board.

Geoff Huston asked about the process from ICANN org to consider and respond to the RZERC's recommendations. Kaveh Ranjbar responded that the ICANN Board and org work together according to the Action Request Register (ARR) process and that is how the Board plans to work together with OCTO to process and oversee the work from RZERC002 and RZERC003. Danielle Rutherford confirmed that ICANN org has decided to process RZERC advice in the ARR and that Danielle will shepherd the RZERC members through the ARR process.

- **ACTION ITEM: Staff to publish RZERC003: Adding Zone Data Protections to the Root Zone on 18 February 2021**

Topic scoping exercise

Duane Wessels discussed a topic scoping exercise the RZERC conducted shortly after it was formed and shared the results of the exercise with the RZERC. RZERC members discussed the relevance of the results to the RZERC's publications and how the RZERC can take on work. Duane Wessels noted that this may be an exercise the RZERC should take up again.

AOB

Duane Wessels noted that there were no comments under AOB.

Adjournment

The RZERC concluded the teleconference without objections at 19:32 UTC.