Recommendations

RFC Editor Model
Version 2

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RFC Editor Model Version 1
How well has it worked?

• General structure of Model (RFC 5620) works
• Transition has gone very well
  – Success aided by the exceptional expertise, dedication, and focus of professional staff
• TRSE recommendations
  – Clarifications and tunings of Model
    • evolution not revolution
  – As expected, focus on “getting the RFC Series Editor job description right”
Major Observations and Recommendations

- RFC Series Editor role demands expertise in technical publications and their management
- RFC Series Editor responsible involving the community
- The RFC Editor (a set of functions) must be managed by a single person with the above skills
RFC Series Editor Skills

• Experience in and knowledge of
  – Technical writing
  – Technical publishing
  – Technical series development

• Technical (CS, networking) knowledge?
  – sufficient to lead technical editors
  – familiarity with basic concepts, vocabulary
Managing the RFC Editor Function

• Must be led by a single manager
  – Critical for accountability to community
  – Critical for “owning the problem”
  – Decisions informed by day to day work

• Reporting Structure
  – Reports to the IAB
    • works “at the pleasure of” the IAB
  – Production Center, Publisher, report to the Series Editor
    • RSE Coordinates with IAD for contractual issues
  – Independent Submissions not under Series Editor

• Nearly all day-to-day work delegated to contractors
RSE Decisions

• The Series Editor is responsible for engaging the community at the right level in the right way.
  – Requirement: balance professional initiative with community input

• RSAG helps RSE find the balance
Other Observations and Recommendations

• Clarification: ISE is an independent part of the RFC Editor.
  – RSE does not directly participate in reviews of the ISE
  – RSE does not review ISE documents
• RFC Series Continuity, Quality
• Reiterate: RFC Editor has no say over technical content of RFCs
Other Observations and Recommendations

• Recommendation: reinstate RFC Editor Stream capability
  – For publication of RFC Editor:
    • regular documents: e.g., Style Manual, 1K’s RFCs
    • other commentary on series, quality, etc
  – Not formally within scope of recommendations
• RFC Editor service and quality viewed through
  – Production-side customers
  – Consumption-side customer
RSE Hiring Process
Recommendation

• Challenge: maximize community leadership while getting sufficient expertise
• General Approach: streams (production-side customers) participants plus publications insight and expertise.
• Search Committee
  • 2 members appointed by Streams
    • 1 by IESG
    • 1 by IRSG/IS/IAB
  • 2 members appointed by RSAG
  • 1 member from <TBD>
• 2 advisors
  • HR professional - default to ‘search’ pro
  • RFC Series Editor