Process reform in the IETF

A status update

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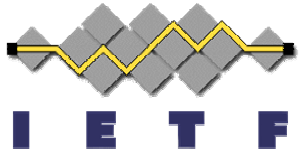
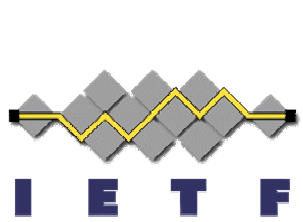


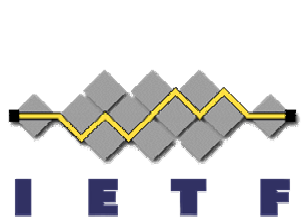
Where do we want to be?



- An Internet that works – and works well
- An IETF that contributes to that
  - Good technical specifications
  - The right spec at the right time
- A process that gets it done
  - Person oriented
  - Open
  - Wide review
  - Quality results
- draft-alvestrand-ietf-mission (approved)

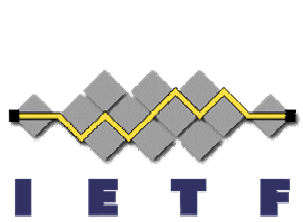
Note: this slide is almost unchanged from IETF-59.

Status as of Korea



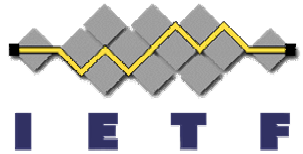
- ICAR and NEWTRK just started
  - ICAR to look at early review
  - NEWTRK to change the IETF standards process
- ”Minor” changes to ruleset proposed
  - Draft-klensin-july14
  - Draft-wasserman-2418-ml
- PROTO team started
- EDU team in stable operation

Status today (summary)



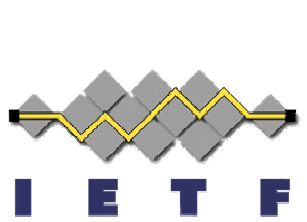
- PROTO team experiment concluded first phase. Experience was reported yesterday.
- ICAR is proposing a concrete experiment for the next IETF period
- NEWTRK is achieving focus on one path it wants to work out (STD documents)
- Some ”small” things are done

Recent procedural documents



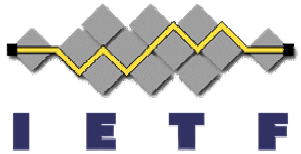
- ’A Mission Statement for the IETF’ <draft-alvestrand-ietf-mission-02> approved as a BCP
- 'The IESG and RFC Editor documents: Procedures' <draft-iesg-rfced-documents-03.txt> approved as a BCP
- 'Clarifying when Standards Track Documents may Refer Normatively to Documents at a Lower Level' <draft-ymbk-downref-03.txt> approved as a BCP
- 'Update to RFC 2418 Regarding the Management of IETF Mailing Lists' <draft-wasserman-rfc2418-ml-update-01.txt> approved as a BCP
- 'A model for IETF Process Experiments ’ <draft-klensin-process-july14-02.txt> approved as a BCP
- 'Alternative Decision Making Processes for Consensus-blocked Decisions in the IETF' <draft-hardie-alt-consensus-02.txt> approved as an Experimental RFC

IESG Effects of changes



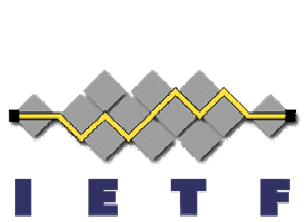
- IESG is more effective than before
  - More focus on ”critical” issues in review
  - Better edit cycles with authors/editors
  - Shows up in ”throughput statistics”
- IESG delay problem on RFC-Editor docs mostly solved
  - Moves some load to RFC Editor
  - RFC Editor Board created by RFC Editor
- Still working to improve process

The Community and Change Efforts



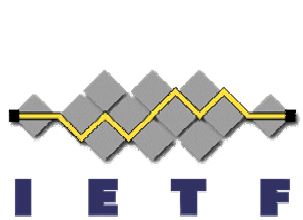
- The ”change” lists have been relatively quiet
  - 60 people on newtrk
  - 90 people on icar
  - 80 people on solutions
  - Few speakers
- Possible explanations
  - People have given up?
  - Not so many people are seriously unhappy?
  - The majority is focusing on getting work done?
- We do not know which!

Looking forward



- Continuing to improve IESG processing
  - Tracker toolmaking
  - Consensus description of ”what to block on”
  - Closer involvement of WG chairs in decisions
- Experiments in early review (ICAR)
  - Starting soon after San Diego
  - Out to recruit volunteers (THIS MEANS YOU)
- Trying to measure effects of what we’ve done

Summary



- We (The IESG and the community) have made a number of small changes
- We (the community) are working on a couple of big changes
- I think we’re making progress. But it’s slow.
- Thank you for your patience - and your support in this process!