Summary of Agreed Board Action Items

At a planning retreat held in January 2014, the Internet Society Board of Trustees decided that:

1.) ISOC exists to advance the deployment and evolution of a global, open and trusted Internet available to everyone on the earth;

2.) ISOC is a global, trusted, authoritative leader that gets things done; and

3.) ISOC should focus on three strategic priorities:

   I. Maintain and strengthen multi-stakeholder processes for advancing global and local Internet Governance;
   II. Advance core infrastructure and evolution of Internet technology; and
   III. Promote the robustness and resiliency of Internet security through technical standards and deployment.

The Board’s decisions and priorities set the Internet Society on a refocused path to meet challenges facing the Internet and ISOC in the years ahead. Staff presented the Board with a revised 2014 work plan and subsequent annual Action Plans and budgets based on these priorities.

The 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 Boards considered these priorities crucial to the continued success of the Internet Society and resolved to convey them in a Summary of Board Action Items to successive Boards. Now at the close of its own term, the 2015-2016 Board also wishes to convey these decisions and priorities to the 2016-2017 Board, as well as the following additional recommendations:

I. Continue support for the 2016 Internet Society Action Plan, including its further refined strategic and operational objectives;

II. Continue support for recent Board-approved initiatives in the areas of ISOC technology improvements, positioning and branding, website redesign and curation, and Beyond the Net grants; and,

III. Continue efforts to build the corpus of the IETF Endowment to ensure long-term, sustainable funding for the development, evolution, and use of open Internet protocols.