POISED
Process for Organization of Internet Standards

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- Selection of People
- Standards
- Charters

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Documents

- 1601 IAB Charter
- 1602 Internet Standards Process
- 1602bis draft-ietf-standards-processv3-00.txt
- 1603 IETF Working Group Guidelines
- IETF Charter
- 1640 POISED 1 Report
- Nominations Process
  - draft-ietf-poised-nomcomm-00.txt
- Others as needed

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POISED 1 Process Changes

- IESG became final arbiter of Standards
- IAB became court of appeal for process issues
  - ISOC Trustees are final appeal

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POISED 1 Selection Changes

- Two year terms
- Nominations Committee
  - Non-voting Chair appointed by ISOC president
  - Seven voting members chosen at random from volunteers
  - Reps from IAB, IESG and IRTF

Initial Experience

- Two rounds of selection
  - Much turnover, as was needed
  - Very rough edges
- Standards process is smoother but not perfect
  - More responsive
  - Increase in size has recreated delays
  - Semi-frequent end-runs

Selection Issues

- Non-voting chair and reps
- Chair's role w.r.t. inactive/uncooperative members
- Participation of active IESG and IAB members
- Scope of charter
  - Fill existing slots
  - Stimulate reorganization or realignment

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Standards Process

- Working pretty well
- Some gray area end runs, e.g. 1597
- Too creaky?
- Too much freedom for splinter protocols?

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IESG Issues

- Who defines areas?
  - Does IAB have a role?
  - IPng was defined and filled internally
- What to do with vacancies?
  - App AD slot was filled by invitation
- Basic issue is flexibility versus accountability
  - Possible additional issue is opportunity to serve

IETF Charter

- What does IETF do?
  - Standardization
  - Fresh Design

Miscellaneous

- IRTF role and process is undefined
  - Not sure whether it matters
  - Not part of standards process
  - Unclear what comunity's expectations are for RGs
  - What impact on resources?
- IAB role is not completely clear
  - Appeals path for process problems
  - External representation,e.g. ISO Liaison
  - "Architecture" is vague; formal role undefined

Suggested NomComm Changes

- Chair
  - Remain non-voting except to resolve ties
  - Authority to handle whatever issues arise
  - Authority to ask IAB, IESG and IRTF to supply alternative representation.
- Members
  - No alternates
  - 10 members
  - A quorum is 7
  - No member may be nominated to IESG or IAB
  - No sitting IESG or IAB member may serve except as liaison

Other Unresolved Issues

- What is the status of areas?
  - Formally defined and reviewed or IESG's prerogative?
  - Does NomComm fill specific slots, does it define slots, or does it simply fill general positions?
- How to deal with externally developed specifications
- IETF Charter needs to be started
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- And many more...

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