

IETF Trust Report

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IETF Trust Chair (for a few more minutes)

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Musical Leadership Chairs

- Chris Griffiths elected as Trust Chair in Orlando (March 13, 2013)
- Bob Hinden became ISOC BoT Chair on August 3, 2013 and announced intention to resign as IAOC Chair
- Chris Griffiths elected as new IAOC Chair on August 16, 2013 and announced intention to resign as Trust Chair.
- Ole Jacobsen elected Trust Chair on August 22, 2013, IAOC term ends today 😊

Subpoenas & Legal Requests

- Smartphone Technologies vs Huawei Device (November 2013; still in Process)
- Details: <http://iaoc.ietf.org/subpoenas.html>

Change the Trust Agreement ?

- Following community input the Trustees approved a modification to the IETF Trust Agreement on 20 February 2014.
- The modification provides the Trustees with the ability to dispose of physical assets and trademarks.
- “the Trustees may, after due consultation with the Beneficiary, dispose of, assign, sell, transfer, renounce, convey or terminate Trust Assets that are of no current or foreseeable future value to the Beneficiary and which require the expenditure of funds to retain. This exception does not include RFCs.”

Current Status

- The agreement has been amended

Thank You!



Backup Slides



What is the IETF Trust ?

- The IETF Trust was founded by CNRI and the Internet Society (AKA the Settlers).
 - <http://iaoc.ietf.org/docs/IETF-Trust-Agreement-Executed-12-15-05.pdf>
 - Also see BCP 78 / RFC 5378.
- It exists to hold intellectual and other property of the IETF “for the advancement of the science and technology associated with the Internet and related technology.”
- It has a legal existence as a Trust in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- There are 9 Trustees, the members of the IAOC.
- The Trustees have a fiduciary duty to protect the IETF’s property!



The IETF Trust Legal Provisions

- The IETF Trust is currently operating under Trust Legal Provisions (TLP) 4.0.
 - Effective Date: December 15, 2009
- These can be found at
<http://trustee.ietf.org/docs/IETF-Trust-License-Policy.pdf>