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Abstract

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[1.](#) Introduction

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For a discussion of why this change is needed and a rationale for these specific changes, see [[I-D.ietf-iasa2-trust-rationale](#)].

[2.](#) Selection of Trustees

This document revises the original Trustee selection procedures defined in [[RFC4071](#)] and [[RFC4371](#)], to eliminate the requirement that trustees be drawn from the members of the IAOC.

In this newly revised IETF Trust structure, there will be five Trustees. Three shall be appointed by the IETF Nominating Committee (NomCom) and confirmed by the Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG), one shall be appointed by the IESG, and one shall be appointed by the Internet Society (ISOC) Board of Trustees. The

appointments by the IESG and ISOC Board of Trustees do not require confirmation.

The IETF Trust Chair informs the nominating committee of the Trustee positions to be reviewed. The IETF Trust will provide a summary of the expertise desired of the Trustee candidates to each appointing body.

A change to the Trust Agreement is required to put this change into effect, and this document requests that the current Trustees make this change at the earliest convenient time and no later than the end of the 104th IETF meeting in March 2019.

The terms of the appointed trustees from IETF NomCom shall be three years. The initial selection shall be one, two, and three year terms in order to initially stagger the terms. The other appointments by the IESG and the ISOC Board of Trustees shall be two year terms, with the initial terms being one and two years, respectively. The goal of the staggered initial terms is to minimize potential Trustee turnover in any single year. To maintain the staggered terms, each appointing body may at its discretion appoint Trustees for shorter terms as needed in exceptional situations, e.g., for mid-term vacancies or when an appointment is not ready by the time of the first IETF of the year.

Once the initial trustee selections according to the procedures in this document are complete, and at each subsequent annual meeting of the IETF Trust once new trustees are seated, the trustees shall elect by a majority vote of the IETF Trust one trustee to serve as IETF Trust Chair.

The processes regarding NomCom appointments and recalls of Trustees for the IETF Trust follow those described in [\[RFC7437\]](#). For the appointments by the IESG, the IESG is expected to run an open selection process and to consider the necessary skill set and conflicts of interest as part of that process.

3. Security Considerations

This memo has no security implications for the Internet.

4. IANA Considerations

This memo requests no action from IANA.

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Appendix A. Changes from Previous Versions

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The version [draft-ietf-iasa2-trust-update-02.txt](#) made some editorial corrections, as well as clarifying that no confirmation is needed in the cases other than the nomcom appointment, specified how IETF Trust chair is chosen, and required that an open process be used by the IESG for the selections.

The version [draft-ietf-iasa2-trust-update-01.txt](#) has taken into account last call comments. The changes are: 1) Clarification of the role of the IETF Trust Chair to indicate which trustee positions are up for selection, similar to how [RFC 7437](#) requires the IETF Executive Director to do it. 2) The addition of empty security and IANA consideration sections. 3) The clarification of the staggering rules for NomCom selections. 4) Updated text regarding the application of rules from [RFC 7437](#). 5) Update draft title to be correct in terms of specifying a process rather than the actual persons. 6) Update the text regarding desirable expertise to use the same language as in [RFC 7437](#) instead of the "list of desired qualifications".

The version [draft-ietf-iasa2-trust-update-00.txt](#) corrected the desired document status to BCP, and made several editorial and language updates. This version also updated the wording for the request for the current trustees to adopt this change, from "earliest convenience" to "earliest convenient time".

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