

Meeting: LLC Board

Date: March 27, 2024

Attendees

LLC Board:

Roman Danyliw
Mirjam Kühne
Jason Livingood
Shauna Turner
Sean Turner

Staff/Secretariat:

Jay Daley
Stephanie McCammon
Debbie Sasser
Robert Sparks
Greg Wood

Observers/Guests:

None

Scribe:

Liz Flynn

Conflicts of Interest Declared:

None.

Part I: Open to the Public

1. Record e-vote results

Four e-votes have been completed since the previous Board meeting.

a. The December 2023 Financial Statements were approved with the board e-voting as follows:

Maja Andjelkovic: YES
Lars Eggert: YES
Mirjam Kühne: YES
Jason Livingood: YES
Sean Turner: YES

b. The Risk Management Policy and Risk Register were approved with the board e-voting as follows:

Maja Andjelkovic: YES
Lars Eggert: No Vote
Mirjam Kühne: YES
Jason Livingood: YES
Sean Turner: YES

c. The Executive Director Goals (2024) were approved with the board e-voting as follows:

Maja Andjelkovic: YES
Lars Eggert: No Vote
Mirjam Kühne: YES
Jason Livingood: YES
Sean Turner: YES

d. The February 14, 2024 LLC Board Meeting minutes were approved with the board e-voting as follows:

Maja Andjelkovic: YES
Lars Eggert: YES
Mirjam Kühne: YES
Jason Livingood: YES
Sean Turner: YES

2. Onboarding gaps to discuss

Shauna Turner's accounts are still in progress as her email address is confirmed. She will work with Jay, Jason, and the Secretariat to make sure everything is sorted.

3. Review & approve prior month's financial statement

The January and February statements are ready for approval and Michelle will send them for an e-vote when she returns.

4. Update on the IETF's technical work

Roman Danyliw reports that although survey feedback is not yet complete, IETF 119 went well. In January, the IESG started a reorganization of some areas, closing the Transport (TSV) Area and opening the new Web and Internet Transport (WIT) Area. This reorganization was completed at IETF 119 with the reassignment of working groups and assignment of new Area Directors. The IESG also ran an experiment called ALLDISPATCH to streamline the experience of bringing in new work to the IETF. ALLDISPATCH ran for the first time and got good participation. It's too early to say whether this will be the new future but the IESG agreed to run the experiment one more time. There were also four BOFs: DELEG, on extending DNS delegation; SPICE, on secure patterns for Internet credentials; SCONEPRO, on video traffic; and SRV6OPS, which brings SRv6 operators to the IETF. In new work, DULT has lots of support and brings new communities to the IETF, and WIMSE on workload identity in multi-service environments went well.

5. ICANN Board Liaison Report

This will be moved to the next meeting agenda.

6. Executive Director Report - Public

Public Executive Director Report

For the IETF Administration LLC Board meeting on 27 March 2024

This report is provided by the IETF Executive Director and is read through at the meeting as it is not available to observers. This report is public and there is no separate confidential report.

1. Strategic Matters

Nothing to report.

2. Policies

Antitrust

The authors have published a new version of the I-D which removes the section that was causing the problems. In general, this seems to have been accepted by the community and so the GEN AD will be asked to take this I-D to last call.

Venue requirements

The authors have published a new version of the I-D which addresses all of the substantive feedback provided. In general, this seems to have been accepted by the community and so the GEN AD will be asked to take this I-D to last call.

3. Finance

VAT

The French VAT company that owes us money has made full payment of the outstanding debt. We are considering a professional standards complaint, but otherwise this is now resolved.

For IETF 119 Brisbane we were unable to complete the GST registration process in time for the meeting. We do not expect this to be an issue.

We have changed teams within our VAT consultants as we were not getting the level of service needed and the new team is now actively planning our registrations for Dublin and Madrid.

Audit

The audit is continuing with no issues to report.

4. RFPs and contracts

Nothing to report.

5. Meetings

IETF 125 Asia

I will be accompanying the meetings planning team on a site visit to Shenzhen in mid-April.

IETF 119 Brisbane

The meeting was very successful though the numbers of onsite participants was relatively low. This, combined with the gap in hosting revenue, is likely to mean a larger deficit than forecast, but it will be some months before we are able to produce a report on the meeting finances.

The only issue of note during the week was the disruption caused by a single remote participant with some behavioural issues. This will result in some adjustments to the default permissions and controls in Meetecho to enable us to deal with disruptive participants more quickly.

The suggestion was made during the meeting that the cost of travel has an adverse effect on participation from civil society and younger participants, and so the post-meeting survey has been extended to capture this data and allow inter-meeting comparison.

6. Tools/RPC/RSWG/RSCE

Infrastructure migration

In response to the extra work required to finish this project, we have extended our contract with AMS for one month, until the end of April, and set that as the revised target for the key migrations to be completed.

The mailman migration, one of the largest single steps in this process, is now planned for this week.

7. IESG/IAB/IRTF/Trust

Two-week pre-meeting embargo on new I-D revisions

This has been the subject of some [debate](#) in the last couple of weeks and so, at the request of the IESG, some questions on this were added to the post-meeting survey.

Presentation to WG Chairs Forum on IESG work on WG Chairs

During IETF 119 Brisbane, I [presented](#) to the WG Chairs Forum on the work being undertaken by the IESG around WG Chairs. This is one of the areas of work where the outgoing IETF Chair had asked the ED to work on an analysis and options and hold the pen on draft plans, much like a management consultant. The presentation was very well received by the WG Chairs and significant useful feedback was provided.

IETF Trust

The LLC Board and IETF Trust met in Brisbane with a light agenda of updates. This provided an opportunity to meet the new Trustee, Jon Peterson. The last two years have seen a major turnover in Trustees with 3 of the 5 being replaced.

IAB

The IAB have appointed a new chair, Tommy Pauly.

8. Communications/Outreach

Community survey

The [draft report](#) on the survey has now been published and the community has been [asked to provide feedback](#). The key insights in the draft report can be summarised as:

- The IETF is good at delivering its mission and principles but could do much better

- The IETF produces high quality, relevant RFCs in an open, transparent and consensus process.
- The IETF is considered a very important organisation that outperforms its peers in all respects
 - On all aspects: openness, fairness, barriers, quality, cost, administration, behaviour and speed, the IETF is rated better than other SDOs.
- Participation is driven by personal interest and a specific technology, not business or employer goals
- The IETF still has a problem with gender diversity but there are signs of improvement
 - 7.84% of respondents identify as women and in multiple questions, women report a worse experience of the IETF than men.
- Participation is dominated by people from just two regions and there are multiple factors behind that.
 - North America and Europe account for approximately 40% each of all IETF participants, with Asia a distant third at 11%
- There is a problem with behaviour but it is hard to pin down
 - Regular IETF participants rate the behaviour of IETF participants as worse than that in other SDOs.
- New participants need to learn a lot to be effective and without that, people can feel excluded
- Email is still universally preferred, but new participants are more comfortable with multiple mechanisms of participation

This summary of key insights was included in the ED report for Plenary at IETF 119 and a much more detailed [presentation](#) on the survey was provided to WG Chairs.

A final version of the report will be published mid-late April, depending on the volume of feedback received.

9. Fundraising

IETF 119 Activities

At IETF 119 we hosted a number of small dinners with existing and potential funders.

10. Miscellaneous

Nothing to report

7. AOB & Questions from Observers

None

Part II: Board + Staff

1. Agenda & logistics discussion for retreat

Michelle Cotton has sent a draft agenda and logistics information by email. Each day is set to begin at 9:15 EDT.

2. Discussion on decision timeframe for 124 (North America, Nov 2025), 125 (Asia, Mar 2026) meetings.

Jay Daley reports that we are in contract negotiations with a venue for IETF 124. A site visit for a prospective IETF 125 location in China will take place next month and Jay will return with a report to the board after the site visit.

The board and ED discussed the various pros and cons related to a meeting in China. That included the potential challenges in some people obtaining visas on a timely basis, though it was noted that this was similar to challenges that others face when traveling to the US or Canada. There was also the discussion of whether some people going to the meeting would be required by their employers to take “clean” devices that would only be used during the trip and how the IETF can get assurances of unfiltered internet access for the meeting. In terms of participation levels compared to the Brisbane meeting, it was noted that there are very good numbers of China-resident IETF contributors.

When the site visit is completed, a broader discussion can then be had inside of the IESG and a decision reached.

Part III: Board + ED Only

1. Fundraising check-in

The board and ED discussed the next steps on several fundraising leads.

Part IV: Board Only

1. AOB

The board discussed on-boarding-related items.