



# IETF Administration LLC

Update to ISOC Board of Trustees

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IETF LLC Chair

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## Recap: why reform the IETF administration?

- Many changes over the years within IETF, ISOC, and the world
  - Admin workload, staffing, budgets, fundraising, organizational directions, time commitments, etc.
- Challenges
  - Lack of clarity about responsibility, representation, authority, oversight (as between IETF, ISOC, and others)
  - Lack of volunteers, staff, and time
  - Lack of transparency
  - Mismatch between funding model and operating model
  - Rising costs



## It's alive!

- IETF Administrative LLC was formed as a Delaware entity on Aug 27,2018
  - Can enter into legal agreements
  - Can hold bank accounts
- LLC treated as disregarded entity for federal and state tax purposes.
  - Preservation of ISOC's tax status
  - Single tax return



# Management and Oversight

- LLC Board of Directors manages the entity
  - Provides executive oversight of the IETF Executive Director
  - Strategic and executive oversight of IETF budget
  - Expected to not engage directly in administrative operations
    - In contrast to the old IETF IAOC
  - 5 appointed members + 2 possible additions selected by the LLC Board if needed
    - Appointed by: IESG(1), ISOC BoT(1), IETF NomCom(3)
    - Selection process is underway with the board planned to be seated at IETF104
- Interim Board composed of the chairs of the related bodies:
  - IAOC Chair - Glenn Deen – serving as LLC BoD Chair
  - IAB Chair - Ted Hardie
  - IESG Chair - Alissa Cooper
  - ISOC BoT Chair - Gonzalo Camarillo



# Transitions and Changes

- IETF Executive Director replaces the old IETF IAD
  - Portia Wenz-Danley will serve as Interim IETF Executive Director
  - IETF ED position will be recruited for by the full Board in 2019 after being seated
- IETF Trust
  - Requirement had been that IETF Trustees be sitting IAOC members
  - Dissolving the IAOC would have left the Trust with no trustees
  - IETF documents and Trust Agreement have now been updated to change this
  - IETF Trustees will now be selected by:
    - IETF NomCom (3) , ISOC BoT (1) , IESG(1)
    - Next trustees expected to be seated by IETF104
    - Current trustees continue to serve until IETF104



# Transitions and Changes

- IETF Administrative Oversight Committee (IAOC)
  - Sunset as of IETF103
  - All responsibilities have been assumed by the IETF LLC
- Contracts
  - IETF related contracts previously held by ISOC are being reassigned to IETF LLC
    - Detailed process – each must be reviewed and amended if needed
    - Target to complete by year end 2018



## Where we are at...

- Board selection is underway
- 2019 IETF LLC Budget completed & adopted
- Finances are being setup and transferred
  - IETF LLC is now a financial entity
  - Bank account opened
  - Investment of LLC Reserve funds being established
  - ISOC Funding contribution in progress
- Contracts are being reviewed and reassigned

The IETF LLC is now up and running....

Thank You