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IETF Trust Purpose

Manage IP Assets to enable use & protect ownership

Hold IP Assets for IETF, IANA, ICANN, Internet Community

- Domain ownership
  - IETF.ORG, IESG.ORG, IRTF.ORG, IAB.ORG, IANA.ORG,…

- Copyrights
  - IETF RFC’s, Logos, Photos, Videos

- RFC5378 Granted Rights
  - Contributions to the IETF: Internet Drafts, discussions, etc.

- Trademarks
  - IETF, IANA Marks, additional IETF marks (logo’s etc.)

- Software
  - IETF Tools, IETF YANG Catalog
Updates since IETF114

- 1 New Assignment to IETF Trust
  - L4S Badge Artwork

- Change in legal representation
  - Biddle Law completed their representation
    Thank you Brad Biddle & Vigdis Bronder
  - Gesmer Updegrove selected to provide legal services
    Welcome Andy Updegrove

- Correction to RFC citation in Trust FAQ (details next slide)

- Restructuring Underway (see later slides)
An error in the Trust FAQs on the TLP Modification of February 15, 2019 was reported.

Correct several references to RFC5378 that should have been to RFC3978.

See old & new text details:
https://trustee.ietf.org/about/announcements/update-to-faq/
IETF Trust Restructuring Update

IETF Trust is Converting from Virginia Trust to Delaware Corporation
○ Resolves Trademark registration issue that Trust's can’t register Trademarks
○ Resolves problems around obtaining sufficient insurance coverage
○ Reduces personal liability & risk for Trustees
○ Work will continue into 2023

Materials about restructuring available on IETF Trust web site, www.trustee.ietf.org

Articles of Incorporation have been filed with Delaware

- Using “IETF Trust” as the registered corporation name:
  ○ Approval had been given by Delaware for to use IETF Trust
  ○ Name was later rejected after filing Articles of Incorporation

- IETF Intellectual Property Management Corporation
  ○ chosen as the registered corporate name
  ○ accurately reflects the entity’s role
  ○ IETF Trust name still used in corporate documents such as bylaws
IETF Trust Restructuring Update

Community Consultation on Proposed IETF Trust Restructuring

May–July 2022 Completed

Draft ByLaws
Community Webinar Discussion, Review, & Feedback

The IETF Trust (aka) IETF Intellectual Property Management Corporation

IETF Trust (est. 2005)

Approved (July 2022)

Virginia Trust

Happening Now

Delaware Corporation

501c3 not-for-profit

Happening Next

501c3 not-for-profit

Update necessary RFCs BCPs

After 501c3

Updated RFCs BCPs

IPR for IETF Contributions

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Other IPR & Duties

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Want to talk to the Trust?

IETF 115 Office hours:
Thursday 1-2pm
Room: GMT 1