Abstract

The procedures for initiating a recall specified in RFC 3777 restrict signatories to those who are "nomcom qualified". Perhaps inadvertently, this prohibits members of the IESG and IAB from initiating these procedures. This document suggests that limitation was an unanticipated and undesirable side-effect and proposes to remove it.

This document is intended to update RFC 3777.
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1. Introduction and Rationale

The procedures for initiating a recall specified in [RFC3777] restrict signatories to those who are "nomcom qualified". Perhaps inadvertently, this prohibits members of the IESG and IAB from initiating these procedures. This is probably not in the best interests of the community: if there is a problem within the IESG or IAB, other members of those bodies are likely to be aware of it before the general community. The risks of permitting IESG or IAB members abusing process or each other by initiating a recall seem minimal: they remain ineligible to be members of the recall committee itself and the community would presumably swiftly punish such abuse through either the nomcom or the recall process.

This document suggests that making IAB and IESG members ineligible to initiate recalls was an undesirable side-effect and proposes to remove it.

2. Modification of the Recall Process

The first two paragraphs of Section 7.1 of [RFC3777] are replaced by the following:

1. At any time, at least 20 members of the IETF community, who are, with the exception below, qualified to be voting members of a nominating committee, may request by signed petition (email is acceptable) to the Internet Society President the recall of any sitting IAB or IESG member.

For the purposes of this section, sitting members of the IESG, IAB, or Internet Society Board of Trustees may sign recall petitions. In other words, Section 4.15 of RFC 3777 is not applicable in determining who is permitted to sign these petitions.

All individual and collective qualifications of nominating committee eligibility, excepting the one described in the previous paragraph, are applicable, including that no more than two signatories may have the same primary affiliation.

3. IANA Considerations

This document does not require any IANA actions,

4. Security Considerations
This document discusses IETF procedures. It raises no security issues for the Internet.

5. References

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