

# Bylaws Phase Two

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# What Is the Internet Society?

## ISOC is 501c(3) Charitable Organization

## Members join to support mission and vision

### Basic Facts

- Incorporated in District of Columbia, USA
- Articles of Incorporation: Espouse ISOC's aspirations
- By-Laws: Operating Manual
  - Rules for holding meetings & appointing officers
  - Roles and duties of directors and officers

# Goals of the Bylaw Review

## Phase one

- **Basic legal requirements for DC**
- **No major changes to old bylaws**
- **Adopted in 2011**

## Phase two

- **Minimum *legal specification* in bylaws for maximum flexibility:  
Best Practice**
- **Address issues of membership**

# **What are the Frequently Asked Questions?**

**Why are we changing the bylaws?**

**These bylaws are shorter. Why is that?**

**Why do we mention Chapters in the new bylaws? The old bylaws did not discuss Chapters.**

**What happened to the Advisory Council?**

**What happened to Founding and Pioneer Members?**

## **More FAQs**

**Why have the number of Trustees elected or appointed by Chapters, Organizations, and the IAB changed?**

**Why were the number of board-appointed Trustees reduced?**

**What happened to individual members' electing Trustees?**

**Many changes seem to be driven by the requirements imposed by the laws and regulations of the District of Columbia. Why not simply move the legal headquarters of the Internet Society to a more favorable location?**

# Thank You

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