

Trust Meeting 2014-06-12 11:00 AM EDT

Attendees

Jari Arkko [PRESENT]
Scott Bradner [PRESENT]
Kathy Brown [PRESENT]
Randy Bush [PRESENT]
Tobias Gondrom, Chair [PRESENT]
Chris Griffiths [PRESENT]
Bob Hinden [PRESENT]
Russ Housley [PRESENT]
Ray Pelletier [PRESENT, IAD]

Michele Gehrke [SCRIBE]

Meeting called to order by Tobias Gondrom at 11:01 AM EDT.

Trust Agenda

1. Minutes
 - a. 2014-02-20
 - b. 2014-03-05
2. "IETF Secretariat" Trademark E-Vote Confirmation
3. Trademark Decision Announcement
4. AOB

1. Minutes
 - a. 2014-02-20
 - b. 2014-03-05

RESOLUTION

Scott moved and Tobias seconded a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes as amended on the list for 2014-02-20, and 2014-03-05.

Without objection the minutes were adopted as modified.

2. "IETF Secretariat" Trademark E-Vote Confirmation
 1. According to the Administrative Procedures of the IETF Trust, "Motions passed by electronic means between meetings shall be confirmed by a vote at the next possible meeting."

2. Confirming the vote means to vote again on the motion.

3. Background

The IETF Trust holds the trademark for "IETF" and for "IETF Secretariat." It is unnecessary to protect "IETF Secretariat" because "IETF" is protected in its class. "IETF Secretariat" is registered in the European Community (EC), Registration 3860848 and in the United States, Registration 2392833. The trademark expires in the European Community on 28 May 2014, and in the US on 10 October 2020. The cost to renew the trademark in the EC is approximately \$5,000 in renewal and legal fees; the cost to renew in the US is unknown, but is unlikely to be free.

4. Authority

The Amended and Restated Trust Agreement at Article 7.1 permits the Trustees to abandon assets under certain conditions and after consulting with the Beneficiary. <http://trustee.ietf.org/trust-agreement-2014.html> This Article states in relevant part: "the Trustees may, after due consultation with the Beneficiary, dispose of, assign, sell, transfer, renounce, convey or terminate Trust Assets that are of no current or foreseeable future value to the Beneficiary and which require the expenditure of funds to retain. This exception does not include RFCs."

5. Findings

In accordance with Article 7.1a of the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement the Trustees find that (1) the "IETF Secretariat" trademark has no current or future value to the Beneficiary, and that (2) the retention of the trademark requires an expenditure of funds. The Beneficiary was consulted during the period 4 April through 5 May 2014. <https://mailarchive.ietf.org/arch/msg/ietf-announce/wNoqDOmTL5718PeFB5XWKS07v6I>

6. RESOLUTION

In accordance with Article 7.1 of the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement and after consultation with the Beneficiary, the Trustees approve the abandonment of the "IETF Secretariat" trademark and not renew the "IETF Secretariat" trademark, Registration 3860848, in the European Community when due on 28 May 2014, and not renew the "IETF Secretariat" trademark, Registration 2392833, in the United States when due on 10 October 2020.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Scott and seconded by Tobias.

Jari Arkko [YES]
Scott Bradner [YES]
Kathy Brown [YES]
Randy Bush [YES]
Tobias Gondrom [YES]
Chris Griffiths [YES]
Bob Hinden [YES]
Russ Housley [YES]
Ray Pelletier [YES]

The motion passes unanimously.

3. Trademark Decision Announcement

Tobias and Ray will prepare an announcement to be sent to the community about the decision to abandon the "IETF Secretariat" trademark for Trustee review.

4. AOB

There was no other business.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.