Update to the Process for Selection of Trustees for the IETF Trust
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Abstract

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For a discussion of why this change is needed and a rationale for these specific changes, see [I-D.ietf-iasa2-trust-rationale].

2. IETF Trust

A Trust ("the IETF Trust") has been formed for the purpose of acquiring, holding, maintaining, and licensing certain existing and future intellectual property and other property used in connection with the administration of the IETF. The Trust was formed by the signatures of its Settlors and initial Trustees. The Settlors, who contributed initial intellectual property to the Trust, were ISOC and
the Corporation for National Research Initiatives. The Beneficiary of the IETF Trust is the IETF as a whole.

Further details of the IETF Trust may be found at the IETF Trust’s website, <https://trustee.ietf.org/>.

3. Selection of Trustees

This document revises the original Trustee selection procedures defined in [RFC4071] and [RFC4371], to eliminate the requirement that trustees be drawn from the members of the IAOC.

In this newly revised IETF Trust structure, there will be five Trustees. Three shall be appointed by the IETF Nominating Committee (NomCom) and confirmed by the Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG), one shall be appointed by the IESG, and one shall be appointed by the Internet Society (ISOC) Board of Trustees. The appointments by the IESG and ISOC Board of Trustees do not require confirmation.

The IETF Trust Chair informs the nominating committee of the Trustee positions to be reviewed. The IETF Trust will provide a summary of the expertise desired of the Trustee candidates to each appointing body.

A change to the Trust Agreement is required to put this change into effect, and this document requests that the current Trustees make this change at the earliest convenient time and no later than the end of the 104th IETF meeting in March 2019.

The terms of the appointed trustees from IETF NomCom shall be three years. The initial selection shall be one, two, and three year terms in order to initially stagger the terms. The other appointments by the IESG and the ISOC Board of Trustees shall be two year terms, with the initial terms being one and two years, respectively. The goal of the staggered initial terms is to minimize potential Trustee turnover in any single year. To maintain the staggered terms, each appointing body may at its discretion appoint Trustees for shorter terms as needed in exceptional situations, e.g., for mid-term vacancies or when an appointment is not ready by the time of the first IETF of the year.

Once the initial trustee selections according to the procedures in this document are complete, and at each subsequent annual meeting of the IETF Trust once new trustees are seated, the trustees shall elect by a majority vote of the IETF Trust one trustee to serve as IETF Trust Chair.
The processes regarding NomCom appointments and recalls of Trustees for the IETF Trust follow those described in [I-D.ietf-iasa2-rfc7437bis]. For the appointments by the IESG, the IESG is expected to run an open selection process and to consider the necessary skill set and conflicts of interest as part of that process.

4. Security Considerations

This memo has no security implications for the Internet.

5. IANA Considerations

This memo requests no action from IANA.

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7. References

7.1. Normative References

[I-D.ietf-iasa2-rfc7437bis]


7.2. Informative References

[I-D.ietf-iasa2-trust-rationale]
Arkko, J., "Discussion of the IASA 2.0 Changes as They
Relate to the IETF Trust", draft-ietf-iasa2-trust-rationale-03 (work in progress), October 2018.

Appendix A. Changes from Previous Versions

RFC Editor: Please remove this section upon publication.

The -03pre1b version replaced updates of RFCs 4071 and 4371 with
obsoletion of RFC 4371, and updated the reference to RFC 7437 to its
newer bis version. It also copied the one remaining paragraph from
RFC 4371 to this document.

The version draft-ietf-iasa2-trust-update-02.txt made some editorial
corrections, as well as clarifying that no confirmation is needed in
the cases other than the nomcom appointment, specified how IETF Trust
chair is chosen, and required that an open process be used by the
IESG for the selections.

The version draft-ietf-iasa2-trust-update-01.txt has taken into
account last call comments. The changes are: 1) Clarification of the
role of the IETF Trust Chair to indicate which trustee positions are
up for selection, similar to how RFC 7437 requires the IETF Executive
Director to do it. 2) The addition of empty security and IANA
consideration sections. 3) The clarification of the staggering rules
for NomCom selections. 4) Updated text regarding the application of
rules from RFC 7437. 5) Update draft title to be correct in terms of
specifying a process rather than the actual persons. 6) Update the
text regarding desirable expertise to use the same language as in RFC
7437 instead of the "list of desired qualifications".

The version draft-ietf-iasa2-trust-update-00.txt corrected the
desired document status to BCP, and made several editorial and
language updates. This version also updated the wording for the
request for the current trustees to adopt this change, from "earliest
convenience" to "earliest convenient time".

The version draft-arkko-iasa2-trust-update-00.txt was the initial
version.

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