

Overview of Scenario O

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What is Scenario O?

- New scenario not defined in consultant's report
- An IETF-defined and directed administrative support function housed under the ISOC legal umbrella.
- Retains some properties of the original ISOC-based scenarios, Scenarios A and B.
- Includes an IETF-selected committee to oversee the IETF administrative support activity
- Still subject to adjustment per community discussion

Goals of Scenario O

- 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

Scenario O 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-appointed member
- IAD -- IETF Administrative Director
 - The sole (or first) staff member responsible for carrying out the work of the IASA

Scenario O Definition/Approval

- Defined in a BCP, ratified via IETF consensus process (IETF LC and IESG approval) and approved by the ISOC Board of Trustees

Structure of the IASA

- IAOC directs and oversees the IASA
- Single 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

- Subject to on-going discussion on ietf discussion list
- 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 donations
- 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

Scenario O Features

- IETF control over administrative support functions
- Avoids costs/risks of establishing a new corporation
- Unites income sources into a single organization
- IASA is well-enough encapsulated that it should be clear *what* moves, should a future move be desirable

Scenario O Risks

- Potential for unclear separation, or lines, of control
 - Both ISOC BoT & IAOC claim responsibility for action X
 - Neither ISOC BoT nor IAOC claim responsibility for action X
 - IAD doesn't know which authority to follow
- ISOC unavoidably distracted elsewhere
 - I.e., outside of the IETF's scope of influence
- If ISOC & IETF evolve in different directions, the IETF may have to go through all this restructuring effort again

Needs Further Definition

- Clearly define division between IAOC and ISOC responsibilities
 - IAOC defines structure and success criteria for IASA
 - IAOC evaluates success of IASA efforts
 - ISOC retains fiscal and underlying corporate organizational control
 - E.g., whether it's a division, pillar, department, etc

Straw WorkPlan

Subject to further discussion

Workplan 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 (IAOC and IAD)
- Move as quickly as possible towards well-structure, accountable, transparent administrative support activity for the IETF

Workplan Highlights

- Gain IETF consensus for basic approach, then appoint interim IAOC for spin-up activities (Nov)
 - Finalizing BCP details
 - Defining structure of IASA and defining priorities for RFPs, sole source contracts, etc.
- Finalize and approve BCP, and hire IAD (Jan)
- Move IAOC to non-interim status and start final contract negotiations and approval (Mar)
- Contracts or other agreements in place for all IASA portions (mid-year 2005)