IETF Trust Chair Report

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IETF Trust : Accomplishments since IETF-83 (Taipei)

- The Minutes are complete through July 27th, 2011
  - The only IETF Trust meeting since 27 July in Taipei on 16 Nov, and the only agenda item on that meeting was to approve the minutes.

- There have been some issues addressed
  - Can IETF RFCs be published in DEBIAN’s “main repository”?
  - This 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.
  - Nothing substitutive has changed, and no formal request has been received, so the answer is still “no.”
IETF Trust: The Time Zone Database (TZDB)

- The TZDB is a list of time zone and daylight savings (or “summer time”) changes for the entire planet.
  - This is of considerable commercial utility and is used by Airlines, Computer Operating Systems, etc.
- The TZDB was originally developed by Arthur David Olson of NIH, who retired.
  - This was then offered to the IETF as its natural home.
- The original TZDB was a Public Domain document, and the desire was to keep it as such. The Trust was involved in the discussions about how to do that in a way consistent with the TLP.
  - ICANN will actually administer this database and the associated mailing list.
IETF Trust Actions: Response to Subpoenas

- The IETF and the IETF Trust receive subpoenas from time to time as part of evidence gathering in patent cases.
  - Primarily, 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 received no subpoenas requiring a Trust response in 2012 to date.
- We have agreed to publish new subpoenas as they come in. There have, however, to date been no new ones to publish since that decision was made.
Questions?

- 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 [http://trustee.ietf.org/docs/IETF-Trust-License-Policy.pdf](http://trustee.ietf.org/docs/IETF-Trust-License-Policy.pdf)