Public Executive Director Report

For the IETF Administration LLC Board meeting on 9 March 2026

This report is provided by the IETF Executive Director and is taken as read. This report is public.

1.   Strategic Matters

Nothing to report

2.   Policies

Nothing to report

3.   Finance

Audit

The audit is close to completion and the auditors are aiming to present at the April board meetings. The auditors have noted that they have received excellent support from staff throughout the process.

4.   RFPs and contracts

Secretariat RFP(s)

This will be discussed in the Board + ED section of the agenda with the Director of Finance in attendance.

5.   Meetings

IETF 125 Shenzhen

While total registrations are trending higher than IETF 122 Bangkok (the last meeting in Asia), onsite registration is trending slightly lower.

It is not yet clear if the conflict in the Middle East that has disrupted the major airline hubs in the region will lead to people cancelling plans to participate onsite and switching to remote participation.

IETF 127 San Francisco

Verisign has been announced as the Global Host for IETF 127 San Francisco. We still do not have a host for IETF 126 Vienna.

Remote rooms

After several expressions of interest, we have confirmed one Remote Hub location with multiple Remote Rooms that will connect simultaneously to multiple IETF 125 sessions. An initial test with the Remote Hub organizer went well and we are scheduling another test before meeting sessions begin. We are working closely with the organizer to document the experience before, during, and after IETF 125 to inform possible future editions.

Future meetings

The current status is:

- IETF 128 (Asia): Negotiations are well underway and proceeding without complication.
- IETF 129 (Europe): This is close to booking with just the final details to be resolved.
- IETF 130 (North America): This is now booked and will have been announced by the Board meeting
- IETF 131 (Asia): The original site visit was cancelled due to last minute staff unavailability and a new visit is planned for after IETF 125.
- IETF 132 (Europe): Initial discussions are underway with three European venues.
- IETF 133 (Possible exploratory). A site visit for has been completed and negotiations are beginning. A site report will be provided to the Board in due course.

6.   Tools/RPC/RSWG/RSCE

Tools team

The tools retreat is being planned for later in the year, potentially June, in order to provide sufficient time to finish the RFC 10k work. This retreat will focus on architecture, technologies and internal working practices.

The Tools Update for March 2026 has been published.

RPC

The RPC retreat is being planned for April/May. This will focus on assessing progress against the strategy agreed last year and reviewing and updating the strategy for this year.

The [RPC Update for March 2026](#) has been published.

7.   IESG/IAB/IRTF/Trust

IETF Trust/IETF IPMC

The IANA IPR transfer agreement has now been signed by the IETF Executive Director. As this agreement requires several parties to sign, it may be some time before it is fully executed.

8.   Communications/Outreach

Research and Insights position

An appointment has been made to this role with an expected starting date of March 23rd.

9.   Fundraising

Nothing to report

10.   Miscellaneous

Nothing to report