IETF Trust Issues: Response to Subpoenas

- The IETF and the IETF Trust receive subpoenas from time to time as part of evidence gathering (so far, associated with patent cases)
  - Sometimes to show abuse of the patent process (i.e., participation in the IETF without filing of IPR discussions)
  - Sometimes to show prior art
- We thus have to respond to requests for documents, physical proof of attendance at IETF meetings (and rarely depositions)
  - These are for RFCs, I-Ds, blue sheets, email archives, and other material
- Trustees have agreed to publish new subpoenas as they come in
- There are now three subpoenas at: http://iaoc.ietf.org/subpoenas.html
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Subpoena received
Questions During Open Mic

- Thank You!
Auxillary Information
What is the IETF Trust?

- The IETF Trust was founded by CNRI and the Internet Society (AKA the Settlors).
  - 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