



IETF Endowment Contribution

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Situation

- As discussed in January 2015, the IETF does not presently generate enough funds from meeting fees to offset its full cost of direct operations (and that does not include IANA protocol registry operations) –

IETF 2014 financials are:

- **\$3.9M revenues**
 - **\$5.8M expenses (inc. \$1.9M meeting, \$1.8M secretariat, \$1.0M RFC Editor)**
 - **\$1.9M ISOC direct contribution**
- The ARIN Board, upon consideration of this matter in January 2015, directed that ARIN should explore providing financial support of the IETF via the Open Internet Endowment.
 - This presentation summarizes the status of these efforts.

Situation (cont.)

- Upon further review of the “Open Internet Endowment” (OIE) documents, it was determined that committed funds could be used for range of activities rather than just support of IETF activities
- We worked with ISOC’s President, Kathy Brown, who recognized this was an issue for potential contributors. Furthermore, it was realized that the level of contribution necessary for an endowment of substantial impact requires a different approach, one oriented more towards organizational support from the Internet community rather than individual donations
- Kathy undertook a major project to update the program, which has resulted in its transformation into the “IETF Endowment” (see the “Case for Support” document and the “IETF Endowment” policy)
- Now specifically restricts use of funds – “The IETF Endowment funds are to be used for the exclusive support of the IETF and its activities.”

Proposal

- It will take at least \$20M (and ideally \$50M) to fund the endowment at a level which would significantly impact IETF financial long-term well-being
- While the entire globe has benefited from the IETF's protocol efforts, the various Internet coordinating entities (RIRs, ISOC, ICANN) have an obligation to make sure that the IETF (and all of its resulting registries - protocols, numbers, and names) are appropriately funded for stable operations into the far future
- In discussing this matter with the other RIR leaders, there is reasonable interest in making a substantial joint contribution (e.g. \$5 Million USD) to help get the IETF Endowment started.
- Noting that such use of funds is compatible with ARIN's mission and incorporation. ARIN should contribute \$2M USD to the IETF Endowment, announce this widely, and encourage others to do the same.

Discussion?

Additional Information – IETF Budget

IETF 2014 - 2016 Budget		2014	2015	2016
Revenues (000)		Budget	Advice	Advice
1	Registration Fees	\$ 2,195	\$ 2,166	\$ 2,081
2	Meeting Sponsorships	930	925	1125
3	In-Kind Sponsorships	260	260	310
4	Event Sponsorships	150	150	150
5	Bits-N-Bites	225	250	250
6	Hotel Commissions	170	150	150
7	Miscellaneous	25	-	
8	Total Revenue	\$ 3,955	\$ 3,901	\$ 4,066
IETF 2014 - 2016 Budget		2014	2015	2016
Expenses (000)		Budget	Advice	Advice
1	RFC Services	\$ 970	\$ 972	1,011
2	Secretariat Services	1,857	1,865	1,939
3	Meeting Operations (Secretariat)	945	960	998
4	Meeting Space	140	350	650
5	Network/NOC			
a	In Kind (Circuits)	75	85	105
b	Contract Costs	510	525	550
c	Total Network/NOC Costs	585	610	655
6	Other Meeting Costs (cc fees, insurance, etc)			
a	Other Meeting Costs In-Kind	100	100	100
b	Other Meeting Costs	164	167	174
c	Total Other Meeting Costs	264	267	274
7	Subtotal Direct Meeting Costs (3-6)	1,934	2,187	2,577
8	Admin (IASA,IETF, IAB, IRTF, NomCom, IAD, ISE)			
a	Admin In-Kind - WebEx	35	35	35
b	Admin Costs	471	487	512
c	Total Admin Costs	506	522	547
9	IT Maintenance			
a	IT Maintenance In-Kind	50	50	50
b	IT Maintenance Contract Costs	100	120	125
c	Total IT Maintenance	150	170	175
10	Transition Expenses (2014 - ISE; 2015-16 RPC)	10	50	50
11	Special Projects	50	50	50
12	IETF Trust	39	42	44
13	ISOC G&A	300	315	331
14	Total Expenses	\$ 5,817	\$ 6,174	\$ 6,725
IETF 2014 - 2016 Budget		2014	2015	2016
		Budget	Advice	Advice
ISOC Direct Contribution Excluding Development		\$ (1,862)	\$ (2,273)	\$ (2,659)
IT Tools Development		250	200	200
ISOC Direct Contribution Including Development		\$ (2,112)	\$ (2,473)	\$ (2,859)