

# Management proposal for the Registration Operations Association

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# The common stuff

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- Legal formation
- Membership communication

# Legal

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- 501(c)(6) non-profit trade association is common
- However, the IRS has cracked down on these in recent years
- Maybe a state not-for-profit corporation is sufficient

# Membership communication

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- Mailing lists
- Telechats
- Members-only part of the web site

# The more interesting stuff: technical work

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- ROA goals:
  - Reduce number of recommended EPP extensions
  - Maybe create new ones
- Extensive writing and testing needed to make this effort useful
- Larger members can do their own work, but ROA needs to have member-neutral writing and testing

# Spec selection

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- Some registry functions have several competing EPP extensions
- ROA can:
  - Do technical review of existing extensions
  - Help the members choose which to recommend
- Chosen extension may need editorial work or technical improvements, which ROA can do
- ROA can publish its own specs, and they can also become RFCs

# Testing

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- Testing selected EPP extensions:
  - Verifies interoperability
  - Prevents possible serious damage to the registry-registrar ecosystem
- Every registrar building OT&E for new extensions from scratch is wasteful
- ROA can provide shared testbed for members, created and maintained in a member-neutral fashion

# Standcore

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- We've done this before, happy to do it again
- The Domain Assurance Council: a purposely short-lived consortium, we created a new RFC and helped promote it
- We are active in the DNS community, and are currently working on a DNS conformance system sponsored by many companies