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Subject: T10 Liaison report on IETF WG on SCSI over TCP/IP

The IETF working group on IP Storage (ips) is in the process of being formed. The working group charter will recognize T10's role as the responsible standards organization for the SCSI standards and the IETF WG will *not* change the SCSI specs, although it may send a note or notes to T10 suggesting changes if it can find no other reasonable approach.

The proposed co-chairs for the WG have significant background in network transport (David Black of EMC) and network security (Steven Bellovin of AT&T Labs-Research). The WG charter is expected to recognize that SCSI data integrity assurances exceed those provided by internet checksums and that networks may have quality of service properties inadequate for reasonable operation of SCSI -- in both cases the WG charter is expected to direct the WG to address the issue in its work. The WG will meet during the week of July 31st at the IETF meeting in Pittsburgh, and may be formally chartered as a working group by then.