



# CALLING INTERNET LEADERS!



Guiding the Future Direction of the Internet Society

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## 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). Working with its members and Chapters around the world, the Internet Society promotes the continued evolution and growth of the open Internet for everyone.

## THE ROLE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees provides strategic direction, inspiration, and oversight to advance the organization's mission of preserving the open, global Internet. The Internet Society's by-laws specify that four Trustees are to be selected by ISOC's Organization members, Chapters, and the IETF. Based on a rotating schedule, in 2016, Organization members will elect two Trustees; Chapters will elect one Trustee, and the IETF will select one Trustee. Following an orientation program, all new Trustees will begin 3-year terms commencing with the Annual General Meeting in mid-year 2016.



## 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 per year) and strategic planning retreats (one per year);
- » Volunteer to lead or serve on one or more committees of the board;
- » Participate in board conference calls (three to four 2-hour calls per year); and
- » Participate in online board discussions, polls and surveys as required.



### INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A TRUSTEE? FIND OUT MORE TODAY

More information on Internet Society Board of Trustees nominations and elections is available at:

[www.internetsociety.org/Trustees](http://www.internetsociety.org/Trustees)

\* The board attempts to reduce Trustee travel and time away from home by co-locating one of its meetings each year with an IETF meeting and one with an ICANN meeting. The other board meeting is typically co-located with an Internet Society meeting or event. 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/not-for-profit 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 Organizations 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 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 an online 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 the day prior to the Annual General Meeting, when new Trustees officially begin their terms.

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