

## Mission Statement (v1.3)

### **OPC Technical Advisory Council Charter**

#### **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 typically comprised of OPC member representatives. Any TAC member that is not an OPC Foundation member will not participate in voting processes. Each participant represents his Company in the Council.

TAC members that leave their company may be removed from the TAC (decided by the Executive or Technical Director).

#### **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 quarterly. 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**

Members from OPC vendors must be in technical leadership positions within their company. They must have several years of software development and architecture experience. Candidates must be in influential positions that drive or dictate product development direction. Typical titles are CTO, VP of Software Development or Chief Software Architect. Members from non-vendor Companies must be technical visionaries with the responsibility of deploying OPC and other IT and automation applications in their enterprises. Candidates must be in technical decision making roles within their Company. Typical titles are CTO, CIO, VP of Manufacturing.

### **Council Member Duties**

- Champion and evangelize OPC within their company 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.