

IETF Administrative Support Activity (IASA)

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Overview

- Where we are today
- How we got here
- What's next

Aims of the effort

- Make the IETF administrative structures responsive and responsible to the IETF
- Merge the IETF support streams into a single budget
- Make it possible to allocate money across funding sources

Today's Status

- We believe there is community consensus for moving the administrative activity forward as an ISOC activity
- This does not affect the IETF technical process
- Defining documents are still drafts
- We will proceed with transition to IASA model

How we got here (1)

- August 2003
 - Convened an IAB Advisory Committee on reorg
- IETF58 (November 2003)
 - presented Advisory Committee findings in plenary
- IETF59 (March 2004)
 - IAB & IESG had extensive discussions; uniformly supported direction proposed by AdminRest
 - presented draft-daigle-adminrest-00.txt and related documents in plenary
- May 2004
 - circulated revised draft-daigle-adminrest document to IAB/IESG, and reconfirmed decision to pursue support for creating a detailed transition plan
 - Asked ISOC for funding to design and carry out the transition plan

How we got here (2)

- June 2004
 - hired Carl Malamud, on an ISOC project, to provide consulting in fleshing out administrative restructuring possibilities
- August 2004
 - draft consultant report
 - after community debate, revised scenario proposals
- September 30, 2004
 - IAB, IESG and ISOC BoT met face to face
 - <http://www.iab.org/documents/docs/isoc/2004-09-30-minutes.html>
- October 2004
 - IAB/IESG recommendation to organize the administrative support function as an ISOC Activity
 - draft-iab-iesg-adminrest-rec-00.txt
 - draft BCP defining activity
 - draft-wasserman-iasa-bcp-01.txt

Goals of the IASA Proposal

- IASA: IETF Administrative Support Activity
- Continued close relationship with ISOC
- A clear basis from which the IETF can define (and refine) the administrative activity to meet IETF community needs, using existing IETF/ISOC processes
- An operational oversight board that is accountable to the IETF community
- Continued separation between the IETF standards activity and any fund-raising for standards work (within ISOC)
- Appropriate ISOC oversight of its standards activities funds
- *No changes to IETF technical process*

IASA BCP Acronyms

- IASA -- IETF Administrative Support Activity
 - An organized activity that provides administrative support for the IETF, the IAB and the IESG.
- IAOC -- IETF Administrative Oversight Committee
 - A largely IETF-selected committee that oversees and directs IASA. Accountable to the IETF community.
 - Includes ISOC CEO and an ISOC Board-appointed member
- IAD -- IETF Administrative Director
 - The sole (or first) staff member responsible for carrying out the work of the IASA

Structure of the IASA

- IAOC oversees the IAD, IASA
- ISOC employee (IAD) responsible for managing contracts to outsource virtually all administrative tasks
- Sub-committee of the IAOC (including ISOC President and IETF chair) selects and reviews IAD

IAOC Composition

- 7 Voting Members:
 - 2 members chosen by the IETF Nominations Committee (NomCom)
 - 1 member chosen by the IESG
 - 1 member chosen by the IAB
 - 1 member chosen by the ISOC Board of Trustees
 - The IETF Chair (ex officio)
 - The ISOC President/CEO (ex officio)
- 2 Non-voting Liaisons:
 - The IAB Chair
 - The IETF Administrative Director

IASA Finances

- Two funding sources
 - IETF meeting fees
 - ISOC funds, mostly from organizational member contributions
- Budget is determined annually (and tuned as necessary) by IAD, IAOC and ISOC Board
- All financials are completely open and transparent to the IETF community
 - IAOC has responsibility to make this so

Next Steps – Structural Goals

- Meet administrative support needs of the IETF in 2005 and beyond
- Get full BCP approval before binding actions are taken
- Major decisions should be made by the people responsible for long term success
- Move as quickly as possible towards well-structured, accountable, transparent administrative support activity for the IETF

IETF support for 2005

- In August, we were optimistic
 - seemed likely we would wrap up the organizational discussion in September, and look to RFP Secretariat services for 2005
- We're now in November
 - not possible to RFP before 2005
- CNRI has been working on some new proposals for Secretariat in 2005
 - IASA transition team will work on reviewing details as they are available
 - May be viable to continue with sole source for a period of time AND integrate with IASA

Next Steps

- Finalize BCP
 - New draft Nov 15; final draft Dec 1
 - Subject matter review will be sought
- Appoint transition team (6 people)
 - Nov 15 target; 3 members to be named
- Approve BCP (Dec)
 - Last Call (Dec 1 to Dec 28)
 - IESG approval (Jan 6)
 - ISOC BoT approval
- Seat initial IAOC (Feb?)
 - Formally hire IAD
- IAD negotiates support contracts
 - Contracts midsummer 2005?