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# IETF Trust

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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



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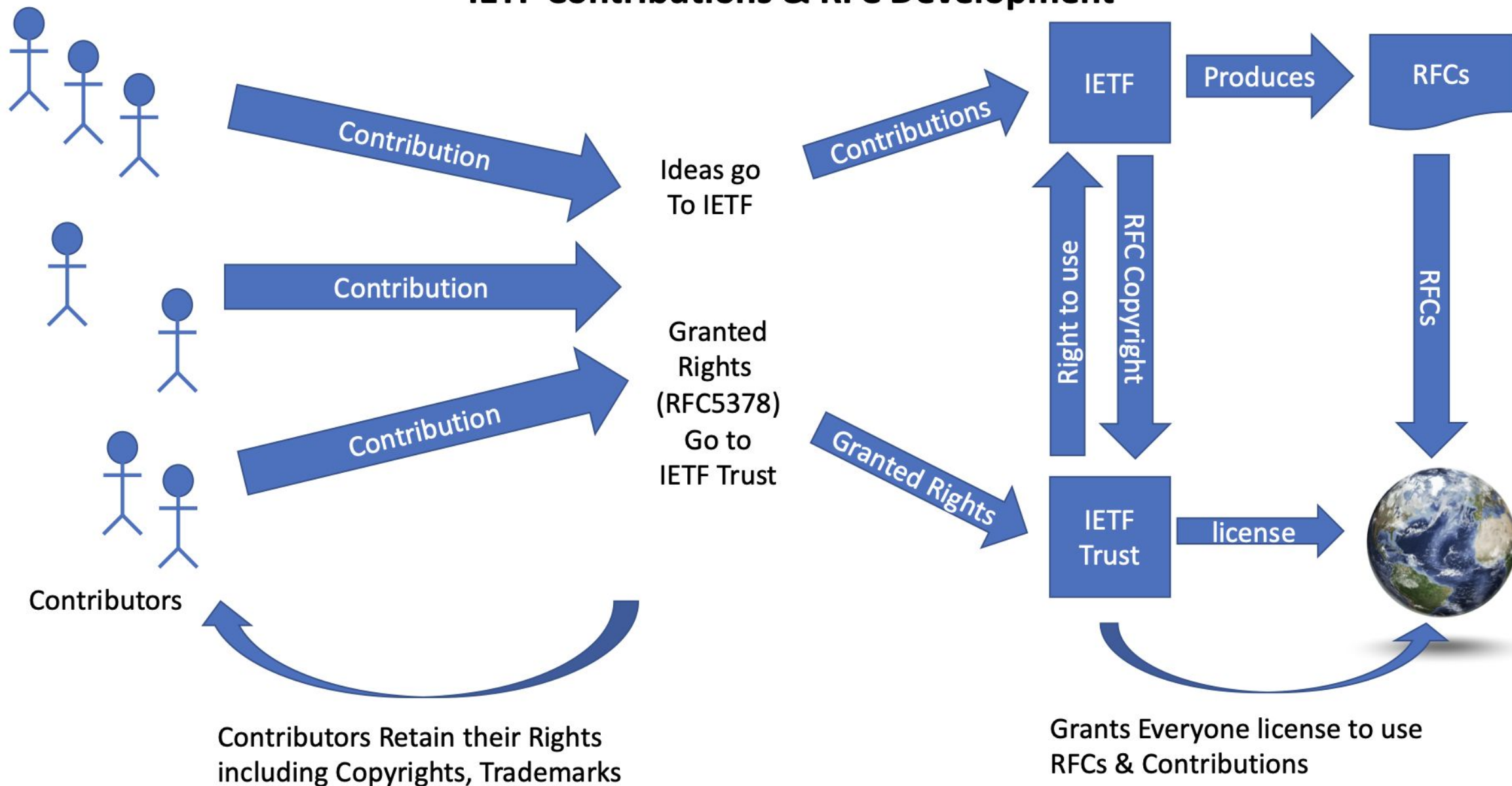
**Legal Provisions Relating to IETF Documents**

Effective Date: March 25, 2015

## 1. Background

The IETF Trust was formed on December 15, 2005, for, among other things, the purpose of acquiring, holding, maintaining and licensing certain existing and future intellectual property used in connection with the Internet standards process and its administration, for the advancement of science and technology associated with the Internet and related technology. Accordingly, pursuant to RFC 5378, Contributors grant the IETF Trust certain licenses with respect to their IETF Contributions. In RFC 5377, the IETF Community has provided the IETF Trust with guidance regarding licenses that the IETF Trust should grant to others with respect to such IETF Contributions and IETF Documents. These Legal Provisions describe the rights and licenses that the IETF Trust grants to others with respect to such IETF Contributions and IETF Documents; as well as certain restrictions, limitations and notices relating to IETF Documents. These Legal Provisions also apply to other document streams that have requested that the IETF Trust act as licensing administrator, as described in Section 8 below. Capitalized terms used in these Legal Provisions that are not otherwise defined have the meanings set forth in RFC 5378.

# IETF Contributions & RFC Development



# 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)



# Correction to Trust FAQs

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

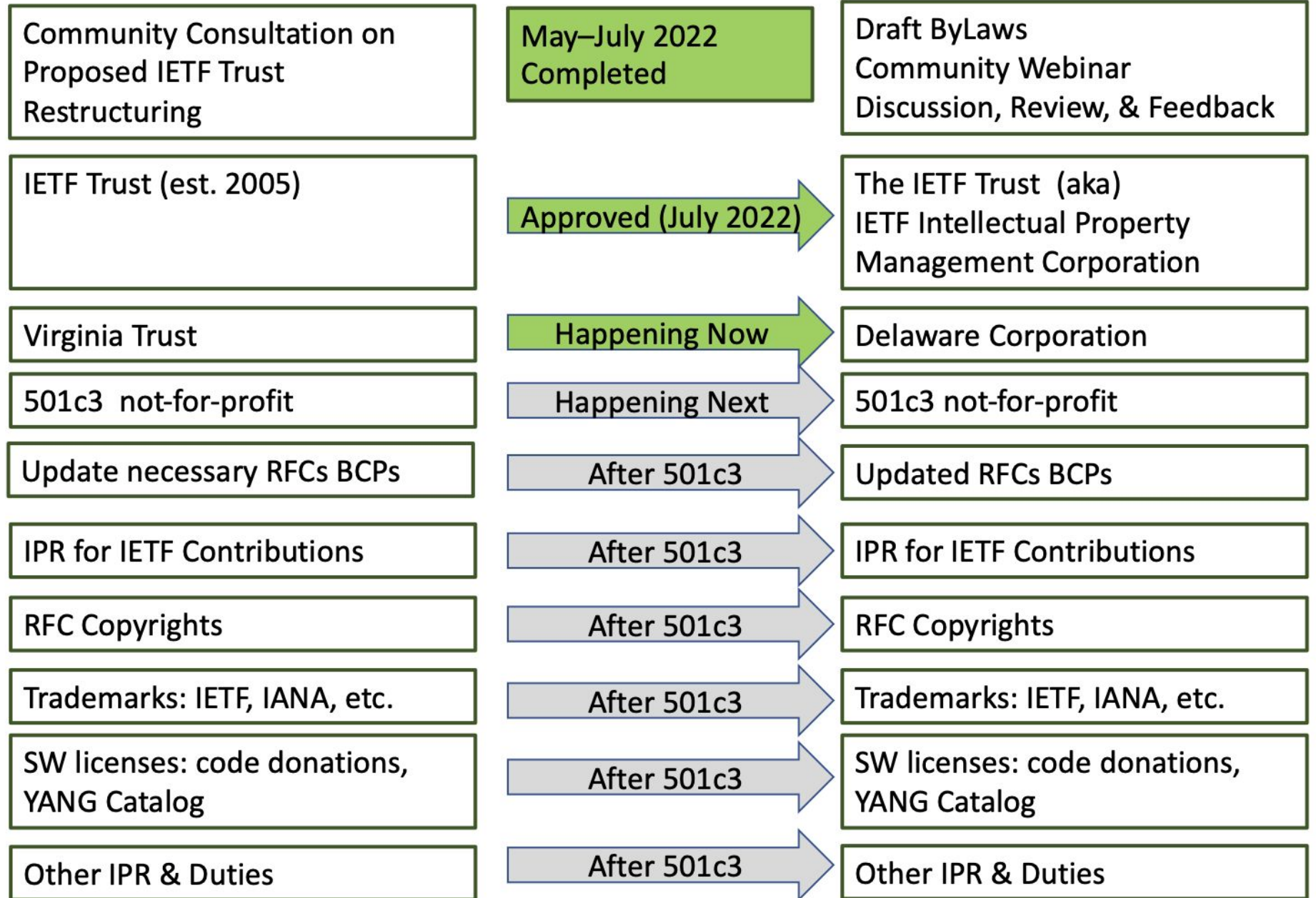
- Resolves Trademark registration issue that Trust's can't register Trademarks
- Resolves problems around obtaining sufficient insurance coverage
- Reduces personal liability & risk for Trustees
- Work will continue into 2023

Materials about restructuring available on IETF Trust web site,  
[www.trustee.ietf.org](http://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

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the Trust?

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