IETF Administration LLC

Update to ISOC Board of Trustees

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IETF LLC Chair

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Recap: why reform the IETF administration?

• Many changes over the years 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
It’s alive!

• IETF Administrative LLC was formed as a Delaware entity on Aug 27, 2018
  • Can enter into legal agreements
  • Can hold bank accounts

• LLC treated as disregarded entity for federal and state tax purposes.
  • Preservation of ISOC’s tax status
  • Single tax return
Management and Oversight

• LLC Board of Directors manages the entity
  • Provides executive oversight of the IETF Executive Director
  • Strategic and executive oversight of IETF budget
  • Expected to not engage directly in administrative operations
    • In contrast to the old IETF IAOC
  • 5 appointed members + 2 possible additions selected by the LLC Board if needed
    • Appointed by: IESG(1), ISOC BoT(1), IETF NomCom(3)
    • Selection process is underway with the board planned to be seated at IETF104
• Interim Board composed of the chairs of the related bodies:
  • IAOC Chair - Glenn Deen – serving as LLC BoD Chair
  • IAB Chair - Ted Hardie
  • IESG Chair - Alissa Cooper
  • ISOC BoT Chair - Gonzalo Camarillo
Transitions and Changes

• IETF Executive Director replaces the old IETF IAD
  • Portia Wenze-Danley will serve as Interim IETF Executive Director
  • IETF ED position will be recruited for by the full Board in 2019 after being seated

• IETF Trust
  • Requirement had been that IETF Trustees be sitting IAOC members
  • Dissolving the IAOC would have left the Trust with no trustees
  • IETF documents and Trust Agreement have now been updated to change this
  • IETF Trustees will now be selected by:
    • IETF NomCom (3), ISOC BoT (1), IESG(1)
    • Next trustees expected to be seated by IETF104
    • Current trustees continue to serve until IETF104
Transitions and Changes

• IETF Administrative Oversight Committee (IAOC)
  • Sunset as of IETF103
  • All responsibilities have been assumed by the IETF LLC

• Contracts
  • IETF related contracts previously held by ISOC are being reassigned to IETF LLC
    • Detailed process – each must be reviewed and amended if needed
    • Target to complete by year end 2018
Where we are at...

• Board selection is underway
• 2019 IETF LLC Budget completed & adopted
• Finances are being setup and transferred
  • IETF LLC is now a financial entity
  • Bank account opened
  • Investment of LLC Reserve funds being established
  • ISOC Funding contribution in progress
• Contracts are being reviewed and reassigned

The IETF LLC is now up and running....
Thank You