                   Independent Submission Editor Model
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Abstract

   This document describes the function and responsibilities of the RFC
   Independent Submission Editor (ISE). The Independent Submission
   Stream is one of the Stream Producers that create draft RFCs, with
   the ISE as its Stream Approver. The ISE is overall responsible for
   activities within the Independent Submission Stream, working with
   draft editors and reviewers, and interacts with the RFC Production
   Center and Publisher, and the RFC Series Editor. The ISE is
   appointed by the IAB, and also interacts with the IETF Administrative
   Oversight Committee (IAOC).

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1. Introduction

The RFC Editor Model [I-D.iab-rfc-editor-model-v2] defines a set of
Streams that produce draft RFCs, which are submitted for publication.
This document defines the management function for the Independent
Submission stream, specifically the role of Independent Submission
Editor. This document is a derivative of [RFC5620] section 3.2, and
was separated out from [I-D.iab-rfc-editor-model-v2].

This document obsoletes [RFC5620].

2. Independent Submission Editor

The Independent Submission Editor (ISE) is an individual who is
responsible for the Independent Submission stream of RFCs, as defined
by [RFC4844]. The Independent Submission stream and the Independent
Submission Editor are not under the authority or direction of the RSE
or the RFC Series Oversight Committee (RSOC). As noted below, the
ISE is appointed by and is responsible directly to the IAB.

2.1. Qualifications

The Independent Submission Editor is a senior position for which the
following qualifications are desired:

1. Technical competence, i.e., broad technical experience and
    perspective across a wide range of Internet technologies and
    applications, and also the ability to work effectively with
    portions of that spectrum in which they have no personal
    expertise.

2. Thorough familiarity with the RFC series.

3. An ability to define and constitute advisory and document review
    arrangements. If those arrangements include an Editorial Board
    similar to the current one or some equivalent arrangement, the
    ability to assess the technical competence of potential Editorial
    Board members (see Section 3).

4. Good standing in the technical community, in and beyond the IETF.

5. Demonstrated editorial skills, good command of the English
    language, and demonstrated history of being able to work
    effectively with technical documents and materials created by
    others.

6. The ability to work effectively in a multi-actor environment with
    divided authority and responsibility similar to that described in

[I-D.iab-rfc-editor-model-v2].

2.2. Responsibilities

The Independent Submission Editor is an individual who may have
assistants and who is responsible for:

1. Maintaining technical quality of the Independent Submission
    stream.

2. Reviewing, approving, and processing Independent Submissions.

3. Forwarding draft RFCs in the Independent Submission stream to the
    RFC Production Center.

4. Defining and developing the scope of the Independent Submission
    stream as a part of the overall RFC editor function
    [I-D.iab-rfc-editor-model-v2].

5. Reviewing and approving Independent Submissions RFC errata.

6. Coordinating work and conforming to general RFC Series policies
    as specified by the IAB and RSE.

7. Providing statistics and documentation as requested by the RSE
    and/or IAOC.

The ISE may choose to select individuals to participate in an
Advisory Board for assistance in special topics as the ISE deems
appropriate. Such an Advisory Board exists at the pleasure of the
ISE, and its members serve at the pleasure of the ISE.

The individual with the listed qualifications is selected by the IAB
after input has been collected from the community. An approach
similar to the one used by the IAB to select an IAOC member every
other year as described in [RFC4333] should be used.

While the ISE itself is considered a volunteer function, the IAB
considers maintaining the Independent Submission stream part of the
IAB's supported activities, and that the IAOC should include these
costs in the IASA budget.

3. Independent Submission Stream Editorial Board

The Independent Submission Editor is supported by an Editorial Board
for the review of Independent Submission stream documents. This
board is known as the Independent Submission Stream Editorial Board.
This volunteer Editorial Board exists at the pleasure of the ISE, and

its members serve at the pleasure of the ISE. The existence of this
board is simply noted within this model, and additional discussion of
such is considered out of scope of this document.

4. IANA Considerations

This document does not create a new registry nor does it register any
values in existing registries; no IANA action is required.

5. IAB members at approval

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version -02, 25 Oct 11:
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version -03, 26 Oct 11:
   Changed/simplified description of ISE's Advisory Board.

version -04, 8 Nov 11:
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   Made changes from discussion on rfc-interest list:
     Expanded RSOC on first use, deleted comment on
       responsibility of other streams.
     Following Bob Braden's suggestion, deleted "or team"
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    Made one further change suggested by Trac ticket 115.
    Added 'IAB Members at approval' and 'Acknowledgements' sections,
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