IETF Administrative Support Activity (IASA) 2.0

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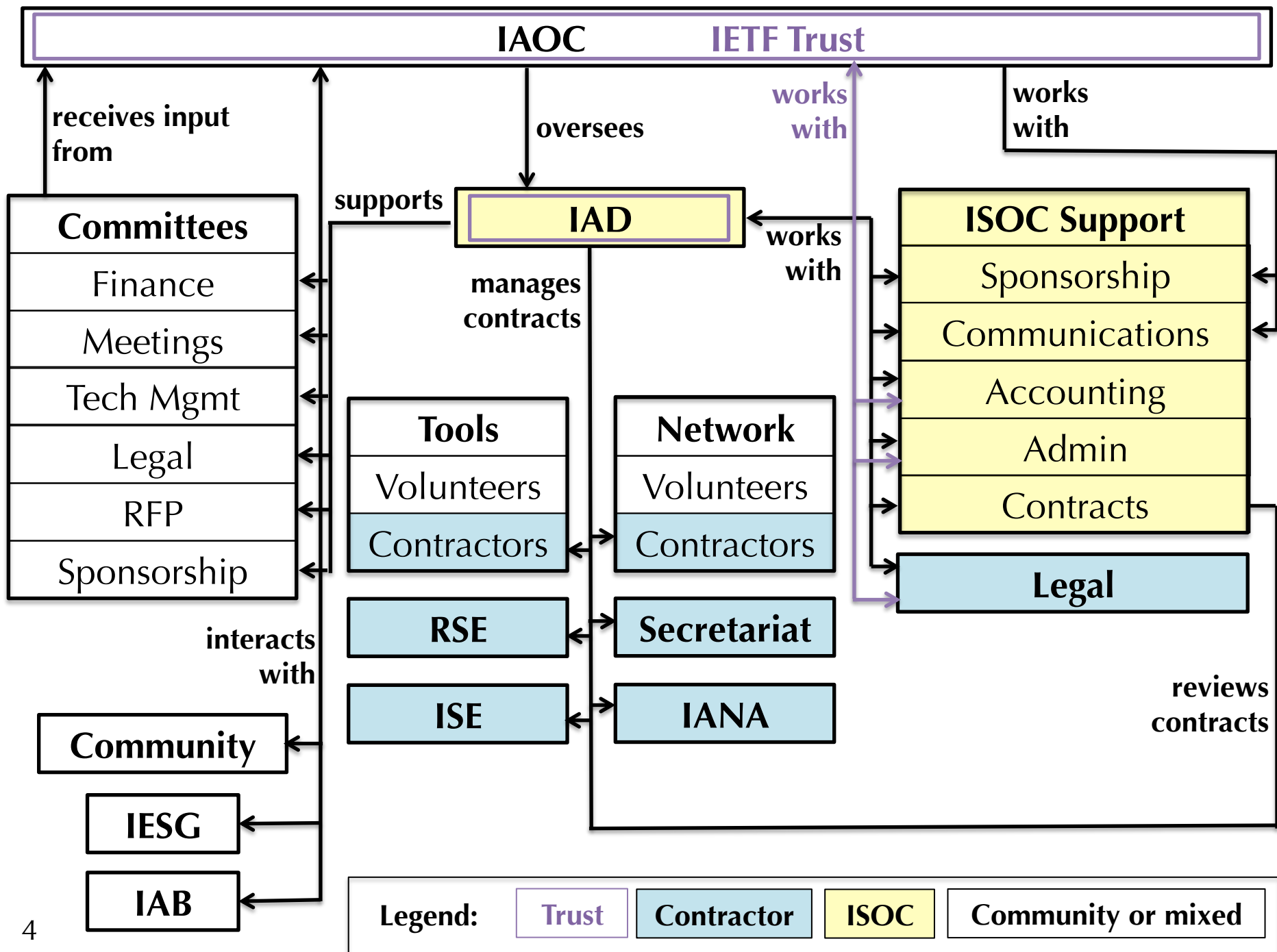
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Introduction

- IETF Administrative Support Activity ("IASA") created in 2005, documented in RFC 4071
- IETF community considering reforms to administrative arrangements ("IASA 2.0")
- Outcome of IASA 2.0 discussion likely to impact both ISOC and the IETF
- Direction of IETF community discussion and its likely impact to become more clear in coming months

Reminder of how IASA works now

- IETF is an "organized activity of ISOC"
  - IETF has no independent legal status
- IETF Administrative Oversight Committee (IAOC), largely consisting of volunteers, directs and oversees IETF administration
- IAOC oversees the IETF Administrative Director (IAD) – single full-time ISOC employee
- Many, many more details …

IAOC / IETF Trust

- receives input from
- oversees
- works with
- works with
- supports
- manages contracts
- works with

Committees
- Finance
- Meetings
- Tech Mgmt
- Legal
- RFP
- Sponsorship

IAD

ISOC Support
- Sponsorship
- Communications
- Accounting
- Admin
- Contracts

Tools
- Volunteers
- Contractors

Network
- Volunteers
- Contractors

Legal

RSE — **Secretariat**

ISE — **IANA**

- interacts with
- reviews contracts

Community

IESG

IAB

Legend: | Trust | Contractor | ISOC | Community or mixed |

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Why reform IETF administration?

- Many changes since 2005 within IETF, ISOC, and the world
  - Admin workload, staffing, budgets, fundraising, organizational directions, time commitments, etc.
- Challenges
  - Lack of clarity about responsibility, representation, authority, oversight (as between IETF, ISOC, and others)
  - Lack of volunteers, staff, and time
  - Lack of transparency
  - Mismatch between funding model and operating model
  - Rising costs

IETF community process

- IETF community discussion started last year
- Several working documents published covering history and current challenges
- Design team formed last week
  - Deeper dive into specific approaches
  - Exploration of issues outside typical IETF technical scope (budget, personnel, legal)
  - Goal: seed further community discussion around IETF 99 time frame (July)

Future steps

- IETF 99 time frame (July 16-21)
  - Design team output
  - Community discussion
- Agreement on approach and process within the IETF community
- Factor needs for additional budget, accounting clarity into 2018 IETF budgeting process (August)
- More detailed discussion with ISOC Board once IETF community direction is more clear

References

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  - Report from IASA 2.0 virtual workshops (Mar 2017): https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-hall-iasa20-workshops-report-00
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- Slides and meeting minutes from IASA 2.0 community discussions: https://datatracker.ietf.org/group/iasa20/meetings/
- IASA 2.0 mailing list: https://www.ietf.org/mailman/listinfo/iasa20