

RSSAC Teleconference

Tuesday, 1 September 2026 | 14:00-15:30 UTC

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Attendance

Cogent

DISA John Augenstein, Peter Martin

ICANN Matt Larson

ISC Jeff Osborn, Robert Carolina

NASA Jose Nunez-Zapata

Netnod

RIPE NCC Hans Petter Holen

UMD Kevin Hildebrand

USC ISI Wes Hardaker

US ARL Ken Renard

Verisign Brad Verd

WIDE Hiro Hotta

Liaison to the Board

Wes Hardaker

Liaison to the CSC

Hiro Hotta

Liaison to the RZERC

Lars-Johan Liman

Liaison from the IAB

Daniel Migault

Liaison from the SSAC

Liaison from the IANA Functions Operator James Mitchell

Liaison from the Root Zone Maintainer

Apologies

Invited Guests

Erum Welling

Staff

Andrew McConachie, Daniel Gluck, Ozan Sahin, and Carlos Reyes

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Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Jeff Osborn called the meeting to order at approximately 14:00 UTC. A roll call was conducted, and a quorum was established.

Agenda Review

The agenda was reviewed by RSSAC. Voting items were identified: approval of the August meeting minutes, two RSSAC Caucus membership applications, and two work items requiring approval. No additional agenda items were raised.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 4 August 2026 RSSAC teleconference were approved as circulated. There were no abstentions or rejections. Motion by Ken Renard. Seconded by Wes Hardaker.

RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee

New Caucus Members

The RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee recommended two applicants for membership.

Takashi Tomine was recommended for membership based on his experience with WIDE and M-Root. The RSSAC approved Takashi's membership without objection or abstention. Motion by Ken Renard. Seconded by Wes Hardaker.

Raymond Mamattah was recommended for membership based on his extensive experience within ICANN and background in governance. The RSSAC approved Raymond's membership without objection or abstention. Motion by Ken Renard. Seconded by Wes Hardaker.

Annual Caucus Membership Survey

The Membership Committee has approved the annual RSSAC Caucus Membership Survey to commence. The survey will largely retain the same questions used in previous years. A question was added to solicit feedback on the lightning talks introduced at Caucus meetings.

Staff will distribute individualized survey links to Caucus members through SurveyMonkey. Members will have three weeks to respond, allowing the results to be reviewed by ICANN87.

ICANN87 Update

The RSSAC expects to hold three work sessions: one addressing the Continuous Improvement Program (CIP) and Work Stream 2; one preparing for the joint session with the ICANN Board; and one featuring outside presentations.

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Questions for the joint RSSAC-ICANN Board session will be developed following the September ICANN Board workshop and additional information expected from the Board.

GAC Session on Agentive AI

Jeff Osborn reported that the GAC Chair has invited him to participate with other SO/AC chairs in an ICANN87 session concerning Agentive AI in the DNS industry.

RSSAC participation would focus narrowly on implications for the Root Server System rather than Agentive AI and the DNS more generally. There will be a consultation with Root Ops regarding the extent to which Agentive AI is currently used in root server operations.

Work Items

RSSAC001v3

Staff provided a summary of RSSAC001v3 development. Following completion of the document, it was circulated to the RSSAC Caucus for review. Comments received during the Caucus review did not result in changes to the document. The document was subsequently circulated to RSSAC and completed its stable period without additional feedback.

The RSSAC unanimously approved RSSAC001v3. Motion by Robert Carolina. Seconded by Wes Hardaker. There were no abstentions or rejections.

Continuous Improvement Program Statement of Work

Staff provided an update on RSSAC's implementation of ICANN's Continuous Improvement Program (CIP). The RSSAC began developing its CIP Statement of Work in late 2025. Work was deferred until after ICANN86 and resumed with a work session in August 2026. Staff subsequently circulated a clean version of the Statement of Work, which entered a stable period on 24 August. The stable period concluded without issues requiring further revision.

The RSSAC unanimously approved the CIP SOW. Motion by Wes Hardaker. Seconded by Hans Petter Holen. There were no abstentions or rejections.

DNS Abuse Mitigation PDP-1 Public Comment

Staff noted that the Initial Report of the GNSO DNS Abuse Mitigation Policy Development Process Working Group is open for Public Comment through 28 September. The RSSAC's participant in the PDP, reported that the Initial Report does not assign RSSAC a role in investigating or triggering DNS abuse mitigation activities. She suggested that RSSAC

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nevertheless submit a short comment recognizing the working group's work and supporting its multistakeholder approach.

Staff will circulate draft language based on the discussion. The proposed RSSAC statement will undergo a stable period followed by an online vote so that it can be submitted before the 28 September deadline.

ACTION ITEM: Daniel Gluck will circulate the proposed RSSAC response to the DNS Abuse Mitigation PDP.

Reports

Liaison to the ICANN Board

Wes Hardaker reported that the ICANN Board had a relatively quiet August and would hold its September workshop later that week. He also noted the announcement of approximately 1,600 applications in the new gTLD round.

Liaison to the Customer Standing Committee

Hiro Hotta reported that PTI continued to perform well and achieved 100 percent performance for their July SLAs.

Liaisons to the Review of Reviews Cross Community Group

Ken Renard reported that the Review of Reviews Cross Community Group continued to work at a rapid pace. Recent discussions focused on the intervals between consecutive ICANN structural reviews and Accountability and Transparency Reviews. The group is reviewing input received through the first Public Comment proceeding.

Any Other Business

The next RSSAC teleconference will take place on 6 October 2026.

In lieu of a November meeting, an RSSAC meeting will take place during ICANN87 in Bali. It will resume regular meetings in December.

Adjournment

Chair Jeff Osborn adjourned the RSSAC meeting at approximately 14:52 UTC.