

RFC Series Working Group

IETF 118

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- [BCP 9](#) (Internet Standards Process)
- [BCP 25](#) (Working Group processes)
- [BCP 25](#) (Anti-Harassment Procedures)
- [BCP 54](#) (Code of Conduct)
- [BCP 78](#) (Copyright)
- [BCP 79](#) (Patents, Participation)
- <https://www.ietf.org/privacy-policy/> (Privacy Policy)

Living the IETF Code of Conduct

A brief reminder of key points from RFC 7154:

- IETF participants extend respect and courtesy to their colleagues at all times.
- IETF participants have impersonal discussions.
- IETF participants devise solutions for the global Internet that meet the needs of diverse technical and operational environments.
- Individuals are prepared to contribute to the ongoing work of the group.

RSWG Policy vs. RPC Practice

- The RSWG chairs are having a hard time defining the line between RSWG Policy and RPC Practice.
- We might be wrong, but we think a discussion of this topic will be helpful.
- If there is consensus on that, we think it will make it easier for the RSWG to decide what needs to move forward and what ought to be left to the RPC.

RSWG Policy vs. RPC Practice

Here are some questions that we think will help us understand the where different people think the line belongs.

1. The XML schema for author address changes. Is the RPC *required* to post new XML for a published RFC (say RFC9876)?
2. An error in the XML for RFC 9876 is discovered. Is the RPC *required* to edit the XML file? Is the RPC required to post new publication formats for RFC 9876?
3. A new xml2rfc tool version is released, and the new tool produces the different layout for Table 1 in RFC 9876. Is the RPC *required* to post new publication formats for RFC 9876?