

IETF Trust Chair Report

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IETF Trust : Accomplishments since IETF 81 (Quebec City)



- The Minutes are complete through July 14th, 2011
- There have been some minor issues addressed
 - Publishing RFCs as derivative works (i.e., with a wrapper)
 - This will need a license, and the issue is still open
 - Updates and errata to Copyright FAQ 2010-06-22

IETF Trust Actions : Response to Subpoenas



- The IETF and the IETF Trust receive subpoenas from time to time as part of evidence gathering in patent cases.
 - Primarily, show abuse of the patent process (i.e., participation in the IETF without filing of IPR discussions).
- We thus 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 material
- We have received three subpoenas and various informal requests potentially requiring a Trust response in 2011 to date.
 - One was settled by the principals before it really involved the IETF
 - One required two declarations by Alexa Morris of AMS
 - The last is quiescent.
- We have agreed to publish new subpoenas as they come in. There have, however, to date been no new ones to publish.

IETF Trust Status : Insurance



- Until recently, the IETF Trust and Trustees were insured as part of the general ISOC / IETF / IAOC insurance (which covers the IAOC, IESG, etc.).
- For various reasons, the insurance underwriter has expressed an unwillingness to continue without a specific policy for the Trust.
- Greg Kapfers of ISOC worked with us to get insurance for the Trust :
 - A \$4 million Commercial Insurance package covering General Liability, with a small amount for Employee Dishonesty. Also includes a \$1 million umbrella coverage.
 - A \$1 million Professional Liability policy, including copyright and trademark infringement coverage.
 - A \$1 million D&O Policy.
- All were purchased effective May 31 (except Professional Liability was bought as of 8/1) and are renewable annually.

Termination of Copyright Grants



- Statutory Termination of US Copyright Grants is coming up.
 - Section 203 of the US 1976 Copyright Act.
- Authors who assign or license their copyrighted works (including standards-related documents) may terminate 35 years later.
 - This ability to terminate is inalienable.
- This will affect SDOs, including the IETF
- The first termination of rights come into place Jan. 1, 2013, so we need to think of possible solutions, maybe in conjunction with other SDOs.

Questions?



- Thank You !

Auxillary Information

What is the IETF Trust ?

- The IETF Trust was founded by CNRI and the Internet Society (AKA the Settlers).
 - <http://iaoc.ietf.org/docs/IETF-Trust-Agreement-Executed-12-15-05.pdf>
 - 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!



The IETF Trust Legal Provisions

- The IETF Trust is currently operating under Trust Legal Provisions (TLP) 4.0.
 - Effective Date: December 15, 2009
- These can be found at
<http://trustee.ietf.org/docs/IETF-Trust-License-Policy.pdf>

The IETF Trust is 5, going on 6, years old



- The IETF Trust was founded December 15, 2005, so it is now almost 6 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.