





For a period, the Internet Society provided direct funding to the IETF Trust. The IETF LLC now provides that funding. It is true that IETF LLC is a disregarded entity of the Internet Society, but there are elaborate firewalls in place to prevent ISOC interference in the operations of IETF LLC.

The IETF Trust retains its ability to change itself and its governance through actions of the Trustees. That was the arrangement when the Trust agreed to hold the IANA marks and registrations for the community, and it remains true today. As I said in my last letter, I am not aware of any plans by the IETF Trust to change any of those arrangements, but I am not in a position to make any definitive statements about the current or future plans of the IETF Trust. It would be better to ask the Trustees about their plans. They can be reached at [trustees@ietf.org](mailto:trustees@ietf.org).

Almost all of the history about the evolution of the Trust is, I believe, available on the IETF Trust website. It can be found at <https://trustee.ietf.org>. The way that Trustee selection works, however, is still in the RFC publication queue, so BCP 101 has not actually been updated yet. The explanation of the changes to the Trustee selection can be found in [https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-iasa2-trust-rationale/?include\\_text=1](https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-iasa2-trust-rationale/?include_text=1) and the actual selection change is found in [https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-iasa2-trust-update/?include\\_text=1](https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-iasa2-trust-update/?include_text=1). Note that those procedures were instantiated in 2018-19 and were used to constitute the current Trust; the procedure is embedded in the Trust Agreement published in 2018 and available on the Trust website.

It is not open for the Internet Society to involve itself unilaterally in the administration of the IANA marks or domain name registrations any more than it is possible for us to take up the administration of any other intellectual property to which we have no legal relationship. We certainly have no plans to do any of that.

I hope this puts to rest any concerns about the Internet Society's involvement in anything related to the IANA marks and domain name registrations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Sullivan'.

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