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NomCom

- NomCom will soon open a call about nominations for Application Area Director
- Please provide feedback to NomCom about desired AD qualities and details about particular AD candidates
- Please volunteer to serve as an Applications Area Director
Applications Area WG proposal

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Problem Statement

• There are lots of individual drafts in the Applications Area
• AD shepherding & review can be:
  – Slow and inefficient
  – Open to charges of subjectivity
• WG process is a Good Thing™
• However, sometimes a topic is too small to justify a dedicated WG
Proposed Solution: Area-Wide WG

• Precedent in other IETF areas
• Basic concept:
  – Area-wide WG chartered to accept items that would otherwise be individual drafts
  – However, individual drafts still welcome
  – Set reasonable guidelines regarding what is in or out of scope for the WG
  – Chairs are not necessarily the ADs
  – One tool in the toolbox, not a panacea
Proposed Scope

• Well-defined security solutions that apply to multiple Apps Area technologies (e.g., application server identity in TLS with certs)

• Small-scale additions to the protocol stack for an existing Apps Area technology (e.g., well-known URIs)

• Topics traditionally in scope for the Apps Area (e.g., date and time formats)
Proposed Acceptance Criteria

• WG consensus on suitability, importance, and projected quality
• Core team willing and able to do the work
• Enough other WG participants to review the work
• AD input and coordination
Discussion Topics

• What are the potential benefits?
• What are the potential costs?
• Are there process concerns?
• Does it increase transparency?
• On balance would it help or hurt?
• Is this just a way for those lazy ADs to offload more work onto other folks? 😊