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Abstract

The IASA2 effort changes the terminology associated with several roles and the relationships among existing bodies and functions to the successors of others. In some cases, the relevant earlier documents address other matters, including ones that are critical to IETF processes, and are better dealt with by updating the relevant terminology or provisions rather than attempting to replace the earlier documents in their entirety. This document provides those updates for RFCs 2418 and 5377 [[and perhaps others in later versions]].

Note in Draft

There has been a recent discussion on the IASA2 list, and partially on the IETF one, about the desirability of completely replacing important procedural or IETF process definitional documents in order to align terminology with the new IASA model. It has been suggested (by this author and others) that such changes are error-prone, unnecessary work, may be misleading, and may (presumably inadvertently) violate the WG's charter by changing IETF procedures for creation, review, and approval of standards for the Internet.

With the posting deadline for IETF 103 (Bangkok) and awareness of the difficulty of holding a WG discussion of a problem with one or more documents without a concrete counterproposal in hand, this hastily-prepared I-D is provided for the convenience of the WG and the IETF community. Should the WG decide to make use of it, a co-author or replacement author should be sought who would take the lead in smoothing rough edges, inserting references where needed, adding material for other specifications that should be updated, etc.

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[1.](#) Introduction

The 2018 transition from the original IETF Administrative Support Activity (IASA) to a new model renames a number of roles and tunes the relationships among various bodies. These changes affect the terminology associated with existing definitional and procedural specifications without actually making substantive changes to the procedures or operations involved. Rather than replacing ("obsoleting") the original documents where that is not strictly and

substantively necessary, potentially creating confusion about references to them and risking inadvertent substantive changes, this document provides those updates that are required for consistency with the new IASA2 approach and clarifies the relationships involved.

This version of the I-D provides the changes needed to update the base specifications for IETF Working Group operations and procedures [[RFC2418](#)] and advice to the IETF Trust [[RFC5377](#)] to reflect the IASA2 changes. It does not attempt to address other issues with those documents that have arisen as the IETF has evolved or errors have been detected.

2. Overview

The changes from the original IASA model to the iASA2 one include changes that, while important in their own right, affect the terminology used in other procedural documents without changing the underlining procedures or specifications of those documents. These changes include

- o Changes of titles, e.g., from "IETF Executive Director" to "Managing Director of the IETF Secretariat". The IASA2 specifications may change the underlying roles as well, but those changes do not affect the documents that are the subject of this specification.
- o Changes of relationships. e.g, the Trustees of the IETF Trust are no longer simply the members of what is in principle another body (the IAOC, which has been eliminated) but are separately appointed. In part because there is little actual change to the structure or responsibilities of the Trustees themselves, the documents that are the subject of this specification should be updated to eliminate assertions about the previous relationships but do not require more substantive changes.

3. Document updates: [RFC 2418](#)

In [Section 1](#), paragraph 6, "The area directors sitting as a body...", change

The IETF Executive Director is...

to

The Managing Director of the IETF Secretariat is...

See above for explanation.

4. Document updates: [RFC 5377](#)

[Section 1](#), paragraph 1 Drop "made up of the members of the IAOC [[RFC4371](#)]" after "board of trustees"

[Section 2](#), last paragraph Drop "Appeals of the actions of the Trustees of the IETF Trust are governed by other documents. As the Trustees are the members of the IAOC, the appeals procedure documented in [BCP 101](#) (currently [[RFC4371](#)]) is applicable." [[CREF1: This is in need of careful checking. Probably the correct change is not this one but would be a reference to whatever document lays out the new appeals procedures.]]

[Section 3](#), first paragraph Drop ", which is made up of the members of the IAOC, as described in [[RFC4071](#)] and [[RFC4371](#)]".

5. Acknowledgements

This document was initiated as a response to perceived issues with efforts to replace [RFC 2418](#) and [RFC 5377](#) [[CREF2: Insert references in -01]]. It borrows extensively from the changes suggested in those drafts and would not have been possible without the work of Rich Salz and Joel Halpern in constructing the drafts and their suggested text.

6. IANA Considerations

[[CREF3: RFC Editor: Please remove this section before publication.]]

This memo includes no requests to or actions for IANA.

7. Security Considerations

This specification is about technical updates to IETF procedures. It does not change the security of the Internet and any issues are identified in the documents normatively referenced.

8. Normative References

[RFC2418] Bradner, S., "IETF Working Group Guidelines and Procedures", [BCP 25](#), [RFC 2418](#), DOI 10.17487/RFC2418, September 1998, <<https://www.rfc-editor.org/info/rfc2418>>.

[RFC5377] Halpern, J., Ed., "Advice to the Trustees of the IETF Trust on Rights to Be Granted in IETF Documents", [RFC 5377](#), DOI 10.17487/RFC5377, November 2008, <<https://www.rfc-editor.org/info/rfc5377>>.

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