Trust Minutes 2013-07-18

IETF Trust Meeting
2013-07-18 -4 GMT / 10:00 EDT

Jari Arkko [PRESENT]
Scott Bradner [PRESENT]
Randy Bush [PRESENT]
Chris Griffiths [PRESENT, Chair]
Bob Hinden [PRESENT]
Russ Housley [PRESENT]
Ole Jacobsen [ABSENT]
Ray Pelletier [PRESENT]
Lynn St. Amour [PRESENT]

Jorge Contreras [Guest]
Jewellee Dalrymple [SCRIBE]

IETF Trust Agenda
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1. Minutes
2. Tao Copyright
3. Trust Amendments Next Steps
4. Pearsons Permission Request
5. AOB

Chris called the meeting to order at 10:57 AM EDT.

1. Minutes
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The 2013-06-20 minutes are ready for adoption.

Chris moved, and Russ seconded a motion to approve the 2013-06-20 minutes with modifications.

Without objections, the minutes were approved.

2. Tao Copyright
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Ray reported on a request to provide a license for the Tao.

A. Raised by recent translation into Portuguese by volunteers and discovery that the Tao published online has Copyright © 2012 IETF Trust. All rights reserved.

B. ISOC suggested a Creative Commons license, which allows
sharing and adaptations.

C. Trustees asked Jorge to have a discussion on the Tao list and bring back suggestions.

D. Jorge recommendations:
   I. Amend Trust Agreement to allow Trust to license this material on these terms.
   II. Obtain a license from the "authors" of the Tao document to the Trust to do the above.
   III. Update Tao web page to include CC BY-SA license link/language.
   IV. Document/preserve all of these steps in some way (so we remember what happened in the future), perhaps in an addendum to the Tao web page.

Russ commented that he prefers that these steps be captured someplace other than the Tao page, someplace on the IAOC Page.

Scott said that maybe we should address this class of problems rather than this problem e.g., establish a IETF web site for the publication of materials of this general sort where anyone proposing to publish there agrees to a set of pre-published requirements – basically the same sort of thing that we do for Internet-Drafts then ask the Tao authors to agree to the requirements and post their document there.

RFC 6722 says how the Tao is handled. This RFC shouldn’t be opened up.

An amendment to the Trust Agreement is needed to implement the suggestion, but it should be a general clause allowing the Trust to grant licenses on reasonable terms that are consistent with the terms of the Trust would make things easier. The Trust doesn’t have the authority to take any action on this item without direction from the community.

Chris left the meeting at 11:05 AM. Bob Chaired the remainder of the meeting.

3. Trust Amendments Next Steps

Ray reported on the potential modifications to the Trust Agreement and the next steps.

A. Trustees discussed desirability of amending the Trust Agreement on 20 June and asked Jorge to prepare
specific language.

B.  23 Jun Jorge sent language to the list with these comments: As discussed last week, I have attached a short amendment to Sections 7.1(a) and 9.5 of the Trust Agreement.

I.  I combined the revisions to 7.1(a)(I) and (ii) to create a general right of the Trust to dispose of assets in the best interest of the community, subject to community consultation.

II.  In addition to the change that we discussed in Section 9.5 (authorizing licensing of Alternate Stream documents), I also attempted to make 9.5 more general. This is a point that I should have mentioned during our call, but only recalled while thinking recently about the Tao web site copyright. Essentially, Section 9.5, ties the Trusts hands in terms of licensing in several ways that do not anticipate all of the potential licensing transactions that could be desirable (the Tao web page is a good example). To avoid future problems, I have thus suggested that 9.5 generally allow licensing that the Trustees feel is in the best interest of the community.

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D. NEXT Steps

I.  Give notice to the community that we are considering these changes and give them an opportunity to provide input.

II.  Consider input then take action on amendments. We are -not- looking for community consensus.

Next steps – notice was given to the Community to expect these changes. The changes are appropriate given the 8 years the Trust has been operating. The Trust is looking for Community input.

The people with the pen for this: Ray, Jorge, Chris, and Scott. They will do a draft for the Trustees.

4. Pearsons Permission Request

Jorge reported on the request by publisher, Pearson.
A. Pearson Education wants to use 61 words from RFC 2702 in a book.

B. Furthermore
   I. there is authority to grant these rights under the terms of RFC 2026, which governs this RFC
   II. the Trustees should decide
      a. whether they are okay with this use,
      b. how the IETF should be acknowledged (specific words, and
      III. whether you want to charge a fee (if not, check "gratis" on the form).

61 words are to go in an engineering textbook. May not be necessary to give them permission, but since they asked for it, it may be something the Trust should respond to. The Trust shouldn't charge too much. They could probably use the words without permission and without a fee. The Trust should say yes and with no fee, but contributions to ISOC are greatly appreciated.

Attribution should also be guaranteed. The words to that affect have to be crafted. A bibliography reference should be sufficient.

5. AOB
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There was no additional business discussed.

Bob moved, and Scott seconded a motion to adjourn the IETF Trust meeting at 11:18 AM ET.