Report from the IAOC to the ISOC Board of Trustees June 2018

Current state

The IAOC is currently working in a "business as usual" mode, pending the community decision about IASA 2.0. To that end, the IAOC has been focusing on ensuring that its role is restricted to oversight.

There has been a lot of change to IASA over the past year, even without the IASA 2.0 changes. The IETF Administrative Director, Ray Pelletier, retired. Around the same time, the IETF's counsel, Jorge Contreras, also retired. The IAOC engaged Portia Wenze-Danley as the Interim IETF Administrative Director. The IAOC decided to appoint someone on an interim basis, and leave permanent appointments to the new LLC anticipated under IASA 2.0. Portia and the IAOC are supported by Liz Flynn at AMS. Portia is also overseeing the contract with the IETF's dedicated fundraiser, Ken Boyden. We have engaged two firms — Biddle Law PC and Thompson Hine LLP — to handle our legal needs.

The changes have highlighted an apparent structural weakness in the IASA. It appears that procedures were not always written down as completely as one might like, and the apparent gaps have had to be filled in from people's recollections.

Committees ======

At the IAOC retreat in April, the IAOC determined that it needed to work harder to restrict itself to its only task, which is administrative oversight. The IAOC decided that priorities and needs for IETF tools are actually set by the IETF chair in co-operation with the IESG, and that the only job of the IAOC in that area is to ensure the necessary funding is available (or to push back when the funding is not available). Accordingly, the IAOC closed the Tools Management Committee. At the same meeting, the IAOC closed the Sponsorship Committee (since it had existed to fill the gap now filled by Ken Boyden) and the RFP Committee (because that is an activity properly handled by the IAD). The IAOC also reorganized the Finance Committee in an effort to reduce the tendency to have finance discussions twice, and appointed the rest of the Venue Review Committee membership.

Venue Review

The IAOC has been gradually implementing the approach to venue selection expressed in the output of the MTGVENUE working group. An important part of that has been the replacement of the former Meetings Committee with a new Venue Review Committee. The new committee is

intended to be quite limited in its scope, because its primary task is to evaluate staff recommendations for conformance with the MTGVENUE criteria. This is not an algorithm, of course, so some judgement will be required. But the process is intended to be lightweight and transparent to the community.

Budget

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The approved budget for 2018 did not include funds for the IASA 2.0 transition. As you know, request for funds for that purpose has been sent to ISOC, and approved.

It appears that expenses related to the EU General Data Protection Regulation were underestimated in the 2018 budget. Some other expenses have been lower than expected, however, so those funds will be used to cover the GDPR expenses.

The guidance for the future indicated a rise in IETF meeting registration fees. The IAOC was able to avoid an increase this year by rearranging the fee schedule. Starting with IETF 103, a registration is not complete until it is paid. The early bird fee will remain the same at \$700, but the payment deadline will be 7 weeks before the Monday opening the meeting. The standard rate of \$875 will be due by 2 weeks before the Monday meeting, after which the fee rises to \$1000. That is also the fee for on-site registration. Cancellations incur a 10% penalty on refund, unless the registrant's travel visa was denied (in which case we refund the registration fees completely).

Upcoming meetings

The IETF will meet in Montréal, Québec, Canada July 14-20 2018. Preparations are well in hand. The host is Juniper Networks.

The IETF will meet in Bangkok, Thailand November 3–9 2018. Preparations are well along, though there is some concern about invitation letters and visas. It is the first time the IETF will be in Thailand. This meeting does not currently have a host.

The IETF will meet in Prague, Czech, March 23-29. This is a well-known venue and we do not anticipate problems. The hosting for this meeting is currently under negotiation.

The IETF will return to the same venue in Montréal, Québec, Canada July 20-26 2019. The host is Comcast and NBCUniversal.

Negotiations for a venue, anticipated in Asia, are ongoing for IETF 106. The situation is in good shape, but we have not concluded

negotiations and have not made an announcement yet.