IAB report to the community for IETF 100

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Dear colleagues,

Continuing the tradition started by Andrew Sullivan, here is the IAB report to the community about our activities, submitted so that you can prepare topics you might want to discuss during the upcoming open mic time. Of course, if you have issues you want to discuss by email, feel free to send your comments to architecture-discuss@iab.org (our public discussion list) or iab@iab.org (to reach just the IAB).

The IAB has a few chartered roles. We confirm the appointments to the IESG and perform standards process oversight and handle appeals. We also perform architectural oversight (including appointing the IRTF Chair), we manage the RFC series and the IETF’s relationship with IANA, and we handle liaisons and appointments both to ISOC and to other organizations. We try to ensure that anything we do is part of one of these areas of responsibility, and we try to make sure these are all covered.

Here’s what we’ve been doing since our last report at IETF 99. You can find mention of each of these on the IAB pages at https://www.iab.org (where there’s more background, too).

First, I’m happy to note that there were no appeals during this period.

Prior to IETF 99, the IAB formed a search committee to seek a successor for Nevil Brownlee as Independent Series Editor, as documented in RFC 6548. There was a very strong field of candidates, to whom the IAB again extends its thanks. In October, the IAB appointed Adrian Farrel, who will take up the role in February of 2018.

In August, the RSOC issued a request for proposals as part of the RFC Series Editor search, and it then reviewed the resulting candidates. They recommended the reappointment of Heather Flanagan, and the IAB as a whole confirmed her for a new two year term in October.

Again in August, the IAB solicited community feedback on the four candidates who volunteered to serve on the ICANN NomCom. In October, after reviewing the candidate statements and that feedback, the IAB appointed Ole Jacobsen to the role and thanked Tim Wicinski for his previous service.

The IAB is currently soliciting volunteers for the ICANN TLG; you can see the call for volunteers on the IAB web site.

We will also be issuing a call for volunteers to serve on the Internet Society’s Board of Trustees around the beginning of IETF 100. As the Trustees are meeting in Singapore after IETF 100,
there will be several members of the Board attending the IETF. If you are interested in the work of the board, please reach out to the IAB or one of the current Trustees.

DOCUMENTS

You can always find the documents the IAB has adopted and is working on at https://datatracker.ietf.org/stream/iab/.

One RFC has been published since the last report:


There are some workshop reports still in process:

- draft-iab-marnew-report-00
  - IAB Workshop on Managing Radio Networks in an Encrypted World (MaRNEW) Report (awaiting update after undergoing community review)

PROGRAMS

The IAB organizes its work, for the most part, into programs. There are basically two classes: management programs and architectural programs. The former are how we handle the oversight of various things, and the latter are where we do architectural work. The former are expected to last as long as the IAB continues to have that oversight function; the latter last until the IAB has come to a conclusion on the relevant group of topics or has decided that the topic needs to be reframed. Programs are listed at https://www.iab.org/activities/programs/.

As a general rule, each architectural program has a public mailing list, as well as a member-specific list. For subscription instructions, see https://www.iab.org/iab-mailing-lists/.

We review these programs periodically, and we will be reviewing the Privacy and Security program during the upcoming meeting.

WORKSHOPS

In June, the IAB sent out a call for participation in a workshop on Internet naming systems that explicitly called out their resolution method or context. The workshop was held in October in Vancouver, Canada. A blog post giving some early impressions is available, and a workshop report will be available in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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