Mission Statement

OPC Technical Advisory Council Charter

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Purpose

The OPC Foundation's Technical Advisory Council (TAC) advises the OPC Foundation management on current and future technical matters and in general, guides the technical direction of the Foundation. Specific tasks include commissioning new work by approving Technical Working Group charters and final release approval of all Technical Working Group deliverables.

Membership

Council Members (Participants) are nominated by members of the Technical Control Board (TCB). The council is comprised of OPC member representatives. Any TAC member typically represents his Company in the Council. An OPC member on the TAC may also represent an external organization which is significant for the OPC Foundation. The significance is decided by the Technical Control Board (TCB)

All TAC members need to follow the OPC Code of Conduct (https://opcfoundation.org/about/working-groups/codeofconduct/) and the OPC Antitrust Policy (https://opcfoundation.org/opcf-antitrust-policy.pdf). Participation in the antitrust online training is also required. Contact the TAC chairperson for instructions to do that.

Term

Council Members have no set term and are seated permanently. However it is recognized that over time a Council Member may not longer satisfactorily perform the required duties of the Council. In this case the Executive or Technical Director may recommend the removal of a Council Member to the TCB.

Chairperson

The TAC is chaired by the OPC Foundation Technical Director or a representative of a board member company. The chairperson does not vote unless needed to break a tie vote of voting participants.

Meetings

The TAC meets as needed, but at least 3-4 times a Year. Meetings may be electronic or in person. In person meetings will typically coincide with other scheduled OPC meetings or events. Attendance at meetings is expected of all council members. Lack of attendance is grounds for dismissal.

Voting

Each voting member of the Council is allowed one vote on issues called to vote by the Council. Simple majority rules of those present will be used to determine the outcome. For email ballots, all voting members of the Council will be considered "present".

Council Member Qualifications

TAC members must be technical visionaries and in technical leadership positions within their company or in the organization they represent. They must have several years of software development and architecture experience. Typical titles are CTO, VP of Software Development or Chief Software Architect.

Council Member Duties

- Champion and evangelize OPC within the company or organization they represent to insure timely and complete adoption.
- Publish one or more articles or papers on OPC per year.
- Advise OPC management on future technical directions.
- Define technical Working Group Charters.
- Approve for final release all output of Technical Working Groups
- Attend all TAC meetings (Missing 2 of the prior 4 meetings is grounds for dismissal).
- Serve in leadership roles within Technical Working Groups when requested.

All duties must be performed satisfactorily by all Council Members. Lack of performance in one or more duties is grounds for dismissal as determined by the Executive and Technical Directors of the OPC Foundation.