Change of IETF Trust Chair

2015-April-28

- Tobias Gondrom stepped down as Trust Chair (following his election as Chair of the IAOC)
- Benson Schliesser elected Chair of the IETF Trust
IETF Trust Issues:
Subpoenas and legal requests

- Genband v. Metaswitch *
  (received 2015-March; responded 2015-April)

- Intellectual Ventures v. AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, US Cellular, …
  (received 2015-June; response in progress)

- Details: [http://iaoc.ietf.org/subpoenas.html](http://iaoc.ietf.org/subpoenas.html)

* - Scott Bradner (Chair, IAOC Legal Committee) has disclosed to the IAOC and IETF Trust that he has a potential conflict of interest, and has recused himself from any discussions or decisions regarding this case.
Lawsuit filed against IETF among others

  - The Trust had received a legal complaint by Todd Glassey, that names ISOC/IETF/ICANN as defendants (among other entities, including the U.S. Government)
  - Attorneys have advised that ISOC and the IETF management (IAB, IESG, IAOC) not engage in any dialogue on this topic while the case is active.
  - The initial complaint was dismissed. Two of the three courts appealed to have denied appeal, one outstanding at this time.
  - Much more history available at http://iaoc.ietf.org/subpoenas.html
TLP Update

- Trust Legal Provisions (TLP) update:
  - IETF Trust adopted small update to item #9 in the TLP to allow the use of templates in IETF documents.
  - Call for community input closed on Feb-25.
  - Trust approved change on Mar-25 to adopt change.
  - Version 5.0 now active.
    - [http://trustee.ietf.org/license-info/IETF-TLP-5.htm](http://trustee.ietf.org/license-info/IETF-TLP-5.htm)
Trust Willingness to hold IPR related to IANA

- On 2015-Feb-20 the IETF Trust agreed unanimously by E-Vote to make the following statement:
  - In accordance with Article 5.2 of the Trust Agreement the IETF Trust would be willing to hold intellectual property rights relating to the IANA function, including the IANA trademark and the IANA.ORG domain name.
- This was confirmed unanimously by roll-call vote during the IETF Trust meeting on 2015-June-25.
Any Questions?
Backup 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 currently 8 Trustees, all members of the IAOC.
- The Trustees have a fiduciary duty to protect the IETF’s property!
Current Trustees of the IETF Trust as of 2015-July-06

- Jari Arkko
- Lou Berger
- Scott Bradner
- Kathy Brown
- Tobias Gondrom
- Ray Pelletier
- Benson Schliesser, Chair
- Andrew Sullivan
The IETF Trust Legal Provisions

- The IETF Trust is currently operating under Trust Legal Provisions (TLP) 5.0
  - Effective Date: 2015-March-25
- These can be found at http://trustee.ietf.org/license-info/IETF-TLP-5.pdf