OASIS Rules of Procedure
for
OASIS Blue Member Section
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(a) The name of the Member Section
OASIS Blue

(b) The Member Section statement of work

There is a growing, global awareness that we must develop new models for mindful use of energy resources: ones that support efficient, effective economic growth and enable rapid innovation. This development will occur via new markets that offer wider energy choices and greater personal autonomy. These markets require a new language and new interfaces for efficient economic interaction.

The OASIS Blue Member Section will advance open standards for smart energy grids and intelligent buildings. The Member Section is committed to leveraging the innovation and advances of eCommerce standards and the power of the Internet to achieve meaningful sustainability.

Open standards developed within OASIS Blue will enable business needs, household needs, and other information to be incorporated into energy decisions in an interoperable manner, to maximize efficiency, expand control, and create new markets. All those interested in the role of open standards and sustainability are encouraged to participate in OASIS Blue. We especially invite people representing:

- energy providers
- developers of Grid-related applications or services
- providers of eCommerce applications or services
- experts in energy, building management, or eCommerce
- government agencies involved in energy legislation and use
- industry organizations working on standardization around sustainability
- research institutes studying traditional and alternative energy sources

These participants will prioritize areas of standardization, and build consensus on how to structure and charter programs of specific work within OASIS.

Many of our largest problems in resources and in energy stem from failures to coordinate activities, account for small decisions, and account for externalities. Clear, open models, taxonomies and information-sharing protocols are needed for identifying and tracking relevant events, objects, uses, transactions and networks. These will permit interoperable smart energy grids and those plugged into them, to advance sustainability and economic opportunity, by applying lessons from the Internet and electronic commerce to networks of energy use, demand and generation.

The OASIS Blue Member Section will define and launch Technical Committees chartered to capitalize on, profile and extend existing electronic commerce and data exchange standards for this purpose;
advance needed taxonomies for natural resources and networked devices; and articulate best practices for facilitation of smart economic development and smart energy.

The OASIS Blue Member Section will support the process of gathering requirements, developing specifications, coordinating the work of its affiliated Technical Committees, and provide the governance structure to accept and manage funds to serve its work. As standards in this area mature, the Member Section may also support adoption and implementation efforts including development of test cases, testing procedures, and interoperability testing and demonstrations.

(c) The rules for electing new Steering Committee Members

The OASIS Blue MS 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.

A Member Section Supporting Entity may not be represented by more than one Steering Committee Member. A maximum of one Member Section Member per unique Member Section Supporting Entity may run for election. In the event of a job change, merger, or acquisition which results in two Steering Committee Members representing one Member Section Supporting Entity, one of the Steering Committee Members shall immediately resign.

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.

(d) The initial makeup of the Member Section Steering Committee

The initial Steering Committee shall consist of one member from each of the following organizations, each having an initial term of two years:

- IBM
- NIST
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

and one member from each of the following organizations, each having an initial term of one year:

- Echelon
- Schneider Electric
- SmartBuilding Alliance

The remaining two (vacant) seats, one with a two-year term and one with a one-year term, shall be filled by an election to be held no later than three months following the establishment of the Member Section. In the event that election does not fill those seats, any remaining vacancies shall be filled as provided in the OASIS Member Section Policy.

Within 30 days of the date of establishment of the Member Section, each named organization shall appoint a single individual from that organization to be a member of the initial Steering Committee. All Steering Committee positions are held by individuals, and are considered elected seats, such that any vacancy is filled by elections as prescribed in the Member Section Policy.
(e) The process for changing the number of Steering Committee members
The initial number of Steering Committee members shall be nine (9). The number of Steering Committee members can only be amended by unanimous agreement of the Steering Committee.

(f) The funding model for the Member Section
There shall not be any dues allocation by OASIS Members associated with this Member Section. The Steering Committee may choose to take advantage of other funding mechanisms (such as general sponsorships, grants, etc.) as provided by the Member Section Policy to support marketing, testing, and interoperability activities.

(g) Any provisions that apply to affiliated OASIS Technical Committees
No specific provisions apply.

(h) Any other provisions
The Steering Committee will be responsible for ensuring that the work of its affiliated Technical Committees is coordinated and that the work output maintains coherence by careful evaluation of Charter proposal, TC affiliation, and requests to advance to OASIS Standard.

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