

RFC Editor Future Direction Program

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- [BCP 54](#) (Code of Conduct)
- [BCP 78](#) (Copyright)
- [BCP 79](#) (Patents, Participation)
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Agenda

- Agenda Bashing
- Brief Program Introduction and Review
- Polls and future meetings
- Discussion points:
 - What do we want from the series?
 - What roles are defined and what is their relationship to one another?
- AOB

Program Information

- Charter
<https://www.iab.org/activities/programs/rfc-editor-future-development-program/>
- Mailing List
<https://www.iab.org/mailman/listinfo/rfced-future>
- GitHub
<https://github.com/intarchboard/rfced-future>

Purpose of the program

This program is intended to foster discussion and consensus on potential changes to the RFC Editor model. Discussion of changes to how the RFC Editor function is managed, staffed, and overseen are all within scope. After the group has come to rough consensus, it will document its output in one or more RFCs.

From the charter

[...] This program has no predetermined constraints on the decisions of the group. Updates to or retention of the oversight model, management, and the roles involved in the RFC Editor function are all within scope.[...]

Work Program

- Seek agreement on what problems to solve
- Go and solve them



Top Topics

- What roles are defined and what is their relationship to one another?
 - To whom is each accountable?
 - How is that accountability expressed?
 - Who sets strategy?
 - Who owns the series?
 - Who has the authority to impose minimum standards for editing of docs?
 - Who is responsible for setting and insuring compliance with publishing standards?
 - Who has overall tooling responsibility?
- What do we want from the series?
- RFC Editor Qualities
 - What publishing experience is the RSE expected to have?
 - What technical capabilities should the RSE be expected to have?
 - Is an understanding of archival tools important for the RSE role?