IETF Administrative Support Activity (IASA) 2.0

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Introduction

• IETF Administrative Support Activity ("IASA") created in 2005, documented in RFC 4071
• IETF community considering reforms to administrative arrangements ("IA SA 2.0")
• Outcome of IASA 2.0 discussion likely to impact both ISOC and the IETF
• Direction of IETF community discussion and its likely impact to become more clear in coming months
Reminder of how IASA works now

• IETF is an “organized activity of ISOC”
  • IETF has no independent legal status
• IETF Administrative Oversight Committee (IAOC), largely consisting of volunteers, directs and oversees IETF administration
• IAOC oversees the IETF Administrative Director (IAD) – single full-time ISOC employee
• Many, many more details …
Why reform IETF administration?

• Many changes since 2005 within IETF, ISOC, and the world
  • Admin workload, staffing, budgets, fundraising, organizational directions, time commitments, etc.

• Challenges
  • Lack of clarity about responsibility, representation, authority, oversight (as between IETF, ISOC, and others)
  • Lack of volunteers, staff, and time
  • Lack of transparency
  • Mismatch between funding model and operating model
  • Rising costs
IETF community process

• IETF community discussion started last year
• Several working documents published covering history and current challenges
• Design team formed last week
  • Deeper dive into specific approaches
  • Exploration of issues outside typical IETF technical scope (budget, personnel, legal)
  • Goal: seed further community discussion around IETF 99 time frame (July)
Future steps

• IETF 99 time frame (July 16-21)
  • Design team output
  • Community discussion

• Agreement on approach and process within the IETF community

• Factor needs for additional budget, accounting clarity into 2018 IETF budgeting process (August)

• More detailed discussion with ISOC Board once IETF community direction is more clear
References


• IASA 2.0 working documents

• Slides and meeting minutes from IASA 2.0 community discussions: https://datatracker.ietf.org/group/iasa20/meetings/
• IASA 2.0 mailing list: https://www.ietf.org/mailman/listinfo/iasa20