

The IETF Chair May Delegate

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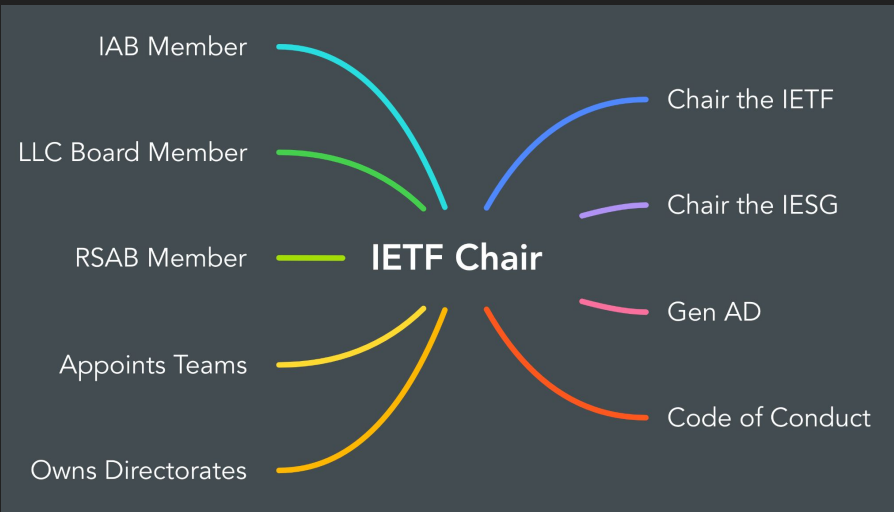
Motivation

IETF chair has many responsibilities

- Generally not allowed to delegate
- Causes overload bursts
- Limits ability to define the role

IETF chair is a single point of failure

- No defined way to (temporarily) designate a stand-in
- Only option is permanent replacement
- BCP10 “mid-term vacancy”
NomCom process



Let's fix this

Separate roles and allow delegation

- IETF Chair ≠ IESG Chair
- IETF Chair ≠ IAB Member
- IETF Chair ≠ GEN AD

Emergency stand-in

...**IETF Chair, at their sole discretion, designates another Area Director as their stand-in** immediately upon being seated and at anytime afterward...

...IETF Chair becomes incapacitated, stand-in will ... assume the role...

...**delegation ends as soon as NomCom appoints...or IETF Chair declares themselves fit ...**

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Suggestions from Brian Carpenter (thanks!)

IAB chair is stand-in → IETF chair names another AD

Editorial fixes

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Review from ekr (thanks!)

Separate emergency delegation (stand-in) from workload-based delegation

IAB chair vs. other AD (vs. ? – we should discuss)

What is “incapacitated” and who decides on it?

“Some of these functions shouldn't be delegatable”

Current I-D takes an extreme stance – we should discuss

Chair's appeals process role

Not currently discussed well enough