

Meeting: LLC Board

Date: November 12, 2025

Meeting Number: 91

Attendees

LLC Board:

- Gonzalo Camarillo, Director
- Roman Danyliw, Director and IETF Chair
- Mirjam Kühne, Director and Chair
- Shauna Turner, Director and Treasurer
- George Michaelson, Director

Staff/Secretariat:

- Jay Daley, IETF Executive Director, LLC Staff
- Sandy Ginoza, Director of RPC Operations, LLC Staff
- Jean Mahoney, Director of RPC Communications and Strategy, LLC Staff
- Stephanie McCammon, Director of Meeting Operations and Sponsorships, Secretariat
- Cindy Morgan, Director of Leadership Operations, Secretariat
- Laura Nugent, Director of Administration and Events, Secretariat
- Debbie Sasser, Director of Finance, LLC Staff
- Robert Sparks, Senior Director of Information Technology, LLC Staff
- Greg Wood, Senior Director of Communications and Operations, LLC Staff

Observers/Guests:

- Dave Lawrence, IETF Liaison to the ICANN Board of Directors
- Karen Moreland
- Jean F. Queralt
- Lisa Winkler

Scribe

- Michelle Cotton, Board Secretary, Secretariat

Part I: Open to the Public

1. Conflicts of Interest Declared:

None

2. Approval of prior board meeting minutes and review outstanding action items

Proposed resolution: *RESOLVED, The 8 October 2025 LLC Board Meeting Minutes are approved.*

Unanimously Approved by Live Roll Call Vote

There are 4 outstanding action items that are all in progress.

3. Review & approve prior month's financial statement

The Director of Finance reported that the September 2025 Financial Statements were sent out on 22 October 2025. There were no questions and therefore are ready for approval.

Proposed resolution: *RESOLVED, The September 2025 Financial Statements are approved.*

Unanimously Approved by Live Roll Call Vote

4. ICANN Board Liaison: ICANN Board Liaison Report

The IETF Liaison to the ICANN Board of Directors shared that the recent AGM in Dublin went well. Three new board members were seated: Constance de Leusse (NomCom), Greg DiBase (GNSO), and Raul Echeberria (NomCom). These were replacing: Chris Chapman (vice chair), Martin Botterman, and Becky Burr. The new vice chair is Sajid Rahman. There was a little controversy erupting over some remarks made over the unhappiness of the NomCom not returning members with valuable board experience. This seems to be mostly mollified now with the board reconfirming their commitment to the independent Nomcom process.

The IETF Chair and three members of the IAB gave a presentation to the board about the IETF in general and specific work of interest. Roman Danyliw, Mirja Kuehlwind, Dhruv Dody and Warren Kumari were present. The presentation was very well received and we are looking for more avenues of information exchange between the organizations. Of particular interest relating to RIRs, ICP-2 finishing its second consultation period, for recognizing new RIRs and being able to remove non-functioning RIRs.

AFRNIC now has a governing board, four years after the Supreme Court Mauritius ruled the board invalid and dismissed all members. I do not know what is publically available about the state of any pending litigation around this, so I cannot comment on that aspect.

GSS-RWG back from its comment period, comments now being reviewed. The IAB has some concerns about how the comments were being addressed, to which I have a great deal of sympathy but also a little more nuanced "trust the process" approach. There might be an official IAB-directed liaison statement emerging over this, or will perhaps be handled with simpler informal board discussion.

We had a meeting of IETF-ICANN Liaisons at IETF Montreal, discussing several areas of interest, especially the goings-on of the RSS GWG. This was also very well received and we currently plan on reprising this at each IETF general meeting.

5. IETF Chair Report - Public

Public IETF Chair Report

For the IETF Administration LLC Board meeting on 12 November 2025

This report is provided by the IETF Chair. This report is public.

- The following new working groups have been created:
 - [Open Cloud Mesh \(OCM\)](#) in ART area
 - [Web Bot Auth \(WEBBOTAUTH\)](#) in WIT area
- The following working groups have been closed:
 - *none*
- Submitted Appeals
 - IESG

- [IESG-Appeal-217](#) and [IESG response](#)
 - IAB
 - [IAB-Appeal-179](#) and [IAB response](#)
 - [IAB-Appeal-218](#) and [IAB response](#)
 - IESG and IAB Community Appointments
 - 7-October 2025 – [Search for Independent Submissions Editor \(ISE\) Candidates](#)
 - 29-October 2025 – [Carlos Bernardos Appointed as IETF Liaison Manager to ISO/TC204](#)
 - 29-October 2025 – [Greg White Appointed as IETF Liaison Manager to CableLabs](#)
 - 11-November 2025 – [IAB | Call for nominations: 2026 IETF appointment to the ISOC Board of Trustees](#)
 - IESG and IAB Announcements
 - 22-October 2025 – [IESG Statement on Clarifying Derivative Works Rights](#)
 - 23-October 2025 – [IESG Statement on Assignable Codepoints for Examples in IETF Specifications](#)
 - 23-October 2025 – [New IETF Note Well October 2025](#)
 - 31-October 2025 – [IAB report to the community for IETF 124](#)
 - 1-November 2025 – [IETF Chair and IESG Report to the Community for IETF 124](#)
 - The IETF 124 plenary meeting successfully convened in Montreal
 - There were ~1750 participants making it the largest meeting in at least two years
 - BOFs include:
 - [Authenticated Transfer \(ATP\)](#) in ART area
 - [PKI, Logs, And Tree Signatures \(PLANTS\)](#) in the SEC area
 - Special Topics
 - Continued coordination with the IETF Trust/IPMC on an approach to shift the assignment of rights to the IPMC via an RFC
 - Noteworthy process related I-Ds
 - draft-hardie-venue-reassessment – (individual I-D) on an approach for requesting a formal venue reevaluation
 - draft-eggert-appeal-support – (individual I-D) on requiring support to file an appeal
 - Draft-ietf-modpod-group-processes – (MODPOD WG I-D) on redefining IETF’s moderation approach is in AD Review
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6. Executive Director Report - Public

Public Executive Director Report

For the IETF Administration LLC Board meeting on 12 November 2025

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.

1. Strategic Matters

Strategic Plan

No progress since the last meeting.

2. Policies

Antitrust training

A new training course on antitrust has been identified and is being assessed for suitability for WG Chairs and leadership.

3. Finance

2026 Budget

The budget is expected to come to the board meeting in December to be approved for consultation, with a view to the final budget being approved in January.

Meeting registration fees review

The consultation is still underway. So far the feedback has been supportive, with some concern that some are finding it increasingly difficult to afford to participate onsite.

Legal costs of recent legal claims

As previously noted, multiple legal claims have been made about the IETF and its compliance with antitrust laws. The cost of legal advice associated with these claims has breached the limits set in our fixed-fee contract arrangement and will need to be split out separately and billed as an extraordinary cost. Full details will be provided at a later date.

Merchant services

After much persistence, the Director of Finance has successfully negotiated not-for-profit fees from our key merchant services providers.

Fraudulent registrations

The cost of handling fraudulent registrations far exceeds the 10% we can deduct on refunds and so this cost is being reviewed and the meeting terms and conditions will be updated to enable us to deduct the full cost.

4. RFPs and contracts

Secretariat RFP(s)

This will be discussed in the Board + ED section of the agenda.

Meetings

IETF 124 Montreal

This has now completed and appears to have been very successful but the post-meeting survey does not close until next week and so we do not have any data to back that up.

There was one issue to be noted. There was a participant who was verbally abusive to hotel and secretariat staff and they have been referred to the Ombudsteam. Separately, the ED will be taking legal advice on the safety risk if this person were to participate onsite again.

IETF 125 Shenzhen

Work is still underway on the operational considerations plan, which includes the management of equipment.

New Internet-Draft proposing a new meeting reconsideration process

Following the long Q&A about IETF 127 San Francisco with Ted Hardie, he has published an [Internet-Draft](#) proposing a new process that allows ten participants to trigger a formal reconsideration of any venue decision by the IETF LLC. The feedback so far has been largely of the view that this constrains the IETF LLC too much and that there is no problem to solve.

Network Operations Center (NOC) lead

Now that the NOC volunteer agreement has been implemented, the ED is returning to the initial project of reviewing the NOC lead role and potentially issuing an RFP for a revised role.

5. Tools/RPC/RSWG/RSCE

Public tools meeting at IETF 124 Montreal

The tools team experimented with a public meeting at IETF 124 Montreal to see if that would increase participation but the numbers were comparable to the regular online monthly meeting. The whole mechanism for community engagement on tools is being reviewed.

6. IESG/IAB/IRTF/Trust

Review of the Note Well

The IESG published a new Note Well and updated guidance for WG chairs and the ED presented on this alongside an AD at the WG Chairs forum at IETF 124 Montreal. This new Note well has generated multiple comments from the chairs which the IESG is processing.

IETF Trust/IETF IPMC retreat

The ED was invited to attend part of the IETF Trust/IETF IPMC retreat, which was held during IETF 124 Montreal. There was an in-depth discussion about the feedback provided to the IETF Trust/IETF IPMC on the bylaws change, AI use of IETF hosted content, clarification of roles related to the process by which participants can assign the IETF rights to pre-RFC5378 contributions (after that, the process is automatic), and other subjects.

7. Communications/Outreach

Research and insights analyst

Interviews are still underway.

8. Fundraising

Nothing to report.

9. Miscellaneous

Nothing to report.

6. AOB & Questions from observers

None

Part II: Board + Senior Staff

1. Executive Director: Meetings Planning Update

The Director of Administration and Events provided an update to the board on meetings planning for 2027 and 2028. IETF 128 (Asia), IETF 129 (Europe) and IETF 130 (North America) are all in the final stages of negotiation. Venues for 2028 are being reviewed and site visits scheduled.

2. Executive Director: Report back on IETF Trust Retreat

The Executive Director provided an update to the board regarding topics discussed at the IETF Trust Retreat taking place during IETF 124 in Montreal.

3. AOB

None

Part III: Board + Executive Director

1. Executive Director: Secretariat RFP (Invited Attendee: Director of Finance.)

The board passed a resolution unanimously by live roll call. The board agreed that this resolution will, for now, not be published for commercial reasons, with the expectation that it will be published by the end of Q1 2026 at the latest.

2. Executive Director: Community Priorities

The board discussed its tools-related capital investment, how that relates to community priorities and how that is communicated.

3. AOB

None

Part IV: Board Only

The Treasurer reminded board colleagues that the December Board meeting will include an insurance review and preparation for a quarterly investment meeting in January 2026. The Board Chair reviewed the ongoing board projects that are underway, related to improving governance and transparency.

The Chair reminded the board colleagues to review the Executive Director's 2025 goals and prepare for the performance review.

Summary of Board Resolutions:

- Resolution 91-01: The 8 October 2025 LLC Board Meeting Minutes are approved.
- Resolution 91-02: The September 2025 Financial Statements are approved.

Board Resolutions can be found at <https://www.ietf.org/administration/llc-board/>.

Summary of Action Items:

None