

# Guiding the Future Direction of the Internet Society





# Help us preserve the open, global Internet.

The Internet Society serves a pivotal role in the world as a global leader on Internet policy, technical, economic, and social matters, and as the organizational home of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). Central to our success is the volunteer leadership provided by a dedicated and discerning Board of Trustees.

We encourage interested individuals to consider serving on the board.

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## About the Internet Society

We are a global movement that champions an open Internet for all. This is an Internet that offers hope, brings opportunity and celebrates humanity. Our work has never been more crucial. In a world where challenges such as censorship and surveillance are a reality, we break down barriers, drive inclusivity, promote open standards and connect the unconnected.

Our community is unique. Rooted in the origins of the Internet, we're passionate about preserving the foundations on which it was built, and developing its full and boundless potential. We have the technical expertise, credibility and reach to make this happen. We influence, we listen, we ask the right questions, and we work with others to solve problems in the right way.

We are committed to an Internet for everyone everywhere; free from censorship and unnecessary regulation, an enabler of progress. An Internet that can build a business from a spark of an idea, educate the most remote communities, protect human rights and drive economic and social development.

## The Opportunity

The Internet Society's by-laws specify that a total of four Trustees are to be selected each year by ISOC's Chapters, Organization Members, and the IETF. The number for each community changes annually to maintain the board's balance. In 2017 Chapters will elect two Trustees; Organization Members and the IETF will each select one Trustee. Following an orientation program, all new Trustees will begin 3-year terms commencing with the Annual General Meeting in June.



## Find Out More Today

More information on Internet Society Board of Trustees nominations and elections is available at [internetsociety.org/trustees](http://internetsociety.org/trustees)



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## The Role of the Board of Trustees

In support of the organization's mission of preserving the open, global Internet, the board provides strategic direction, oversight, inspiration, support and advice. The board's role is strictly limited to governance, which is by definition, the creation of policies, and continuous monitoring of their proper implementation. In consultation with the CEO, the board sets up strategic goals and helps devise a high-level strategic action plan to reach them. Once the goals and plans are approved, the board oversees management's implementation and measures results of the actions taken in accordance with the plan.

## The Role of Individual Trustees

- Become familiar with the many complex technology, policy and development issues we face;
- Bring diverse professional backgrounds and regional perspectives to board deliberations;
- Attend board meetings\* (three to four per year) and board teleconferences;
- Volunteer to lead or serve on one or more committees of the board;
- Participate in online board discussions, polls and surveys as required.

\* Reimbursement for travel to board meetings and retreats is provided to trustees who request it. The Internet Society does not provide other compensation for board service.

# FAQs about Internet Society Board Service

## **What kind of experience qualifies a person to serve as a Trustee?**

Successful candidates generally have deep experience or knowledge in at least several of these areas: Internet standards, Internet operation, public policy for Internet and telecommunications, and Internet development. The following are also very important: previous board or organizational leadership experience, skills in business or nonprofit management and governance, or fund raising experience.

## **Who selects Internet Society Trustees?**

Candidates on the Chapters slate are elected by a voting representative from each Chapter. Candidates on the Organization Members slate are elected by a representative of each Organization Member. The IETF selects Trustees for the board following the appointment process documented in RFC 3677.



## **How does a person stand for election?**

Third party- and self-nominations are welcome. Upon successful submission of the online nomination form, qualified candidates are interviewed by the ISOC Nominations Committee in order to produce the elections slate. Candidates on the slate are provided opportunities to share biographical information, an election statement, and views on various issues directly with voters in a Candidate Forum.

## **What kind of orientation is provided to new Trustees?**

Once election results are final, a board orientation program and schedule is drawn up. The program is designed to acquaint new Trustees with the board's roles and responsibilities. The orientation schedule generally includes two to three 90-minute sessions via conference call, followed by a full-day meeting on the day prior to the Annual General Meeting, when new Trustees officially begin their terms.

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