

Individual Participation

how other standard organizations do it
(or not...)

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Organizations

- ANSI
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- OSGi Alliance
- The Open Group
- W3C
- IETF
- OGC
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- TIA
- ECMA
- IEEE and IEEE-SA

ANSI



American National Standards Institute

- <http://www.ansi.org/>
- represents the interests of more than 125,000 companies and 3.5 million professionals.
- Individual Member (Ind)
 - An individual member shall be a United States citizen interested in the development of standards or related activities, who is not eligible for membership under any other membership category. (Restricted to one representative only.)
 - http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Membership/Individual_Application.pdf

ANSI

American National Standards Institute

- Individuals can only register to the "Basic Membership"
- Benefits include one representative per membership, limited participation and access rights and up to 10% discount on selected standards purchased through ANSI.
- Membership categories
 - <http://www.ansi.org/membership/overview/overview.aspx?menuid=2www.ansi.org/membership#.UPFVXo5URSY>

Kantara Initiative



- <http://kantarainitiative.org/>
- We're here to help your community ensure Federated Identity Systems are verified for trust.
- Former "Liberty Alliance"
- Membership
 - <http://kantarainitiative.org/membership/>

Kantara Initiative

- Bylaws

- <http://kantarainitiative.org/confluence/download/attachments/2293776/Kantara+Initiative+ByLaws-v1.3-2012-02-16.pdf>

- Member Agreement

- <http://kantarainitiative.org/confluence/download/attachments/2293776/Kantara+Initiative+Member+Agreement+2009-04-07.pdf?version=1>

- No specific provision for "individual members"

Kantara Initiative

- **Broad classification of "Member"**
 - A Member is any entity that has [...] executed a copy of the Member Agreement, [...]. A Member may be an individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, limited liability company, business association, governmental entity or other entity.
- **Non-Member participants**
 - Participants who do not [...] become Members may participate in any Work Group, Discussion Group or any other activity [...]. All Participants in a Group (including Members) must sign any IPR agreement that a Group may establish [...]

OASIS



- <https://www.oasis-open.org/>
- Advancing open standards for the information society
- **Personal Membership**
 - OASIS also offers membership to individuals who are self-employed, unemployed, or employed by organizations unable to join OASIS.
 - Participation privileges are limited to Committee work. Individual members do not receive marketing or visibility benefits, and they are not eligible to vote on OASIS Standards or elections for the Board of Directors. Membership is held by the named person only and cannot be transferred.

OASIS

Individual Membership

- You may apply for Individual membership if
 - are self-employed or unemployed and
 - sign the OASIS Membership Agreement on your own behalf and
 - are legally able to directly license your own Intellectual Property as required by the IPR Policy and TC Process (i.e., you have not assigned your IPR to an employer or other legal entity)
 - \$310/year

OASIS

Individual/Associate Membership

- You may apply for Individual/Associate membership if you:
 - are employed by an organization that is willing to sign the OASIS Membership Agreement and be bound by the Policies of OASIS and
 - are employed by an organization that has no other employees participating in OASIS
 - \$1,250/year
 - Membership Agreement signed by employer; however, the benefits of membership extend only to you personally and are non-transferable.

OMG - Object Management Group

- <http://www.omg.org/>
- Membership levels and benefits
 - <http://www.omg.org/memberservices/membershipmatrix.htm>
- Membership fees
 - <http://www.omg.org/memberservices/feestructure.htm>
- No individual membership
 - "trial" membership allows companies to have one person involved on OMG for basically one year.
- "convince your boss" letter
 - http://www.omg.org/news/meetings/tc/TC_Attendance_Letter_for_Employers.docx

OSGi Alliance

- <http://www.osgi.org>
- Membership
 - <http://www.osgi.org/Join/Benefits>
- Divides membership in two broad levels
 - Organizations with 250 or more Individuals
 - Organizations with less than 250 Individuals
 - Individuals counted [...] are all employees, contractors and agents acting on behalf of the member organization
- No individual membership

OSGi Alliance

Categories

- Strategic
- Principal
- Contributing Associate (non-voting)
- Supporter (non-voting, free)
- Public (non-voting, free)

The Open Group



- <http://www.opengroup.org>
- <http://www.opengroup.org/membership/terms>
- No specific provisions for individuals
- Member
 - The company or organization that has joined The Open Group in order to participate in the Forums and other activities through execution of the Membership Agreement

W3C

- The World Wide Web Consortium
- <http://www.w3.org/>
- Membership FAQ
 - <http://www.w3.org/Consortium/membership-faq>
- Member agreement
 - <http://www.w3.org/2009/12/Member-Agreement>
- Does not have a specific provision for individual membership. Allows Public participation, and suggest individuals participate that way.

W3C

- Can I join W3C as an individual?
 - Yes, by following the same procedure available to organizations. W3C does not have a class of Membership tailored to or priced for individuals. [...] Our processes are designed for organizational participation and we do not have the support structure to handle large numbers of individual members. Public participation in W3C is possible in a number of ways other than as an individual Member. Note that academics who are experts in a field may ask the Working Group Chair to be invited to join the Working Group as an Invited Expert.

W3C

- Interesting provision that relates to JUGs:
- Can an organization that has members itself join W3C?
 - Yes. Membership is open to other organizations that themselves have members ("membership organizations"). In this case, the benefits of W3C Membership generally only extend to the staff and officers of those organizations. Benefits do not flow through to the membership organization's own members.

IETF



- <http://www.ietf.org/>
- <http://www.ietf.org/newcomers.html>
- The IETF is formally a part of the Internet Society, as such, IETF does not have members, nor is it an organisation per se. The IETF Trust manages the copyrighted materials produced by the IETF.

IETF

The IETF is completely open to newcomers. There is no formal membership, no membership fee, and nothing to sign. By participating, you do automatically accept the IETF's rules, including the rules about intellectual property (patents, copyrights and trademarks). If you work for a company and the IETF will be part of your job, you must obviously clear this with your manager. However, the IETF will always view you as an individual, and never as a company representative.

OGC - Open Geospatial

- <http://www.opengeospatial.org/ogc/join/levels>
- <http://www.opengeospatial.org/ogc/join/level/individual>
- OGC offers an Individual Membership in addition to a range of organizational membership options. This membership class is intended for independent consultants and other individuals not covered by an existing OGC organizational membership.

OGC - Open Geospatial

- **Benefits**

- Access to Technical Committee documents through the OGC Member Portal
- Non-voting participation in the Technical Committee (TC)
- Non-voting participation in working groups of the TC.
- Can be a Participant in OGC Interoperability Initiatives on an in-kind resource basis, without monetary compensation.

OGC - Open Geospatial

- Rules for Individual OGC Membership:
 - Applicant must certify that they are a self-employed consultant or individual who has not assigned their intellectual property rights (IPR) to another person or legal entity (employer, university, research institution, etc).
 - Applicant must certify that they are not a full-time contractor to a single employer (except when that employer organization is a member of the OGC).

Eclipse Foundation



- <http://www.eclipse.org/>
- Individual members are Committers
 - meritocracy: not really "membership"
 - http://www.eclipse.org/membership/become_a_member/committer.php
 - committers are those people who through a process of meritocracy are able to contribute and commit code to their Eclipse projects. Committers may be members by virtue of working for a member organization, or may choose to complete the membership process independantly if they are not.

Eclipse Foundation

- Individual Committer Agreement
 - http://www.eclipse.org/legal/commmitter_process/EclipseIndividualCommitterAgreementFinal.pdf
- Member Committer Agreement
 - http://www.eclipse.org/legal/commmitter_process/EclipseMemberCommitterAgreementFinal.pdf
- Employer Consent
 - http://www.eclipse.org/legal/commmitter_process/employer_consent.pdf

Open Grid Forum



- <http://www.ogf.org/>
- Individual members program

OGF Individual Member Program At-A-Glance

INFLUENCE...On Directions and Priorities	
Eligible for nomination to At-large board of director seats	Yes
Eligible to be nominated and appointed to leadership positions	Yes
Eligible to participate in all group and committee activities	Yes
RECOGNITION...As a Leader Driving Grid Adoption	
Recognition for document authorship, committee participation, etc.	Yes
Eligible for participation in the OGF student scholar program	Students Only
Able to organize and/or participate in a OGF Affiliate	Yes
INSIGHT...Into Grid Standards & Best Practices	
Access to grid experts from around the world	Yes
Early access to documents and roadmaps	Yes
Discounts at OGF and industry events	Yes

TIA



- <http://www.tiaonline.org/>
- No specific individual membership
- "Associate" membership: no voting rights
- Associate Membership
 - Companies or individuals that are not eligible for General Membership are eligible for Associate Membership if they are interested in the field of telecommunications and would like to share in TIA's mission
 - Below 35 million revenue (annual fees: 1,200)
 - Above 35 million revenue (annual fees: 6,000)

ECMA



- <http://www.ecma-international.org/>
- Membership
 - <http://www.ecma-international.org/memento/join.htm>
- Members
 - <http://www.ecma-international.org/memento/members.htm>
- No membership for individuals. Provision for small and non-profit companies (less than 10 today)
- Participation in groups by experts from non-member companies is available on invitation. To participate regularly, organizations must join Ecma.

IEEE



Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

- IEEE Standards Association
 - <http://standards.ieee.org/develop/policies/index.html>
- Have two membership programs
 - Quite different from each other, the vote, the procedures and even which standards can be voted on are different
- Corporate Membership
- Individual Membership
 - Unlimited Balloting on Individual Projects, Working Group Chair Eligibility, Voting Rights for Governance in IEEE-SA, IEEE-SA News, and a 10% Techstreet Discount.
- IEEE and IEEE-SA are individual based organizations. The Corporate Program is a more recent addition.

IEEE

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

Patent and Copyright Policy:

- <http://standards.ieee.org/develop/policies/bylaws/sect6-7.html>

- 7 Copyright
 - 7.2 Policy
 - The IEEE owns the copyright in all Work Products.
 - Participants are solely responsible for determining whether disclosure of any contributions that they submit to the IEEE requires the prior consent of other parties and, if so, to obtain it.

General Comments

- Most of those organizations have none or limited individuals participation
 - Non-voting, limited access, limited roles
- OASIS has a two tier individual participation that is worth considering
 - individual and individual/associate
- Individuals have fees in most cases where they can vote
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