

IETF Trust Chair Report

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IETF Trust : Accomplishments since IETF-83 (Taipei)



- The Minutes are complete except for the meeting held this morning.
- There have been some issues addressed
 - Can IETF RFCs be published in DEBIAN' s “main repository” ?
 - This issue dates back 11 years - see
 - <http://bugs.debian.org/cgi-bin/bugreport.cgi?bug=92810>
 - The trouble is DEBIAN wants a license permitting unlimited derivative works, and the Trust Legal Provisions (TLP) do not allow that.
 - No formal request has been received, but nothing substitutive has changed, and the answer is still “no” (the TLP does not allow unlimited derivative works).

IETF Trust Issues : RFC3356bis

- RFC3356 : Internet Engineering Task Force and International Telecommunication Union - Telecommunications Standardization Sector Collaboration Guidelines
- There were two primary issues here:
 - Can the IETF use RFC3356 in an update, i.e., in a derivative work?
 - Yes, as it was done under IETF rules, which allow for this in IETF work.
 - Under this RFC, ISOC may from time to time transmit IETF documents to the ITU for use in their standards. Does this require a license?
 - Yes, in general.
 - The Trust Legal Provisions (TLP) do allow for printing of Internet documents in their entirety, and for translations.
 - However, under the TLP, **modifications** (derivative works) will generally require a license from the Trust and, for pre-RFC5378 documents, the authors as well.



IETF Trust Issues : the IRTF Logo

- Lars Eggert found that the IRTF logo didn't have an "original" (i.e., high resolution) file.
 - This was apparently lost some time in the past.
- So, he recreated it.
 - This needed to become property of the IETF Trust (which owns the original logo).
 - The IETF Counsel has generated a suitable license for Lars to sign.

IETF Trust Issues : Response to Subpoenas



- The IETF and the IETF Trust receive subpoenas from time to time as part of evidence gathering in patent cases.
 - Primarily, to show abuse of the patent process (i.e., participation in the IETF without filing of IPR discussions).
- We thus have to respond to requests for documents, physical proof of attendance at IETF meetings (and even occasionally depositions).
 - These are for blue sheets, email archives, and other material
- We have agreed to publish new subpoenas as they come in.
- Yesterday we received a new subpoena.

IETF Trust Issues : Subpoena received.



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

VirnetX Inc.,
Plaintiff,

v.

SUBPOENA IN A CIVIL CASE

Case 6:10-cv-00417¹
(Eastern District of Texas)

Cisco Systems, Incl. et al,
Defendants.

TO: Internet Engineering Task Force
c/o The Internet Society
1775 Wiehle Ave., Suite 201
Reston, VA 20190

YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear in the United States District Court at the place, date, and time specified below to testify in the above case.

PLACE OF TESTIMONY

COURTROOM

DATE AND TIME

YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear at the place, date, and time specified below to testify at the taking of a deposition in the above case. The deposition will be transcribed; video taped; audio recorded.

Questions?



- Thank You !

Auxillary Information

What is the IETF Trust ?

- The IETF Trust was founded by CNRI and the Internet Society (AKA the Settlers).
 - <http://iaoc.ietf.org/docs/IETF-Trust-Agreement-Executed-12-15-05.pdf>
 - Also see BCP 78 / RFC 5378.
- It exists to hold intellectual and other property of the IETF “for the advancement of the science and technology associated with the Internet and related technology.”
- It has a legal existence as a Trust in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- There are 9 Trustees, the members of the IAOC.
- The Trustees have a fiduciary duty to protect the IETF’s property!

The IETF Trust Legal Provisions

- The IETF Trust is currently operating under Trust Legal Provisions (TLP) 4.0.
 - Effective Date: December 15, 2009
- These can be found at
<http://trustee.ietf.org/docs/IETF-Trust-License-Policy.pdf>