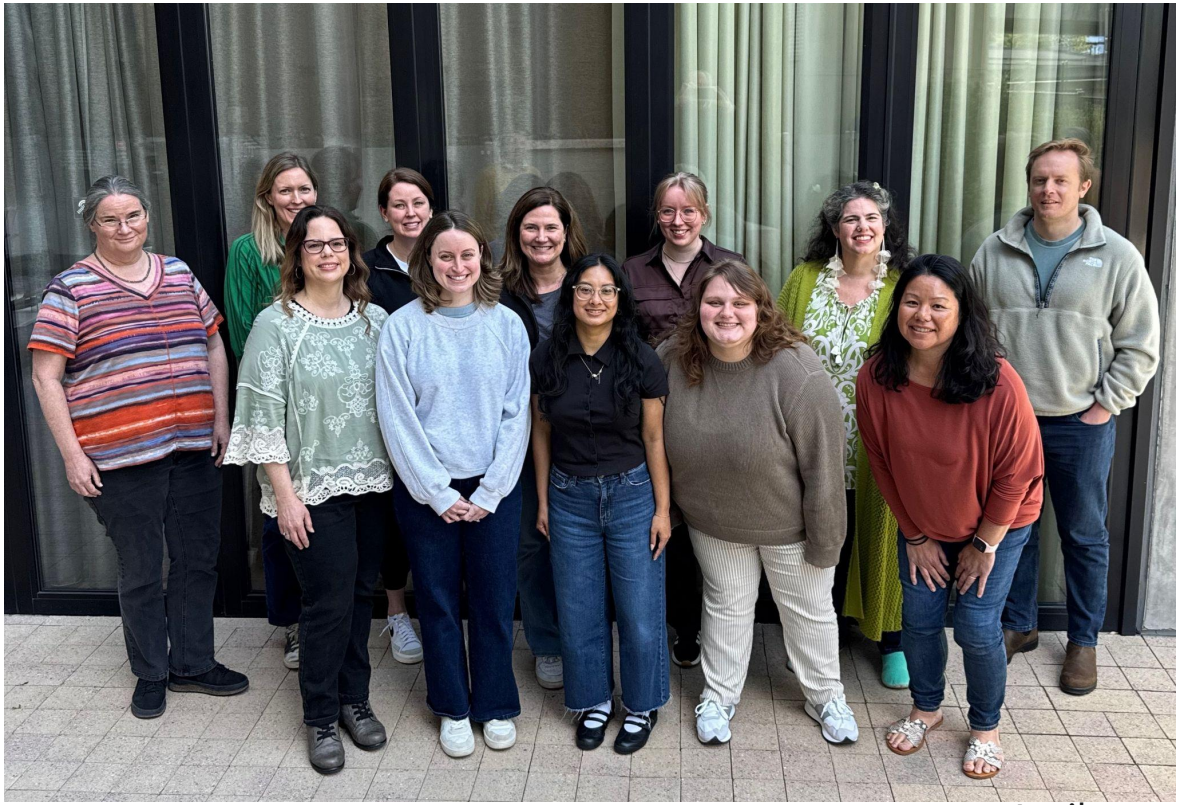
RFC Production Center
IETF 123

The RPC Team with the RFC Series Consulting Editor

Back row (L-R):
Jean Mahoney
Alice Russo
Megan Ferguson
Rebecca VanRheenen
Sarah Tarrant
Alexis Rossi (RSCE)
Ted Harrison

Front row (L-R):
Karen Moore
Kaelin Foody
Alanna Paloma
Madison Church
Sandy Ginoza
Lynne Bartholomew
(not pictured)



April 2025

RPC Strategic Transformations

- Productivity
  - Process efficiency
  - Tooling
  - Community requirements
- Transparency
- Reflecting Changing Author Processes
- More info: https://https//www.ietf.org/blog/rpc-retreat-2025/

Intake Form (Productivity | Process Efficiency)

- We are sending an email message containing the intake form to all authors of documents entering the queue (see mail for details).
- Style info such as capitalization and formatting patterns
- Any contentious sections?
- Anything the RPC should know?
- Additional Qs if the document is part of a cluster or has source code or SVG artwork
- Only one author needs to reply. It's okay if the answer is "None"

kramdown-rfc Support (Reflecting Changing Author Processes)

- Goals: fine tune our editing and AUTH48 processes for markdown
- Starting September 1, the RPC will accept 5 kramdown-rfc documents a month.
- AUTH48 will start with the kramdown-rfc file.
- After all content changes have been approved, the RPC will convert the file to RFCXML.
- Authors will then review and approve the XML and output formats.

Tools Modernization (Productivity, Transparency)

- The IETF Tools Team is building the following for the RPC as part of the tool modernization effort:
  - a document management system using datatracker technology
  - modern editing software with built-in checkers, XML validation, and GitHub integration
  - revamped rfc-editor.org website

Tools Modernization: GitHub Roadmap

- Phase 1: Using git, leveraging GitHub, for internal version control
- Phase 2: Using GitHub for author final review and approval
  - Optional for authors as GitHub is not an official part of stream document management and review processes.
  - The email-based final review process will continue to exist.
- Currently working on the requirements and design for Phase 1.
- Details: https://www.rfc-editor.org/rpc/wiki/doku.php?id=rpc_github_roadmap

References (Process Efficiency)

- Citations Specialist: Ted Harrison
  - Email: tharrison@staff.rfc-editor.org
  - Joined the RPC in March 2024
  - Reviewed references for ~200 drafts
- Current Goals / Work in Progress:
  - Be a resource for authors
  - Improve RFC style guidance with respect to references
  - Understand how authors collect their references
  - With help from the Tools team, improve the BibXML service

This week

Come by the desk Monday - Thursday!