

IETF Trust Report

IETF-93

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IETF Trust Chair
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The IETF Trust



- The IETF Trust The IETF Trust was formed on 2005-Dec-15.
- It has a legal existence as a Trust in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- It exists to hold intellectual and other property of the IETF.
 - The purposes of the trust include the advancement of educational and public interest by acquiring, holding, maintaining and licensing certain existing and future intellectual property and other property used in connection with the Internet standards process and its administration, for the advancement of the science and technology associated with the Internet and related technology.
 - The Beneficiary of the Trust shall be the IETF as a whole
 - The Trust Assets shall be used solely in furtherance of the Purpose
- More detailed info is available at <https://trustee.ietf.org/>
- Also see RFC4371 and RFC5378

Current Trustees of the IETF Trust



- There are currently 9 Trustees, all of whom are members of the IAOC.
- The Trustees have a fiduciary duty to protect the IETF's property!
- Current Trustees:
 - Jari Arkko
 - Lou Berger
 - Scott Bradner
 - Kathy Brown
 - Leslie Daigle
 - Tobias Gondrom
 - Ray Pelletier
 - Benson Schliesser (Chair)
 - Andrew Sullivan

Change of IETF Trust Chair



2015-Apr-28

- Tobias Gondrom stepped down as Trust Chair (following his election as Chair of the IAOC)
- Benson Schliesser elected Chair of the IETF Trust

Subpoenas and legal requests



- PTAB Review of US Patent 7,224,668 (Cisco Systems)
 - Request for authentication by Arista Networks – completed
- Intellectual Ventures v. AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, US Cellular, ...
 - Subpoena issued by T-Mobile – completed
- Sony Mobile Communications Intl. v. SSH Communications Security ¹
 - Request for authentication by Sony – in process
- Genband v. Metaswitch ²
 - Subpoenas and supplemental authentication request by Metaswitch – completed
 - Request for authentication by Genband – in process
- Covered Business Method Review of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,953,667, 8,671,057, and 8,326,763
 - Request for authentication by Google – in process
- For updates & additional information see <http://iaoc.ietf.org/subpoenas.html>

[1, 2] - Scott Bradner (Chair, IAOC Legal Committee) has disclosed to the IAOC and IETF Trust that he has a potential conflict of interest, and has recused himself from any discussions or decisions regarding these requests.

Lawsuit filed against IETF among others



- Glassey v. Microsemi Inc - ISOC, IETF, ICANN, et al (received 2014-Sep)
 - The Trust had received a legal complaint by Todd Glassey, that names ISOC/IETF/ICANN as defendants (among other entities, including the U.S. Government)
 - Attorneys have advised that ISOC and the IETF management (IAB, IESG, IAOC) not engage in any dialogue on this topic while the case is active.
 - The initial complaint was dismissed. Two of the three courts appealed to have denied appeal, one outstanding at this time.
 - New documents posted this week.
 - Much more history available at <http://iaoc.ietf.org/subpoenas.html>

TLP Update



- Trust Legal Provisions (TLP) update:
 - IETF Trust adopted small update to item #9 in the TLP to allow the use of templates in IETF documents.
 - Call for community input closed on 2015-Feb-25.
 - Trust approved adoption of change on 2015-Mar-25.
 - Version 5.0 now active.

<http://trustee.ietf.org/license-info/IETF-TLP-5.htm>

Trust Willingness to hold IPR related to IANA



- On 2015-Feb-20 the IETF Trust agreed unanimously by E-Vote to make the following statement:
 - In accordance with Article 5.2 of the Trust Agreement the IETF Trust would be willing to hold intellectual property rights relating to the IANA function, including the IANA trademark and the IANA.ORG domain name.
- This was confirmed unanimously by roll-call vote during the IETF Trust meeting on 2015-Jun-25.



Any Questions?