

Minutes of the retreat of the IETF Trust 2011-05-18

Participants

Bernard Aboba	[PRESENT]
Eric Burger	[NOT PRESENT]
Dave Crocker	[PRESENT]
Marshall Eubanks	[PRESENT, Chair]
Bob Hinden	[PRESENT]
Russ Housley	[PRESENT]
Ole Jacobsen	[PRESENT]
Ray Pelletier	[PRESENT, IAD]
Lynn St. Amour	[PRESENT]
David Kessens	[GUEST]
Jorge Contreras	[GUEST]
Andrew Sullivan	[SCRIBE]

Agenda:

1. Trust Responsibility Overview
2. Trust Issues (RFC Archive, Blue Sheets, Fees for service)
3. AOB

Marshall Eubanks called the meeting to formal order at 14:44 EDT (18:44 UTC). He noted a quorum was present.

1. Trust Responsibility Overview

Jorge Contreras joined the Trustees by video teleconference. The

meeting proceeded informally. Jorge then made a presentation giving an overview of the Trust history, the legal obligations of Trustees, and some of the rules governing the Trust.

Jorge enumerated the types of Trust assets. He also outlined some areas where Trustees might consider some amendments to the Trust Agreement.

There was separate discussion about each of trademark policing and licensing, software licensing and development issues, copyright and rights in contributions, and patents (including subpoenas related to them).

Finally, Jorge presented an outline of the "Note Well" rules and some additional policies (e.g., privacy policy) that the IETF might want to adopt.

2. Trust Issues (RFC Archive, Blue Sheets, Fees for service)

a. RFC Archive

This item was a discussion of paper items that are currently kept at the point of production of an RFC. While there are electronic copies of everything, the material could be important for archival reasons. It seems important that the material not get lost, but there are possible concerns about current storage and about liability on the part of those storing. There was discussion about getting source material owners to direct their collections.

ACTION: Dave Crocker to lead a project on collection direction.

b. Blue Sheets

There was a discussion of the adequacy of current storage of blue sheets. There was some discussion, but no action taken for the time being.

c. Fees for service

In his earlier presentation to the Trust, Jorge Contreras noted that it is fairly normal for those responding to a subpoena to charge for the service. The Trust did not adopt any policy on charging.

ACTION: Marshall Eubanks to send an estimate of costs for responding to subpoenas.

Ray Pelletier provided an overview of how subpoenas are handled in general, using a current example.

3. AOB

Marshall Eubanks asked for any other business. There was none. Bob Hinden moved to adjourn, and Ray Pelletier seconded. There was no objection, and Marshall Eubanks adjourned the meeting at 15:05 EDT (19:05 UTC).