Management proposal for the Registration Operations Association

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The common stuff

• Legal formation
• Membership communication
Legal

- 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

- Mailing lists
- Telechats
- Members-only part of the web site
The more interesting stuff: technical work

• 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

• 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

• 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

• 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