

## Agenda/Notes May 3, 2011

- 1) Attendees: Fred Baker, Nevil Brownlee, Bob Hinden, Alexey Melnikov, Olaf Kolkman, Joel Halpern, and John Klensin. Ole Jacobsen and Ray Pelletier (IAOC liaison) sent apologies. Meeting started 11:05 Pacific.
- 2) Continuation of April 26 discussion. Question to Bob is how he sees the relationship between the IAOC, RSOC, RSE, production center, and publishing center. Bob (and others) to comment on the email statement regarding relationship between IAOC, IAD, and RSE.

The following is the statement Fred made in email, edited slightly for clarity. He is of the opinion that it restates the IAB consensus on the role, authority, and responsibilities of the RSE with respect to the contractors and the IAOC. He is also of the opinion that it resolves the issue of the RSE's relationship to the IAOC from Bob's perspective; the IAOC remains in control of IETF contracts and budgets, and the RSE has a natural role in managing the production and publishing centers.

If the RSE has a direct "executive management" role, s/he should be the one who discusses the budget with the IAOC, including changes to the budget such as adding an FTE.

AMS (the Secretariat contractor and the Production and Publishing Center contractors) should essentially treat the IAD as a contact point for the Secretariat IAOC-managed budget and operations, and the RSE as a contact point for the RFC-related IAOC-managed budgets and operations.

The RSE has a supervisor (the IAB, instantiated in the RSOC) and a finance department (IAOC). The IAD differs here, in that the IAOC is both his supervisor and his budget authority.

That's not to say that the Production and Publishing Center contractor(s) can't sit in the meetings (I would argue that they should, if only to ensure that their issues are addressed properly, as the Secretariat does), but the line of responsibility has a corresponding line of authority. Absent the correspondence it's going to be hard to hire someone for the job, and if we do hire someone, for them to do it.

- 3) Search methodology discussion...
  - a. Olaf: "if we bring in a search firm, do it early" "Going to the community is a high risk exercise"
  - b. John: "search firm as 'Plan B' throws away value and makes life difficult – probable 2012 ARSE, and a 2013 hire. Possibly limits the choice of search firms."
  - c. Bob: "Concerned that we will have a hard time explaining the job to a search firm; wants to search within the community." Agrees that an outside view would be helpful in getting the search correct. Need to determine what a search firm will cost and arrange budget with IAOC.
  - d. Nevil: "How do we find a search firm, and can we afford it?"
  - e. Alexey: Would like to try a search firm; worried about cost.
- 4) Fred+John to take call for candidates, SOW, etc and talk with ISOC HR firm and one other firm about an initial estimate of services and cost. With such an appraisal and estimate, we can have an informed discussion with the IAOC about potential budgets for an RSE search.

Chair's summary of meeting outcomes:

We have had two fundamental discussions on the table: "what does it mean for the RSE to have an executive management role with respect to the Publishing and Production Centers?" and "How shall we carry out the search for an RSE".

I believe that we are close to consensus on what "executive management" means with respect to the IAOC and the RFC centers. I am looking for issues that still need to be addressed.

We have not agreed on how to carry out the search, but preliminary discussions with potential search firms should give us input toward making that decision.