Web Services Interoperability (WS-I) Member Section Rules of Procedure

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Abstract
This document describes the high level goals and structure of an OASIS Member Section created to promote interoperability of Services in a Web environment using existing standards.

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1. Name of Member Section
The name of the Member Section shall be the Web Services-Interoperability (WS-I) Member Section.

2. Member Section Statement of Work
The WS-I Member Section facilitates the creation and operation of an environment made up of customers and vendors in support of delivering interoperability guidance and testing of SOAP-based Web services that often goes beyond individual specification testing. The Member Section will provide coordination of any Technical Committees (TC’s) under its umbrella and various adoption and marketing activities it may choose to undertake. It will also provide the governance structure to accept and manage funds.

3. Rules for Electing Steering Committee Members
The Steering Committee shall consist of nine (9) members with two-year terms, staggered so that five (5) expire one year and the other four (4) expire the next.

No two Steering Committee Members shall be affiliated with the same Member Section Supporting Entity. A maximum of one individual affiliated with a Member Section Supporting Entity shall run for election. In the event of a job change, merger, acquisition, etc... which results in two Steering Committee Members being affiliated with one Member Section Supporting Entity, one of the two Steering Committee Members shall immediately resign. Until one of the two resigns, both members will lose their voting rights and neither will count as part of the total Steering Committee Members when calculating quorum.

Each Member Section Supporting Entity shall be entitled to have one Member Section Qualified Elector. The Member Section Qualified Elector shall be the Supporting Entity’s Primary or other Member Section Member of said Supporting Entity as designated by the Primary Representative.
4. Initial Makeup of Member Section Steering Committee

The initial Steering Committee shall consist of Joel Fleck (Hewlett-Packard), Jeff Mischkinsky (Oracle), Martin Raepple (SAP) and Prasad Yendluri (Software AG) each having an initial term of two years. Mike DeNicola (Fujitsu), Steve Holbrook (IBM), Girish Juneja (Intel) and Michael Champion (Microsoft) shall each have an initial term of one year. The remaining vacant seat will be filled by an election to be held no later than two months following the establishment of the Member Section and will have a term of two years.

5. Process for Changing the Number of Steering Committee Members

The maximum number of Steering Committee members shall be nine (9). The number of Steering Committee members may be changed only by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the Member Section Qualified Electors in an electronic ballot and such that it is consistent with OASIS Member Section Policy. If Steering Committee membership falls below the designated number due to resignation, OASIS membership lapse, merger, job change, etc... a special election will be held to fill the vacant seat(s) unless there is less than six months remaining on the vacated seat. In this case, the seat will be elected during the next annual Steering Committee ballot.

6. Funding Model for the Member Section

The WS-I Member Section initially shall retain no separate membership dues percentage, but, reserves the right to do so at a later time.

Additionally, the Member Section may receive funds directly from sources other than membership dues, and may at the election of its Steering Committee pursue revenue generating and business activities, such as events, grants and donations, so long as these are consistent with OASIS policies and the consortium's not-for-profit tax-exempt status. The Steering Committee may choose to take advantage of any funding sources available to support marketing, testing and interoperability activities associated with the Member Section Statement of Work. All such activities and expenditures will be subject to OASIS policies, budgeting and reporting practices.

7. Provisions that Apply to Affiliated Technical Committees

OASIS Technical Committees may seek to affiliate with the Member Section as provided in the OASIS Member Section Policy.
Technical Committees that are charged with the maintenance and evolution of existing RAND based inputs may operate under the RAND IPR mode. All other Technical Committees affiliated with this Member Section shall operate under either Royalty Free on Limited Terms IPR or the Non-Assertion IPR modes.

Technical Committees affiliated with this Member Section doing profile* work, shall define a "profile package" which consists of the profile specification along with its test assertions and accompanying set of test tools and test cases as OASIS Final Deliverables. Additionally, subject to other requirements described in this Member Section RoP, the profile specification and test assertions may be approved as an OASIS Standard.

A minimum of four (4) independent implementations that pass all test cases will be required for a profile to be considered for approval as a Committee Spec. A minimum of four (4) independent implementations that pass all test cases will be required before the Member Section Steering Committee may approve the submittal of a profile Committee Specification to the OASIS membership for approval as an OASIS Standard, and a minimum of five (5) independent implementations that pass all test cases will be required before the Member Section Steering Committee may approve the submittal of an OASIS Standard to a de jure standards body (e.g. ISO, IEC or ITU).

Technical Committees affiliated with this Member Section should have charters that define coordination points with other Technical Committees in the Member Section to ensure that related specifications/deliverables are consistent and can be used with each other.

Technical Committees affiliated with this Member Section must obtain approval from the Steering Committee prior to submitting any delivery to the OASIS Technical Committee Administration for OASIS Membership vote and prior to submitting any delivery to de jure standards organizations. Approval by the Steering Committee will be by majority vote of all Steering Committee members eligible to vote.

* The purpose of a profile is to: clarify, correct and/or make small modifications (restrictions, adaptations, and/or extensions) to a set of underlying specs to increase the likelihood of interoperability; as well as describing conventions for composing those specifications.

8. Other Provisions

The Steering Committee will elect its own chair, vice-chair and secretary, and set its own meeting schedule and agenda, operating under Roberts Rules of Order (newly revised) and all applicable OASIS policies. It also has the option (if approved by Steering Committee vote) of electing a Treasurer to be the primary point of contact for financial reporting and spending authorization.
All meeting minutes and official Steering Committee activities will be published on the publicly archived Steering Committee mail list.

The Steering Committee may adopt additional standing rules for its operations and Member Section operations, if not inconsistent with these Rules or OASIS policies.

The Member Section reserves the right to exclusive use of the term “WS-I” in names of any OASIS deliverables, mailing lists, etc.

Any Technical Committee requesting to be affiliated with the WS-I Member Section must be approved by a special majority of the Steering Committee.

Once the Steering Committee is established, it may modify these Member Section Rules of Procedure, subject to approval of the OASIS Board of Directors as provided in the OASIS Member Section Policy.

9. References

Add the following references:

OASIS Member Section Policy