

REGISTRY INTERNET SAFETY GROUP CHARTER OVERVIEW

Statement of Purpose

The primary purpose of the Registry Internet Safety Group ("RISG") is to facilitate dialogue, affect change, and promulgate best practices to address Internet identity theft including "phishing" and all of its related forms, and malware distribution. RISG seeks to decrease occurrences of phishing and malware distribution, in all of its forms, by developing best practice suggestions for Registries and Registrars. RISG members shall also attempt to create methods to share data among member companies that will enhance the understanding of phishing and malware and further the mission of RISG to eliminate them.

The RISG will endeavor to function collaboratively with other Internet industry groups possessing similar objectives. RISG shall complement, and not duplicate, the efforts of other industry groups already working to eliminate phishing and malware distribution.

MEMBERSHIP

RISG shall be an independent volunteer association of member corporations comprised solely of its founding members as noted on Attachment "A" of this Charter. Additional members shall be permitted to join RISG provided that they accept the terms of this charter and agree to work collaboratively within RISG to further the mission of RISG. Prior to any new member organization be accepted into RISG at least two thirds of existing members must vote approval to accept new members. Once it is agreed that new members will be accepted, each prospective new member will only be accepted upon a majority vote of approval from all existing RISG member organizations.

No member of RISG shall engage in activities that are counterproductive or otherwise interfere with the advancement of the RISG mission as defined in this Charter. Should any member participate in such activities, they may be subject to removal from RISG. A member may only be removed upon the submission of a detailed complaint letter outlining such activities to the Board Secretary and the approval vote of two thirds of active good standing RISG members after review of the complaint.

MEETINGS; ATTENDANCE

RISG shall meet in person at least twice per year with such meetings to be normally held the weekend prior to an ICANN International Conference. In addition, RISG shall meet telephonically at least once monthly.

A majority of RISG members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting, but members of RISG should endeavor to be present, in person or by telephone, at all meetings. The Chairperson of RISG may request that members of the RISG Executive Board shall be present for all meetings.

Minutes of each meeting shall be prepared and provided to RISG members within 2 days after every RISG meeting.

DETAILED RESPONSIBILITIES

RISG has the mission and structure set forth in this Charter. The following is a list of the regular activities of RISG. These activities are set forth as a guide, with the understanding that RISG may diverge from this guide as appropriate and upon the approval of a majority of RISG members voting during a regularly scheduled meeting:

1. RISG shall work collaboratively within the Internet Industry to develop best practices for Registries and Registrars to prevent phishing and malware distribution.

2. In the interests of fostering communication and cooperation, the RISG shall appoint a member to serve as a liaison to the Anti-Phishing Working Group. Representatives to other industry groups may be appointed at the discretion of the Board Chairperson with the approval of either the Vice Chair or Secretary. All appointments shall be strictly voluntary and any representative must remain an RISG member in good standing during the length of the appointment. All appointments shall be for one year terms with option for renewal.

3. RISG shall ensure the development and adoption of a formal written statement delineating all malware and phishing data sharing relationships between the members, and the members shall actively engage in a dialogue with respect to the development of a policy that shall permit the sharing of data in furtherance of the mission of RISG.

4. At least once each annual quarter, RISG shall meet to discuss: (i) all significant deficiencies in strategy which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the ability of RISG to perform its stated mission; (ii) any concerns related to data sharing or membership participation, (iii) the resolution of any identified deficiencies, and (iv) the assessments of any ongoing activities and any significant changes that are required to further the mission of RISG.

5. All RISG members shall review the scope and terms of the data sharing plan and such plan must be approved by a two thirds vote of all members prior to its implementation. Upon adoption, this plan shall become a binding portion of this charter.

6. Any member unwilling to participate in the data sharing plan after its adoption may be considered for removal based upon failure to cooperatively further the objectives of RISG. Provided however, that any member, for whom it would violate the laws of their country of incorporation or principle place of business to share certain data information, shall be excused from the data sharing agreement as it might implicate such data. Any member claiming exemption shall be permitted to continue to fully participate in RISG activities. Any dispute regarding exemption eligibility shall be decided by a majority vote of the RISG Board.

7. RISG shall adopt procedures for the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints received by members, and for the confidential, anonymous submission of concerns by members

8. All RISG members shall review and approve any statements or publications of RISG. All such policies or statements will be considered accepted upon a vote of two thirds of members present during a regularly scheduled meeting.

9. RISG members shall review the adequacy of this Charter on an annual basis. In addition, RISG shall perform such other functions as necessary and appropriate to further the mission stated in this Charter.

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CHARTER

Adopted February 12, 2008

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II. Structure

2.1 *Number of Members.* The number of members constituting RISG shall be the number of members listed on Attachment "A" of this Charter and subject to the inclusion of additional members as approved by the terms of this Charter and outlined in the above Charter Overview. A member may resign from RISG at any time by notice to the other members.

2.2 *Board.* RISG shall elect a three person board whose duties shall include ensuring the fulfillment of this Charter, communicating with members, recording minutes of the meetings, and keeping the group records. Board members shall be elected by a majority vote of all good standing members at an annual meeting.

The RISG board shall be comprised of member organizations and consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary, with each board member being elected by a two thirds approval of all members present during a regularly scheduled meeting. Each member of the RISG board shall agree to serve a 1 year term. The Chair shall be responsible for meeting leadership, governance, and ensuring that all activities are in conformance with the terms of this Charter. The Vice-Chair shall ensure that all programs are maintained and ensure communication with members. The Secretary shall be responsible for recording all minutes, keeping records, and shall also be responsible for disseminating past minutes to members prior to each meeting. These three board members shall also retain certain voting rights and duties as outlined within other sections of this charter.

Board members shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, any member of the Board may be removed at any time upon the vote of two thirds of all RISG members. If a board member resigns from office, a replacement shall be elected at the next monthly meeting of all RISG members. The replacement shall then serve until the end of the normal term of the vacated position.

2.3 Meetings. RISG shall meet at such times as it determines to be necessary or appropriate and shall make an effort to meet telephonically once per month and at least twice per year in person during the weekend prior to an ICANN International Conference.

All RISG members are expected to make reasonable efforts to attend all meetings. Any RISG member that fails to be present for three consecutive meetings, or three scheduled votes, shall be considered an “inactive member”. The Board Secretary shall immediately notify any such member of this status change. Any inactive member will remain in good standing, but shall be ineligible to participate in RISG business and will not be counted for purposes of quorum. A member shall remain in this status unless the member submits a written request to the Board Secretary requesting to return to active membership status and this request is approved by a majority of members at the next scheduled meeting.

2.4 Charter Review and Performance Evaluation.

(a) Not less frequently than annually, RISG shall review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter, and, if necessary, revise this Charter periodically as conditions dictate and, upon any revision, submit the revised Charter to the Board for approval.

(b) The RISG board shall work to establish to establish and maintain a process for the annual evaluation of the performance RISG and, pursuant to such process, conduct an annual evaluation of the initiatives undertaken by RISG.

2.5 Authority to Engage Advisors. RISG members are hereby vested with the authority to engage outside advisors, at the individual cost of each member, as necessary and helpful to the furtherance of RISG goals.

2.6 Funding. Each RISG member shall be responsible for its own expenses incurred in RISG activities. RISG members shall consider promulgating a membership fee to provide prospectively for appropriate funding for costs related to any study conducted in connection with RISG, payment of any compensation to any advisor or expert engaged by RISG and payment of ordinary administrative expenses of RISG. The adoption and amount of any such fee must be approved by two thirds of all RISG members. The collection and administration of any such fee shall be the sole responsibility of the RISG board, provided that such administration must be fully open and transparent to all RISG members.

2.7 Miscellaneous.

(a) RISG may perform any other activities consistent with this Charter, ICANN requirements, and applicable law, as the members of RISG deem appropriate and provided that such activities are formally approved by RISG members during regular meetings.

(b) RISG members may form subcommittees and may delegate any authority, duties or responsibilities to one or more subcommittees as the RISG board may deem appropriate, consistent with this Charter and applicable law.

(c) Membership:

The members of RISG shall be an independent volunteer association of member corporations comprised solely of its founding members as noted on Attachment "A" of this Charter.

Additional members shall be permitted to join RISG provided that they accept the terms of this charter, all existing charter amendments and regulations, the data sharing policies (unless exempt), and agree to work collaboratively to further the mission of RISG. Prior to any new member organization be accepted into RISG at least two thirds of existing members must vote approval to accept new members. Additionally, each prospective new member will only be accepted upon a majority vote of approval from all existing RISG member organizations.

No member of RISG shall engage in activities that are counterproductive or otherwise interfere with the advancement of the RISG mission as defined in this Charter. Should any member participate in such activities, they may be subject to removal from RISG. A member may only be removed upon the submission of a detailed complaint letter outlining such activities to the Board Secretary and the approval vote of two thirds of active good standing RISG members after review of the complaint.

No member shall engage in any activity in connection with RISG, or any of its members, which might violate any anti-trust law in their country of incorporation or principle place of business. If any member believes RISG participation may violate any anti-trust law, the member shall promptly communicate such concerns to the board for review.

Authority and Responsibilities

The RISG Board is delegated all authority as may be required or advisable to fulfill the purposes of the group. The RISG board may form and delegate some or all of its authority to subcommittees when it deems appropriate. Without limiting the generality of the preceding statements, the board shall have authority, and is entrusted with the responsibility, to do the following actions:

1. Each year, the board shall review the activities and accomplishments of RISG.
2. Each year, the board shall review and make recommendations to the membership with respect to starting new initiatives or improving current activities.

Procedures

1. ***Meetings.*** RISG shall meet at such times as it determines to be necessary or appropriate and shall make an effort to meet telephonically once per month and at least twice per year in person during the weekend prior to an ICANN International Conference.
2. ***Quorum and Approval.*** A majority of the members of RISG shall constitute a quorum, and unless otherwise specified in this charter, the board shall act on the affirmative vote of a majority of members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

3. **Rules.** The board may determine additional rules and procedures, including designation of a Chair pro tempore in the absence of the Chair and designation of a secretary of the board for any meeting thereof.
4. **Reports.** The board shall make annual reports to the members, directly or through the Chair, and shall make such interim reports to the members as the Chairperson or the board deems necessary.
5. **Review of Charter.** Each year the board shall review the need for changes in this Charter and recommend any proposed changes to the members for approval. Any change in this Charter must be approved by a two thirds approval vote by all RISG members.
6. **Performance Review.** Each year the board shall review and evaluate its own performance and shall submit itself to the review and evaluation of the members.

III. Data Sharing Agreement

3.1 Plan Development. RISG shall ensure the development and adoption of a formal written statement delineating all data sharing relationships respecting malware or phishing between the members with respect to this agreement, and the members shall actively engage in a dialogue with respect to the development of a policy that shall permit the sharing of such data in furtherance of the mission of RISG.

3.2 Trial Period for Data Sharing. In furtherance of the development of a data sharing plan, the chairperson shall appoint a subcommittee to coordinate a trial data sharing period and to develop proposed policies for governing such cooperation. At the conclusion of the trial period, the subcommittee shall submit to the Vice Chair a report on the findings from the trial period and a proposed data sharing policy. The trial period should not exceed 6 months unless approval for extended trial period time is permitted by a majority approval of the Board.

3.3 Data Sharing Agreement. All RISG members shall review the scope and terms of the data sharing plan and such plan must be approved by a two thirds vote of all members prior to its implementation. Any member unwilling to participate in the plan after its adoption may be considered for removal based upon failure to cooperatively further the objectives of RISG. Upon adoption, the data sharing agreement shall become a binding portion of this charter.

3.4 Exemption. Any member, for whom it would violate the laws of their country of incorporation or principle place of business to share certain data information, shall be excused from the data sharing agreement to the extent that sharing data might implicate such laws. Any member claiming exemption under this agreement shall be permitted to continue to fully participate in RISG activities. Any dispute regarding exemption eligibility shall be decided by a majority vote of the RISG Board.

ATTACHMENT A

Founding Registry Internet Securities Group Members

Chair: Alexa Raad (Public Interest Registry)
Vice-Chair: Roelof Meijer (SIDN)
Secretary: David Cowings (Symantec Corporation)
Members: Jay Daley (Nominet)
Robert Flaim (Federal Bureau of Investigation)
Thomas Grasso (Federal Bureau of Investigation)
Adam Palmer (Public Interest Registry)
David Maher (Public Interest Registry)
Steve Crocker (Shinkuro)
Greg Aaron (Afilias)
Ram Mohan (Afilias)
Wayne Thayer (Go Daddy Group)
Manoj Srivastava (Cyveillance, Inc.)
Maria Mokina (.RU)

WHEREAS, the Parties below have agreed upon and executed this Charter as of March _____ 2008, and by signing below indicate their understanding of this Charter and intent to make a good faith effort to abide by the terms contained herein.

Chair: Alexa Raad (Public Interest Registry)

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