RTCP Extensions for SSM Sessions with Unicast Feedback

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Changes

Incorporated changes from issues resolved at 57th IETF

- 1. BYE reporting in RSI packets removed
- 2. Added motivation + clarifying text for each summary type
- 3. Clarified bandwidth utilization for sender in summary mode
 - use calculated receiver b/w for RSI packets
- 4. Changed RSI timestamp to 64 bits to match SR
- 5. Slightly reworked security consideration (tbc.)
- 6. Split references into normative and informative (+ updated references)

Issue 1: RTCP packet format

- RFC 3550 requires certain structure for RTCP packets
 - Start with SR or RR
- What to do with RSI packets?
 - Conveys summary of receiver information
 - But including RR seems pointless (which one?)
- Solution: include SR?
 - Benefits
 - Can get rid of timestamp in RSI
 - Provide more frequent sender status to receivers
 - Issue: semantics just don't feel right

Issue 2: Controlling RTCP B/W

Two possible alternatives:

- Distribute the current group size
 - Contained in basic RSI packet
 - Straightforward; feels like regular RTCP
- Notify each receiver about its bandwidth
 - RTCP bandwidth indication report block
 - Allows to conceal the actual group size
- Which one to choose?
- Allowing for both would require additional rules

Next Steps

- Fix editorial nits
- Provide more detailed text on how a distribution source generates RSI packets from the incoming RTCP reports
- Slim down security considerations
- Incorporate text on issue resolution

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