Public Executive Director Report

For the IETF Administration LLC Board meeting on 1 December 2026

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

NOTE: This report now has a new structure, reflecting the introduction of new monthly reports.

1. Strategic matters and Policies

2027-2029 Strategic Plan

The Board approved the 2027-2029 Strategic Plan by e-vote.

Proposal to adjust policy categories

This is targeted for January 2027.

Staff Policy

The approved revised Staff Policy has been posted.

Approval and Delegated authorities

The "Approval and Delegated Authorities" (an operational policy) has been reviewed and some minor changes are proposed, largely clarifying areas that have emerged since the last review. This Board will be asked to approve this new version in a later agenda item.

Fundraising Strategic Plan and Targets 2027

A new Fundraising Strategic Plan and Targets for 2027 (one of the ED Goals) has been drafted for Board discussion approval in a later agenda item.

Living case for support

The expected 'Living case for support' (one of the ED Goals) is being presented to the Board for discussion and feedback in a later agenda item.

2. Finance and contracts

Draft Budget 2027

The consultation on the Draft Budget 2027 is due to close on Monday 30 November but no feedback has been received so far. A final draft budget (linked from the agenda) has been prepared for approval in a later agenda item.

Authorised users for financial services

The changes to authorised users for our bank and investment advisers are all complete.

RFP for IETF New Participants Online Training

A provider has been chosen and announced.

Meeting fees for 2027

A community consultation to consider proposed meeting fee increases, scheduled to apply for IETF 129 in July 2027, was issued to the community on 30 September 2026 with a deadline for responses of 23 October 2026. As previously noted, this is a decision specifically delegated to the IETF Executive Director by BCP 101.

Eight responses were received addressing the proposed fee increases. An additional seven responses were received on a separate topic: a separate fee band for "unaffiliated" individuals. The proposed fee increases drew broad support with no objections. Comments received include:

- [the fee increases are] reasonable and expected.
- [I] welcome the annual, inflation-linked approach over the large, infrequent increases of the past
- each year's fees should be announced at the July meeting and applied starting in the following calendar year, rather than changing them mid-year
- [IETF should be] reducing fee waivers instead of raising fees.
- existing early-registration discounts and fee waiver program already help price-sensitive participants
- [I am] interested in drawing in students and early-career participants, for example through a discounted rate for junior colleagues

Consequently the Meeting Fees will be increased as proposed, starting with IETF 129 Berlin. The proposal for an unaffiliated fee band would need to go through a community consensus process for the IETF LLC to act on it.

3. Key items from operational reports

NOTE: Four operational reports are now published monthly, Communications, Meetings, RPC and Tools and linked to from the meeting agenda. These are taken as read with any key items for decision, discussion or awareness, noted here.

Remote rooms consultation

The consultation on Remote Rooms has closed and an analysis and recommendation written up in a report. The Board will be asked to approve that recommendation in a later agenda item.

New RFC Editor website features

This continues to be an area of active discussion in the community and it is clear that there are things to fix with the new features. All of the feedback has been collected, discussed and a redesign brief is being submitted to the UX designers.

4. Community leadership

Nothing to report

5. Miscellaneous

Nothing to report