Mailing List Management

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Goals

- Give WG Chairs the same authority to manage IETF mailing lists that they have to manage face-to-face meetings

- Improve the productivity of our mailing lists by allowing a faster and less procedurally complex response to disruptive behaviour

    - Any suspension of mailing list posting privileges currently requires IESG approval

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Proposal

* Changes to the last paragraph of RFC 2418, section 3.2

    ? Give WG chairs the authority to temporarily suspend the posting privileges of disruptive individuals in consulation with AD

    ? Relies on WG chair judgment regarding what constitutes disruptive behaviour, how many warnings are required, etc.

    ? Action is subject to appeal

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Open Issues

* Question of whether sequential 30-day suspensions are allowed

    ? Intention is that WG chairs can only suspend privileges for 30 days for one incident -- severe incidents that require longer suspension can be referred to the IESG

    ? Proposed resolution: Adopt new wording that has been proposed and discussed on MPOWR list

* Question on what happens if AD is unavailable

    ? New mechanism encourages consultation with the AD, it does not require explicit AD approval

    ? Proposed Resolution: Clarify wording

* Various editorial comments

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Proposed Next Steps

* Update document based on mailing list and Gen Area meeting feedback

* Ask Gen Area AD to sponsor document as an individual submission

* Send to four week IETF last call

* Publish as a BCP well before IETF 60

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Questions?

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