

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

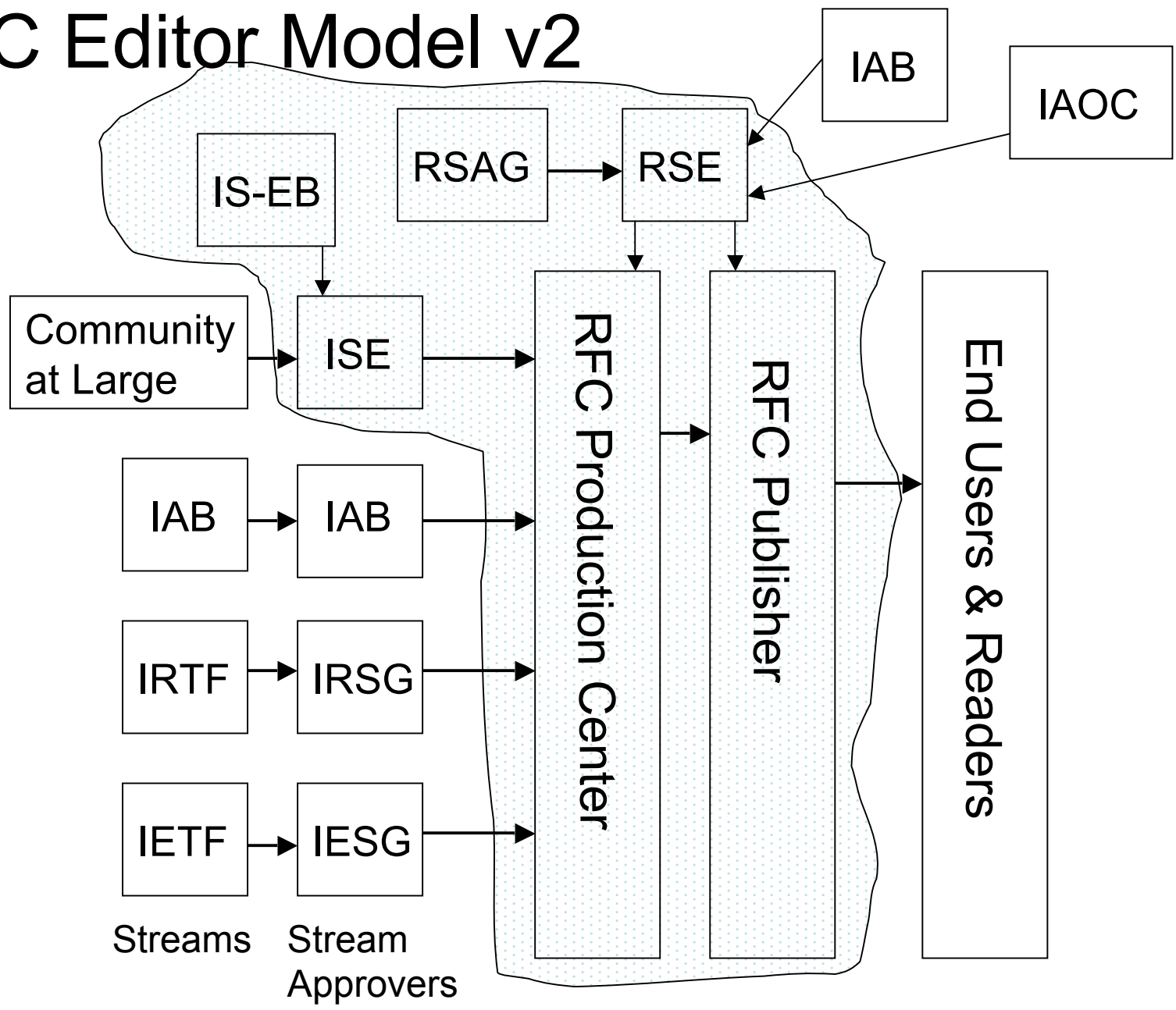
Other Observations and Recommendations

- 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
 - Responsible for Procedures Manual, Style Manual
- 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

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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