IAB Report to the ISOC Board
23 March 2018

Dear Trustees,

First, I'm happy to note that there were no appeals during this period.

As noted in the last report, the IAB appointed Adrian Farrel to the post of Independent Series Editor, as a successor to Nevil Brownlee. The appointment took effect in February, and the two have worked together during this transition. The IAB thanked Nevil for his work on that, as well as for his years of service.

In January, the IAB appointed Tim Wicinski to serve a two-year term on the ICANN Technical Liaison Group (TLG). There was a strong field of candidates, and the IAB sent thanks to all those willing to serve and extended special thanks Warren Kumari for his service on the ICANN TLG from 2014-2018.

In November, the IAB solicited candidates for the Internet Society's Board of Trustees. After a community feedback period, the IAB conducted interviews and appointed two Trustees, whom the IESG has since confirmed. As you know doubt know, the public announcement of all appointed Trustees for this cycle will be April 26, 2018.

The IAB is currently reviewing candidates for the post of IETF liaison to the ICANN Board of Directors**.** While we had anticipated starting the public comment period prior to IETF 101, we found that we needed to extend the call for volunteers a short amount.   We now expect to solicit community review in the week following IETF 101. Many of the candidates present at IETF 101 were interviewed by a small team from the IAB (Note that Ted Hardie is recused from this discussion as one of the candidates is his peer at Google)

You can always find the documents the IAB has adopted and is working on at https://datatracker.ietf.org/stream/iab. There are some workshop reports still in process: draft-iab-marnew-report-01 is expected to go out for community comment early next week; draft-iab-iotsi-workshop-01 has, unfortunately, been delayed due to illness; and the workshop report for ENAME is in preparation. Work this week indicates that we will have additional documents on path signals and protocol wire images forthcoming soon.

At IETF 101, reviewed its liaison management program, and it will be making a revision to create liaison clusters. The most obvious cluster is the ICANN cluster, since the IAB currently appoints a number of different liaisons or contributors. We will be working over the next quarter to increase the inter-group coordination there and to look for other clusters (such as systems architecture groups like 3GPP and CableLabs, whose liaisons currently do not interact).

The IAB periodically documents its discussions or conclusions in the form of external statements. Some of those are informal, such as the recent blog posting on consolidation. Others are more formal, and the IAB has just made one such statement revisiting the issue raised in the IAB Statement on Identifiers and Unicode 7.0.0. The new statement reviews the work since the original was posted and asks the designated expert for the relevant IANA registry to examine the Unicode versions which have been published in the intervening time. We look forward to discussing it with the community at IETF 101.

Lastly, the IAB welcomed Melinda Shore and Christian Huitema as new members during IETF 101 and thanked Joe Hildebrand and Lee Howard for their service.

Respectfully submitted,
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for the IAB