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## Abstract

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## 1. Introduction

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This document updates [RFC3710] and [RFC6702]. It also changes the status of [RFC3929] and [RFC4633] to Historic.

## 2. Conventions and Definitions

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP 14 [RFC2119] [RFC8174] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

## 3. Updates Being Made

[RFC8717], Section 2 explained that [RFC2606] did not need to be updated because [RFC8179] removed the need for it. While the same section of RFC 8717 provided an update to [RFC2028], that has similarly been overtaken by events in that it was obsoleted by [RFC9281], and Section 3 of RFC 9281 does not need revising.

Further, the IETF is in the "consideration" stage of forming a working group to update [RFC2418]; for discussion, see the mailing list (<https://mailman3.ietf.org/mailman3/lists/procon.ietf.org/>). An online document proposing changes to RFC 2418 to comply with this document (<https://github.com/richsalz/draft-rsalz-2418bis/pull/14>) are available.

The following sub-sections make the specific changes for each RFC and therefore this document completely replaces Section 2 of RFC 8717.

### 3.1. Changes to RFC 3710

[RFC3710], Section 2 describes the composition of the IESG and mentions the IETF Executive Director twice.

The first mention:

The Internet Architecture Board (IAB) Chair and the IETF Executive Director, as ex-officio members of the IESG.

Is replaced with the following text:

The Internet Architecture Board (IAB) Chair and the IETF Executive Director or their designee, as ex-officio members of the IESG.

The second mention:

The IETF Executive Director is the person charged with running the IETF Secretariat.

is deleted.

### 3.2. Changes to RFC 3929

[RFC3929] is an Experimental RFC published in 2004. This document changes its status to Historic.

### 3.3. Changes to RFC 4633

[RFC4633] is an Experimental RFC published in 2006. This document changes its status to Historic.

### 3.4. Changes to RFC 6702

[RFC6702], Section 5 says that WG Chairs and Area Directors are encouraged to ask the IETF Executive Directory to contact those who submitted an early intellectual property disclosure and request an update. This document specifies an email address to be used for that purpose:

To help prevent early IPR disclosures from becoming stale or incomplete, at important junctures in the standardization process (e.g., at working group adoption, before Working Group Last Call, and before IETF Last Call) WG chairs and ADs are encouraged to request that the Executive Director of the IETF contact those who submitted early IPR disclosures about updating their disclosures by sending email to XXX@ietf.org.

## 4. Security Considerations

This document has no security considerations.

## 5. IANA Considerations

This document has no IANA actions.

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