

# IETF Trust Report

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Ole Jacobsen, IETF Trust Chair

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# Musical Leadership Chairs

- Chris Griffiths elected as Trust Chair in Orlando (March 13, 2013)
- Bob Hinden became ISOC BoT Chair on August 3, 2013 and announced intention to resign as IAOC Chair
- Chris Griffiths elected as new IAOC Chair on August 16, 2013 and announced intention to resign as Trust Chair.
- Ole Jacobsen elected Trust Chair on August 22, 2013

# License & Rights Requests

- Request for derivative work permission related to IETF IPR Policy
  - (Received 7/25/2013 - Resolved 7/31/2013)
- Request to quote from RFC 2702 in a book
  - (Received 7/11/2013 - Resolved 7/25/2013)
- Request to license Tao under Creative Commons
  - (Received 6/18/2013 – Cannot Resolve without TLP changes)
- Copyright Question related to publishing RFC 6933
  - (Received 5/20/2013 - Resolved 5/22/2013)

# Subpoenas & Legal Requests

- Apple and International Trade Commission (January 2013; Required a Deposition)
- Smartphone Technologies vs Huawei Device (November 2013; in Process)
- Details: <http://iaoc.ietf.org/subpoenas.html>

## Change the Trust Agreement ?

- The IETF Trust Agreement has not been modified since its execution on December 15, 2005, but discussions are underway to make slight modifications to this document based on community feedback and requests.
- For details, see Trust presentation for IETF87

# Community Feedback

- We posed questions to the IETF community to about making changes to the Trust Agreement
- Feedback Received (July – November)

## Current Status

- There is community consensus for adjusting the Trust Agreement to allow for disposing of physical assets with appropriate controls. We will bring proposal of text to the community for feedback.
- There is also community consensus for adjusting the Trust Agreement to allow for disposal of domains and trademarks with appropriate controls. We will bring proposal of text to the community for feedback.
- There is *not* community support for changing Trust authority with regard to licenses specifically to Creative Commons. The current request cannot be completed.

# Thank You!





# Backup Slides



# What is the IETF Trust ?

- The IETF Trust was founded by CNRI and the Internet Society (AKA the Settlors).
  - <http://iaoc.ietf.org/docs/IETF-Trust-Agreement-Executed-12-15-05.pdf>
  - Also see BCP 78 / RFC 5378.
- It exists to hold intellectual and other property of the IETF “for the advancement of the science and technology associated with the Internet and related technology.”
- It has a legal existence as a Trust in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- There are 9 Trustees, the members of the IAOC.
- The Trustees have a fiduciary duty to protect the IETF’s property!

# The IETF Trust Legal Provisions

- The IETF Trust is currently operating under Trust Legal Provisions (TLP) 4.0.
  - Effective Date: December 15, 2009
- These can be found at  
<http://trustee.ietf.org/docs/IETF-Trust-License-Policy.pdf>