IETF Trust Chair Report

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What is the IETF Trust?

- The IETF Trust was founded by CNRI and the Internet Society (AKA the Settlors).
  - Also see BCP 78 / RFC 5378.
- It exists to hold intellectual and other property of the IETF “for the advancement of the science and technology associated with the Internet and related technology.”
- It has a legal existence as a Trust in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- There are 9 Trustees, the members of the IAOC.
- The Trustees have a fiduciary duty to protect the IETF’s property!
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- The IETF Trust was founded December 15, 2005, so it is now a robust 5 years old.
- Many thanks to CNRI and the Internet Society for their contribution of IPR to found the Trust.
- Thanks to everyone who has contributed to making the Trust work.
- And, as always, thanks to our scribes.
Overall, this has been a relatively quiet period for the Trust.

The IETF Trust is still operating under Trust Legal Provisions (TLP 4.0)

- Effective Date: December 15, 2009

The Minutes are complete through July 14th, 2011

There have been some minor issues.
IETF Trust Actions: Response to Subpoenas

- The IETF and the IETF Trust receives subpoenas from time to time as part of evidence gathering in patent cases.
  - To show prior art
  - To show abuse of the patent process (i.e., participation in the IETF without filing of IPR discussions).

- So, we have to respond to requests for documents, physical proof of attendance at IETF meetings (and even occasionally depositions).
  - These are for blue sheets, email archives, and other
    - Most of this material is freely available online.
    - Not, of course, the blue sheets.

- We have received three subpoenas potentially requiring a Trust response in 2011 to date.
  - One was settled by the principals before it really involved the IETF
  - Two are still “in play.” It is not clear whether or not they will involve the blue sheets (and, thus, the physical Trust archives).
Questions?

- Thank You!