Consolidated IASA 2.0 Updates of IETF Administrative Terminology
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Abstract

In 2018, the IETF began the transition to a new administrative structure and updated its IETF Administrative Support Activity (IASA) to a new "IASA 2.0" structure. In addition to more substantive changes that are described in other documents, the transition to the 2018 IETF Administrative Support structure changes several position titles and organizational relationships that are referenced elsewhere. Rather than reissue those referencing documents individually, this specification provides updates to them and deprecates some now-obsolete documents to ensure that there is no confusion due to these changes.

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1. Introduction

In 2018, the IETF began the transition to a new administrative structure, and updated its IETF Administrative Support Activity (IASA) to a new "IASA 2.0" structure [RFC-Struct]. Key IASA 2.0 changes have been specified in a series of documents, including changes to the IETF Trust [RFC-trust-update], the rationale for it [RFC-trust-rationale], a new defining document for the IETF Administration LLC [LLC-Agreement] (informally called the "IETF LLC" or just "the LLC" in places in this document and elsewhere) and adjustments to the procedures for nominations and selections for relevant positions [RFC-7437bis].
In addition to more substantive changes that are described in those and other documents, the IASA 2.0 structure changes several position titles and organizational relationships that are referenced in other documents. Rather than reissue those documents individually, this document provides a unified update to them.

This document updates RFCs 2028, 2418, 3005, 3710, 3929, 4633, and 6702 (citations in context below) to make those terminology and related changes. In addition, with the authorization of the IAB, it requests that the Informational RFC 3716 be made Historic (see Section 4). The sections that follow identify the details of the relevant documents and the required changes.

2. Where Appropriate, Replacement of the IETF Executive Director position with the Managing Director, IETF Secretariat

Under the IASA 2.0 structure, most of the responsibilities of the former position of IETF Executive Director been assigned to a new position (or at least title) of Managing Director of the IETF Secretariat. An "Executive Director" title is now associated with different, and largely new, responsibilities as an Officer of the IETF Administration LLC. These changes are described in the description of the new structural arrangements [RFC-Struct].

This document applies that change to the following:

- RFC 2028, The Organizations Involved in the IETF Standards Process [RFC2028], Section 3.3.
- RFC 2418, IETF Working Group Guidelines and Procedures [RFC2418], Section 1.
- RFC 3710, An IESG Charter, Section 2 [RFC3710].
- RFC 3929, Alternative Decision Making Processes for Consensus-Blocked Decisions in the IETF [RFC3929], Sections 4.1.1 and 4.3 (twice).
- RFC 4633, Experiment in Long-Term Suspensions From Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) Mailing Lists [RFC4633], Section 1.
- RFC 6702, Promoting Compliance with Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Disclosure Rules, Section 5 [RFC6702].

Note that the current description of the Internet Standards Process [RFC2026] does not require an update by this document for this purpose because the reference to the IETF Executive Director in RFC
2026 was replaced by a document that precedes the current effort
[RFC3979] and that was, in turn, obsoleted by RFC 8179 [RFC8179].

3. Remove the IETF Executive Director as an Option

In a few cases, it is no longer appropriate for either the Managing
Director, IETF Secretariat (former IETF Executive Director position)
or the new IETF Executive Director (for the LLC) to perform a
particular historical function. The relevant documents are updated
to remove the IETF Executive Director from the list of people with
specific responsibilities or authority. Those documents will not be
updated to use "Managing Director, IETF Secretariat" but, instead,
the mention of the position will simply be dropped.

This document applies that change to the following:

- RFC 3005, IETF Discussion List Charter [RFC3005], section titled
  "Charter for the IETF Discussion List". This document is modified
to remove the authorization for the IETF Executive Director to
restrict people from posting, etc.

4. Deprecated Documents

[[CREF1: Note to the WG, IESG, and RFC Editor: I hope this section
correctly reflects the conclusions of discussions in and with the WG.
If it does not, the issues should certainly be identified and fixed.
However, details of some of the actions are the responsibility of the
RFC Editor and RFC 3716 is an IAB document containing the report of
an IAB Advisory Committee. If that text, especially the phrasing of
various actions, is not quite right, I hope those involved can sort
the language out with the RFC Editor rather than requiring that the
WG iterate on the draft. --JcK, editor. RFC Editor: should this
paragraph reach you, please remove it.]]

4.1. Documents Whose Context is Changed by This Specification

Both of the documents that follow were obsoleted in 2017 by RFC 8179
[RFC8179], which changed mentions of the IETF Executive Director to
point to the IETF Secretariat more generally.

- RFC 3979 [RFC3979].

- RFC 4879 [RFC4879].
4.2. General Description of the IETF Administrative Model

RFC 3716 [RFC3716] is a report of an IAB Advisory Committee that served as a starting point for the work that led to the original IASA structure. That report is an IAB document rather than an IETF one. The IAB approved a proposal to move RFC 3716 to Historic on March 6, 2019.

5. Acknowledgments

Brian Carpenter’s careful checking and identification of documents that did, and did not, require consideration was essential to the draft in its current form. He also made several other significant contributions. Bob Hinden also gave the document a careful reading and made useful suggestions. In addition to the above, Alissa Cooper, Eliot Lear, Heather Flanagan (the RFC Series Editor), and the current membership to the IAB helped sort out the handling of RFC 3716.

6. Contributors

Jason Livingood did the hard work of identifying the documents that required updating and supplied considerable text used in this document.

7. IANA Considerations

[[CREF2: RFC Editor: Please remove this section before publication.]]

This memo includes no requests to or actions for IANA.

8. Security Considerations

The changes specified in this document are matters of terminology and organizational structure derived from documents it references. It should have no effect on Internet security.

9. References

9.1. Normative References

[LLC-Agreement]
[RFC-7437bis]

[RFC-Struct]

[RFC-trust-rationale]

[RFC-trust-update]


9.2. Informative References


Appendix A. Change Log

RFC Editor: Please remove this appendix before publication.

A.1. Changes from version -00 (2018-11-15) to -01

- Removed RFCs 3979 and 4879 from the "obsoletes" list because they had already been obsoleted (by 8179). It also removes RFC 8179 from the "updates" list because 8179 uses "IETF Secretariat" terminology rather than "IETF Executive Director".

[[CREF3: Note in Draft: That suggests an idea which might considerably mitigate the name confusion issue: Instead of singling out the Managing Director of the Secretariat as a named...]]
individual, perhaps we should be referring to the Secretariat itself, leaving the contact point or address up to them as an internal administrative matter. Just a thought. --JcK]

- Added text to explain why RFC 2026 is not on the hit list.

- Added an acknowledgment to Brian Carpenter. If he catches another batch of errors and supplies text, he gets promoted to Contributor.

- Adjusted reference [RFC-Struct] to point to 4071bis.

- Minor editorial corrections and changes.

A.2. Changes from version -01 (dated 2018-12-06 but posted 2012-12-07) to -02

I accidentally omitted RFC 4844 from the document header "updates" list in Version 01 and noticed that in response to an unrelated question almost immediately after posting. The correction seemed important enough to justify almost immediate re-posting. Changes are only that header, the document file name, and the date. --JcK

A.3. Changes from version -02 (2018-12-07) to -03

- Removed discussion and pointers to RFC 7500 - IAB will publish separately.

- Added text to describe (very superficially) RFC 3716. That document was obsoleted in the previous version but not described.

- Removed rant about titles and responsibilities from Section 2 and a subsequent editorial note I hope it is no longer needed --JcK. In addition, several blocks of text that were commented out in earlier versions of the XML have been removed entirely.

A.4. Changes from version -03 (2018-12-12) to -04

- Removed RFC 4844 from the update list and discussion because the consensus in the WG seemed to be that it (and the RFC Editor) should be handled separately.

- Removed RFC 5377 from the update list and discussion because it involves the Trust.

- Editor’s note in draft:
The above changes and the earlier removal of RFC 7500 so the IAB could publish its own document completely eliminate the earlier Sections 2 and 3. That may call for a revision of the Introduction and/or Abstract, but I have not done a review for this iteration of whether such changes are needed.

As documents and references are shuffled in and out of this one, it occurred to me that having a non-normative appendix somewhere that would identify all of the documents containing changes to reflect the IASA 1.x to 2.0 transition would be of great help to any future historian trying to understand what we did and probably helpful to the IETF if some of these changes don’t work out and/or require further tuning. After a brief discussion, Jason and I concluded that appendix did not belong in this iteration of this document.

### A.5. Changes from version -04 (2019-01-17) to -05

- Changed title from "Consolidated IASA2-Related Document Updates" to "Consolidated IASA 2.0 Updates of IETF Administrative Terminology" per suggestions from Brian Carpenter and Bob Hinden and 2019-01-31 WG decision.

- Removed CREF from Section 1 (should have been done in -04). The only remaining CREFs are the one in this section (above) that should probably be preserved through IETF Last Call and notes to the RFC Editor.

- Updated acknowledgments.

### A.6. Changes from version -05 (2019-01-31) to -06

- Changes to text about documents that are updated and made historic, per advice from RFC Editor, WG Chairs, and IAB. This includes a statement about IAB action of 2019-03-06 that requests that the RFC Editor move RFC 3716 to Historic but does not obsolete that Informational report. When minimal changes were attempted, Section 4 became very hard to read and hence was restructured and somewhat rewritten (and then further modified to work around an xml2rfc glitch). Special attention should be paid to the note at the beginning of that section.

- Updated the Acknowledgments section.
A.7. Changes from version -06 (2019-03-06) to -07

- Moved RFCs 3929 and 4633 from "obsoleted" to "updated" and stripped text requested that they be made Historic at the direction of the IETF Chair, WG Co-chair, and an author.

- Added a section number for a document listed in Section 2 that was missing.

- Added some notes to the RFC Editor and others.

- Updated the acknowledgments.

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