

IETF Chair and IESG Report, IETF 107

This report, sent out before IETF 107 begins, provides more details than can be covered during the plenary. Discussion of these topics beforehand and afterwards is encouraged on ietf@ietf.org.

If you have topics that you think the IESG should discuss during the plenary, [please send email](#).

This report covers:

- Conversion of IETF 107 from In-Person to Virtual
- Meeting Sponsors
- Working Group Actions Since IETF 106
- GIT Working Group
- IASA 2 Work
- Currently Running Experiments
- Appeals
- Our Standards of Professional Behavior
- Keeping up with the IESG

In addition, there are typically several other reports posted prior to the meeting: the [IAB Report](#) and the [IETF Administration LLC Board Report](#). and Report. The IANA, Secretariat, and Temporary RFC Series Project Manager reports can be found under the IETF Plenary on [the meeting materials page](#) (materials to be supplied later).

Conversion of IETF 107 from In-Person to Virtual

On March 10, 2020, the IESG and the IRTF Chair announced the cancellation of the in-person IETF 107 Vancouver meeting. This decision was based on input gathered from Working Group (WG) and Research Group (RG) chairs about our ability to hold productive WG [ahttps://datatracker.ietf.org/meeting/106/proceedings](https://datatracker.ietf.org/meeting/106/proceedings)nd RG sessions at IETF 107 in light of travel restrictions. Since then, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a global pandemic and British Columbia banned mass gatherings, so the meeting would not have been possible in any case.

IETF 107 will instead be held virtually. To accommodate a meeting that was more convenient across more timezones, a compact schedule developed by the IESG prioritized [Birds-of-a-Feather](#) (BOF) sessions, working groups (WGs) meeting for the first time, and dispatch-style working groups. Unlike long-standing working groups, BOFs and new WGs do not have an established working mode and will benefit from dedicated meeting time for

bootstrapping purposes. Similarly, dispatch-style groups are aiming to determine how new work that otherwise has not seen much previous discussion should proceed.

A detailed agenda is available on the IETF Datatracker:

<https://datatracker.ietf.org/meeting/agenda/>

At this meeting, working group sessions will begin at 20:00 UTC. A [participant guide](#) is available.

It was very evident to the IESG in the course of developing this agenda that we lack consensus-based community recommendations about how to deal with the inherent difficulties of scheduling virtual meetings given time zone differences. We will figure out the best way to work with those interested in the community on this topic, perhaps via the [manycouches](#) mailing list, [GENDISPATCH](#), a BOF, or other ways.

The cancellation of the in-person IETF 107 meeting also raises the issue of how this meeting affects NomCom (Nominating Committee) eligibility. This is especially important because a new NomCom will be formed between now and IETF 108, giving us all a fairly short time to figure out what to do. Please see the [thread](#) on the IETF discussion list on this topic. Longer term impacts on the NomCom process are being discussed on the [eligibility-discuss](#) mailing list.

Meeting Sponsors

Although the in-person IETF 107 meeting was cancelled, our original Meeting Host Huawei graciously offered to serve as Host for the virtual meeting. Thank you!



Also thanks to Bronze Sponsors CIRA and Verisign for transferring their sponsorship to the virtual meeting. We owe huge thanks to our Connectivity Sponsor Telus, who expended tremendous efforts to increase the capacity of our meeting network prior to the cancellation of the in-person meeting. And we thank ICANN, Oracle, and Netflix for offering to shift their sponsorships to IETF 108. Thanks for helping make the Internet work better!

Thanks, all! If you are interested in discussing future IETF sponsorship opportunities, please contact the [IETF Sponsorship Team](#).

Working Group Actions Since IETF 106

The following changes have occurred since IETF 106:

Working groups approved:

[Adaptive DNS Discovery \(add\)](#)
[Drone Remote ID Protocol \(drip\)](#) (was tmrid)
[Reliable and Available Wireless \(raw\)](#)
[WebTransport \(webtrans\)](#)

Working groups rechartered:

[EAP Method Update \(emu\)](#)
[IP Security Maintenance and Extensions \(ipsecme\)](#)
[JSON Mail Access Protocol \(jmap\)](#)
[Limited Additional Mechanisms for PKIX and SMIME \(lamps\)](#)
[IPv6 over Low Power Wide-Area Networks \(lpwan\)](#)
[QUIC \(quic\)](#)
[TCP Maintenance and Minor Extensions \(tcpm\)](#)

BOFs for IETF 107:

[Multiplexed Application Substrate over QUIC Encryption \(masque\)](#)
[Privacy Pass \(privacypass\)](#)
[Realtime Internet Peering for Telephony \(ript\)](#)
[Transactional Authorization and Delegation \(txauth\)](#)
[Web Packaging \(wpack\)](#)

Working groups concluded:

[Softwires \(softwire\)](#)
[Managing, Ordering, Distributing, Exposing, & Registering telephone Numbers \(modern\)](#)
[IETF Administrative Support Activity 2 \(iasa2\)](#)
[DNS Over HTTPS \(doh\)](#)
[Multipath TCP \(mptcp\)](#)
[ControlLing mUltiple streams for tElepresence \(clue\)](#)

New Non-WG Mailing Lists:

[BGP autoconfiguration \(bgp-autoconf\)](#)
[IETF Tools Architecture and Strategy Team \(tools-arch\)](#)

New "Affiliate Groups" Mailing Lists:

Affiliate Groups allow IETF people to self-organize around interests, hobbies, outside activities, and similar. A new [page](#) on the IETF site was created in December 2019 to describe them. Several new lists were created when the page was announced:

[HAM Radio Operators Affiliate Group \(HAM-AG\)](#)
[Pilots Affiliate Group \(pilots-ag\)](#)
[SCUBA Diving Affiliate Group \(scuba-ag\)](#)

Non-WG Mailing Lists Closed:

[LIME \(mailing list archive remains available\)](#)

GIT working group

The IETF GIT working group is chartered to document policies and practices that support the use of Github in IETF working groups. The working group's two key deliverables, which cover [conventions](#) and [usage guidance](#) for working groups using Github, are being evaluated by the IESG for publication.

IASA 2 Work

The IASA2 working group was chartered to document the normative changes to IETF administrative structures and processes necessary to effectuate the changes to the IETF's administration. The IETF Administration LLC was created in August 2018. All of the working group's [documents](#) were published in February and the working group is now closed.

Currently Running Experiments

We are encouraging participants who have questions for the IESG that they would like to have answered during the plenary to submit those questions in advance. Questions can be sent to iesg@ietf.org. The IESG will aim to prepare answers for all questions submitted by March 24 at 14:00 UTC.

On October 21, 2019 we launched last-call@ietf.org, a mailing list specifically for IETF last call discussions. The experiment will be evaluated after six months. Visit the [subscription page](#) to subscribe to the last-call@ietf.org mailing list.

In general, the IESG would like to encourage experimenting and trying new things. If you have ideas about potentially useful things to try, try them and tell the rest of us!

Appeals

The IESG has received one appeal since IETF 106 and is working on its response:

- [Appeal re Protocol Action: 'URI Design and Ownership' to Best Current Practice \(draft-nottingham-rfc7320bis-03.txt\)](#)

Our Standards of Professional Behavior

IETF meetings, virtual meetings, and mailing lists are intended for professional collaboration and networking, as defined in the [IETF Guidelines for Conduct](#), the [IETF Anti-Harassment Policy](#), and the [IETF Anti-Harassment Procedures](#). If you have any concerns about behavior, please talk to the [Ombudsteam](#) who are available if you need to confidentially raise concerns about harassment or other conduct in the IETF.

We also expect professional behavior on our mailing lists, including the ietf@ietf discussion list. There are multiple mechanisms to help list discussion stay focused and appropriate. Please see the note about [Ensuring Appropriate Discussion](#) for guidance about conduct on the ietf@ietf discussion list.

Keeping up with the IESG

The IESG formal telechat calls are open for observation. The [upcoming agenda](#) is posted online and an invitation is mailed out to the IETF main announcement list in advance of each telechat. [The calendar and connection details](#) are also available. We post both short and narrative [minutes](#). And of course, the best place to follow what is going on with a particular document is the [datatracker](#). The relevant actions such as significant comments from the IESG continue to be automatically emailed to the relevant WG mailing list.

The IAB and IESG hold a BOF coordination call before each IETF meeting. In this call, we go through the set of proposed BOFs and other possible new meetings, in an effort to help the responsible AD decide how to proceed with the specific proposals. See the [blog post](#) discussing the BOF coordination call outcomes.

The IESG continues to work on increasing transparency. We'd welcome feedback on what aspects need improvement.