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Maikel Mardjan	26-November	Yes	Hi, Respect for this Great work! Some Review on: https://owasp.org/www-policy/operational/chapters to make it better: Section: Chapter Leadership (1) - "Chapter leaders are not required to be members" -> Chapter leaders MUST be members (2) - "Leaders should transition or rotate every 2-3 years" -> Every 3 years (maximum) with minimum of 2 years. Section Inactive Chapters: (3) - "To reactivate a chapter, a minimum of 50% of the leadership must be new." -> Remove. I can image many situations where very good chapter leaders were not able to meet the requirements for period. Please be more gentle to (personal)circumstances of chapter leaders. Section Privacy: (4) "chapter meetings are subject to the EU GDPR" -> All chapter meetings are subject to local rules and regulations that apply in a country. All chapter meeting MUST comply to the OECD principles (http://oecdprivacy.org/). This means that the Collection Limitation Principle applies for all activities where personal information of participants is needed. (5) Regarding use of external services (meetup.com / google / Slack and other malware-services):If possible all chapter meetings SHOULD use a service that respects users privacy.			Modified; No, Yes, Yes, Yes. Should->encouraged.	
Opheliar Chan	27-November	Yes	Under section "Chapter Supporters and bartering arrangements", the text says "Any contractual agreement, bartering arrangement, or financial transaction must be registered and processed by the Foundation." Which is fine. I was wondering if you could also include instructions there on what the procedure is to register such an agreement with the foundation and what the processing looks like/approx sla's and required lead time, etc. That would be very helpful. Thank you.			Accepted	

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Lisa Jones	27-November	Yes	If a leader needs to step down, they must send a resignation email to the Foundation before new leaders can submit. or submit a ticket to the New Chapter/Leader Request. Student chapter leaders are entitled to additional benefits including mentoring and access to scholarships as available. Mentoring and scholarships are currently offered to all members, not only student chapter leaders. The Chapter Committee added this to the policy. I will need information to answer questions when asked if this is to remain as part of the policy. Each chapter is responsible for creating and maintaining their owasp. org chapter home page. There needs to be clearly defined timeframes for the creation of new chapter pages and updatings. Chasing 100+ chapters for the past 11 months should be proof of the need of a clearly defined policy. Also, if requests for new chapters are granted chasing the leaders to create a page should have a deadline to complete. Chapters shall host a minimum of 4 chapter activities a year to maintain an active OWASP chapter. The activity can be in person, virtual, or an approved OWASP event run by the OWASP chapter (or in collaboration with another chapter or external organization with the approval of the Foundation.) Local/Regional AppSec® Days events Starting a student chapter Students of high schools and institutions of higher education can create student chapters. We do not set-up chapters for highschool students. These are minors and involve risk, insurance and consent. We would need to consult the lawyers before even considering.			Accepted	
Josh Sokol	1-December	Yes	Hello, I had a comment on the new Chapters policy where it states "Each chapter must have a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 leaders.". I don't think you should ever cap the number of leaders for a chapter. I'm sure this is a financial decision based on OWASP now paying for memberships for leaders, but I could easily see larger chapters having more than 5 leaders and don't think you should ever arbitrarily impose limits on the amount of leadership a chapter can have. If it truly is based on a financial concern, then maybe eliminate that maximum and say that the Foundation will provide complimentary memberships for up to 5 chapter leaders?			Rejected	
Lisa Jones	4-December	Yes	Please, add that can only be a leader of ONE chapter.			Accepted	
Harold Blankenship	8-December	Yes	Remove the Leadership Benefits section as this belongs in the Leaders policy			Accepted	
Rick Mitchell	8-December	Yes	Headings throughout the document should consistently use Title Caps.			Accepted	
Nathan Britton	13-December	Yes	Leaders should transition or rotate every 2-3 years, and encourage fresh Leaders to step up and participate in the Chapter operations. With Smaller chapters this may prove difficult, my suggestion would be to change this to 4 years and rather than "should" read "encourage"			Accepted	

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Nathan Britton	13-December	Yes	Chapters shall host a minimum of 4 chapter activities a year to maintain an active OWASP chapter. The Covid pandemic has moved an inordinate amount of meetups to virtual, to which i'm sure there is some "fatigue" over virtual meetups. I appreciate the handbook has to work for a number of years, even when Covid issues are reduced and in-person events can resume, however, i've always thought with the work required 4 was tricky. Again, especially for smaller chapters where the audience isn't huge. My suggestion is 3 activities and/or reword from "shall" to "aspire to", so as to decrease the pressure. I don't see value in OWASP de-activating a Chapter because it only fulfils 2 or 3 activities per year. Whilst this may not happen in practice and is more likely to happen if no activities take place, i think the wording and the requirement should be loosened.			Accepted - 3	
Kyle Smith	14-December	Yes	Chapter Leadership - Needs better definition of 'Leader' and 'leader'.. or at least clean-up for capitalization needs to be done if there is no differentiation. - for the minimum, might add 'must have a minimum of 2 (for expense approvals) and a..' (and add a link to the policy/rational) - The timeline on returning the Leader's agreement is short, perhaps 30 days or a month is better. - There is no timeline on the annual confirmation for continuing to be a Leader. Needs definition. - Why is the leadership change route different (submit a ticket) while the step-down is both an email and a ticket? - How does one sign-up to be a leader? Is this captured in the 'how to start a new chapter' or Chapter Handbook or elsewhere? - Need link to 'OWASP Foundation Shared Services' catalog.			Yes, No, 30d, 30d, modified, accepted, accepted	
Kyle Smith	14-December	Yes	Discoverability - services are discussed, but not referred to where to find out what they are (needs catalog link) - how does a chapter leader create a chapter home page and populate it with required information? (need link to how-to) - can chapter leaders put non- @owasp.org and non-commercial email addresses on their chapter page?			Yes, Yes, Modified - encouraged to use owasp.org email address	
Kyle Smith	14-December	Yes	Meetings and Activity Requirements - is there a lead time necessary to announce events to be qualified as an activity?			Rejected	
Kyle Smith	14-December	Yes	Communication - what is the timeframe of 'monitor regularly' their @owasp.org email address? -- why 7 days for responses to Foundation requests? (does the Foundation have the same requirement on inquiries?) - where do chapter leaders set 'out-of-office' messages? -- How do out-of-office that affect timelines on responding to Foundation requests and inactive chapters as detailed in the policy?			Modified, 7 days to 9 days, Otherwise leave as current.	
Kyle Smith	14-December	Yes	Shared Services - are leaders automatically added to the leaders@owasp.org? Don't they have to be defined explicitly on their Chapter's site as a leader with the information?			n/a, automation - future work	

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Kyle Smith	14-December	Yes	Starting a New Chapter - "Prospective chapter leaders should familiarize themselves with this policy and the Chapter Handbook prior to submitting the form." redundant and no link			Accepted	
Kyle Smith	14-December	Yes	Starting a student chapter - " For example, each educational institution in a city is more than welcome to have their own student chapter, which is not the case for regular city chapters" --- missing 'own'			Accepted	
Kyle Smith	14-December	Yes	Renaming a Chapter - missing link to 'Contact Us'			Accepted	
Kyle Smith	14-December	Yes	Regional chapters - 'Regional chapters hold no powers over any other chapter' in the accepted region/geography - city and student chapters may be started within an already defined region without approval or affiliation with an existing regional chapter. --- needs better definition if a city or student chapter in a region already claimed can or can not be started			Accepted	
Kyle Smith	14-December	Yes	Inactive Chapters -- link back to policy section for activity requirements -- "To reactivate a chapter, a minimum of 50% of the leadership must be new leadership." Otherwise it reads as 50% must be new people and it could be argued that it can't come from the chapter.			Accepted Modified - through other feedback	
Kyle Smith	14-December	Yes	Finances, Oversight, and Transparency -- what operational basis does the Chapters Committee oversee? (or is this captured in the Chapters Committee charter?.. maybe need a link) -- "... that a Leader has not complied with this policy, leadership will be revoked. .."			Accepted	
Kyle Smith	14-December	Yes	- Donations -- ".. and processed per the Foundation donations policy at the OWASP Donations page." and provide link to the donations policy			Accepted	
Kyle Smith	14-December	Yes	Chapters are not legal entities. - remove the ending '.'			Accepted	
Kyle Smith	14-December	Yes	Finances are via OWASP Foundation only - remove the ending '.' - need '-' in 'not-for-profit'			Accepted	
Kyle Smith	14-December	Yes	Chapters Supports and bartering arrangements - Where are these registered? (link) - What is out of scope for bartering arrangements? -- Is there an evaluation process when they are registered? (is there a policy?)			Accepted	
Kyle Smith	14-December	Yes	Disputes - how to contact the Foundation? (need email or link) - 'Code of Conduct policy for ethical or conduct breaches' - '.. the Executive Director is the second point..'			Accepted	

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Riotaro Okada	15-December	Yes	Chapter Leadership It doesn't make sense to make membership recommended but not required for chapter leaders. Chapter leaders need to consider the benefits for both the OWASP community and OWASP Foundation while fulfilling their responsibilities. It makes much more sense to make membership required for chapter leaders, especially since this rule and all activities chapter leaders engage in need to be aligned with the overall policies of the OWASP Foundation. > • Each chapter must have a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 leaders. The most appropriate number of leaders will depend on the chapter. Some chapters won't be able to find 2 leaders. Other chapters might need more than 5 leaders. There's no need to use the word "must" here. Rephrasing this as "should have a minimum of 2" would be more appropriate. When we started OWASP Japan, we used the London chapter as a reference and started with 2 leaders and some people on the advisory board and management team. This gave us support from a wide variety of different backgrounds and perspectives. There's no need to set the maximum number of chapter leaders at 5. > • Leaders should transition or rotate every 2-3 years and encourage fresh Leaders to step up and participate in the Chapter operations. Leader selection is at the Chapter's discretion. Using "may" instead of "should" is more appropriate. Having at least 2 leaders allows for a balanced approach but having the leadership changed every couple of years will make it difficult to maintain a strong, consistent, and focused initiative for the chapter.			Modified - change text to indicate 5 official leaders, unofficially board members, etc okay	
Riotaro Okada	15-December	Yes	Leadership Benefits If leaders are required to be members, as mentioned above, this benefit becomes unnecessary. An OWASP email address should always be treated as an OWASP membership benefit and not be granted to non-members. The phrase "Chapter Committee" appears here for the first time, but it's unclear what it means. There should be an explanation for this term. > • Access to OWASP Foundation Shared Services Access to OWASP Foundation Shared Services should be considered as a chapter benefit and not a leadership benefit. There's no need to list any of the "leadership benefits" listed here.			Modified - leadership benefits go in Leadership policy	

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Riotaro Okada			Running a Chapter Discoverability Saying that this is "not required" but making it essentially forced with the rules is nonsense. Japanese people hardly use Meetup.com due to localization and support for the Japanese market. The chapters in Japan have been using Doorkeeper, a local service. We already have thousands of OWASP community members registered on this service and have been using it very smoothly and successfully. The small charge associated with using this service has been paid for personally by the chapter leaders. This is an appropriate operational expense. If the chapter leader requests and the chapter has the necessary budget remaining, the policies should allow these expenses to be reimbursed from the chapter budget. Moreover, these types of operational guidelines should not be listed in the policies. It's more appropriate to list software/service selection, and other operational guidelines should be listed in the handbook. > "If you use another platform, OWASP will not reimburse these expenses." The individual chapter decides which service to use, and as such, the expenses, in this case, should be paid for from the individual chapter budget.			Modified - remove Meetup.com Modified - may not reimburse...	
Riotaro Okada			Meetings and Activity Requirements > • Chapter activity information (date, time, and location) must be posted on the owasp.org chapter page before the event start date. Using "should" here instead of "must" is more appropriate. Posting chapter activity information on owasp.org is definitely important, but the current wording prevents posting information after the date. Also, in many cases, information is posted initially on SNS and event registration platforms with more detailed information and activity results posted on owasp.org after the date. >The Chapter Handbook[TBD: Needs Link] contains details of how to publish event information automatically when using the OWASP meeting scheduling platform. The Chapter Handbook is not available yet, so this comment is not necessary. If this reference material is related to this policy in general, then it should be included at the end.			-Reject -Accepted	
Riotaro Okada			Starting a New Chapter This would be a more realistic policy: "Create new chapter pages within ***30 days*** of GitHub access on the owasp.org website. Login into their owasp.org email account within ***7 days*** or they will need to log a support ticket via Contact Us to have a password recovery email sent to their registered email address."			Accepted	

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Riotaro Okada			Starting a city chapter There's no actual merit to using "must" in this clause. First of all, the definition of "city" is unclear. Does "city" refer to a political-administrative district, an economic spere, a cultural sphere? It's unclear what range we're talking about, and this leads to confusion. For reference, in Japan, there are 8 major regions, 47 prefectures, 20 ordinance-designated cities, within each of which there are around 10 to 20 wards and over 1700 municipalities throughout the country. All of these could be referred to as "cities" in English. Saying that chapter leaders "must" reside within 80 km (50 miles) doesn't make any sense since this distance might be inappropriate or unrealistic based on the country or region. As you know, with the effects of the pandemic this year, borderless communication and collaborations between regions have increased. Also, the current shift towards online meetings will probably continue in the future. It's not productive to have such strict policies on geographical restrictions and the location of chapter leaders. The goal should be to make it as easy for the right people to come together, regardless of geographical differences, and empower community activities across a wide variety of regions.			Rejected	
Riotaro Okada			Renaming a Chapter This should be changed to "Naming a Chapter." I can understand the thinking behind using "cities" as a basis for naming chapters but having a strict policy like this makes no sense. The naming should be looked at individually based on each team's application to start a chapter. The meaning of having a chapter in a specific area can best be understood by the local people there. The population of engineers and benefits from collaborations between engineers of different areas is different from region to region. The naming of a chapter can have a huge impact on people's motivation to participate in chapter activities actively. For instance, in Japan, we have chapters such as OWASP KANSAI and OWASP KYUSHU based on broader regional areas. Maybe this approach is similar to the OWASP Bay Area chapter. Within these areas, multiple large cities historically have been competing against each other. To ensure smoother collaboration between people living in these regions, the local teams decided to form chapters based on the regions and not individual cities. This approach has been effective in attracting engineers from across the region and contributing to the successful operations and activities of the chapter.			Modified - Naming a Chapter, other items covered by upcoming regional policy	

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Riotaro Okada			Regional chapters Although the wording has improved from the initial draft, some of the wording still gives off a rude impression. "Regional chapters have never been defined by any prior policy" is not appropriate. Regional chapters were formed were to help areas that could benefit from OWASP activities but had no one to encourage and facilitate activities there. Here in Japan, OWASP Japan has successfully helped start and facilitate activities for many local chapters. Being a non-English speaking country in the far east, Japan doesn't have a lot of people who can participate in the Global AppSec and communicate comfortably in English. Despite this, the Japanese translation team has actively worked on localizing OWASP documents and collaborating with local companies and government agencies. As a result, they've had some tremendous achievements, and Japan, a country with one of the most if not the most access to owasp.org. We've also successfully brought some Japanese companies such as Rakuten, Panasonic, SCSK, Cybozu, and UBsecure onboard as Corporate Sponsors, specifically because these companies were motivated to support Japanese translation and localization activities through the alignment with OWASP Japan. (A lot of these sponsors were very disappointed when the alignment system was canceled. Although I strongly object to the cancellation of the alignment system for sponsorships, this is a separate topic) Although the local chapter leaders in Japan have earnestly engaged in pushing forward local chapter activities, their difficulty communicating in English makes it challenging for them to participate in these kinds of policy reviews. OWASP Japan, over the years, has acted as a bridge with local chapter leaders to help overcome these language barriers and ensure smoother communication. Our approach has not gone against the "Regional chapters hold no powers over any other chapters" wording in this policy, but this wording is too direct and too strong considering the supportive and collaborative activities of a regional chapter. We should acknowledge that "Local chapter may respect that regional chapters have supported local chapters directly or indirectly for many years." Including this type of comment would be better. In the future as well, especially for non-English regions, co-organizing AppSec Conference as we have held before in Tokyo, participation in the chapter leader meeting (like Town Hall) as well as translation and localization activities would be more effective if done through regional chapters, and are regional chapters are necessary for allowing a wide variety of companies to be involved in sponsorship and community collaborations.			Rejected	

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Riotaro Okada			Finances, Oversight, and Transparency > (including the leader's owasp.org email address) If the owasp.org email address is provided as a membership benefit and not a leadership benefit, this policy is inappropriate. The email address is also used for other community activities and collaborations, and leadership responsibilities, so revoking email rights immediately is not an appropriate policy.			Rejected	
Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes		Each chapter must have a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 leaders.	Each chapter must have a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 leaders. In the event of a recent resignation, leadership transition, and/or new leadership being appointed, a chapter is allowed a grace period of up to 6 months from the event to comply.	Modifed - 3 months	
Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes		Any changes in chapter leadership must be done by submitting a ticket with all information to the New Chapter/Leader Request by one of the existing Leaders.	Any changes in chapter leadership must be done by submitting a ticket with all information to the New Chapter/Leader Request by one of the existing Leaders. However, if the local chapter leadership is inactive, a request by registered local OWASP members can be made to the OWASP Executive Director to initiate the dispute resolution process to submit a change of leadership on behalf of the chapter.	Modified - chapter manager (through JIRA)	
Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes	If a leader is no longer reasonably responsive, and proactively contributing to the chapter, the remaining Chapter Leaders may petition the chapter leader's removal in accordance with the dispute resolution process.			Accepted	
Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes	If a stepping down, Chapter Leader has gone above and beyond the call of duty, and made significant contributions to the chapter and towards OWASP's mission over a number of years; the remaining Chapter Leaders and the chapter membership, would like to recognise that sacrifices and contributions made, it may confer the perpetual use of the title of "Emeritus Chapter Leader" for that chapter, and a complimentary lifetime OWASP membership, which will be paid for by chapter funds.			Rejected	
Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes	Chapters shall retain on their Chapter page a running historical record of previous chapter leadership and their terms, in recognition of their service.			Rejected	
Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes	New Chapter leaders should be given an induction by the existing chapter leader, and if there are no current chapter leaders, the OWASP Foundation staff, or Chapters Committee, is responsible for providing an induction.			Rejected	See Handbook

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Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes		Access to OWASP Foundation Shared Services	Access to OWASP Foundation Shared Services within a reasonable time	Rejected	
Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes		Attendees do not need to be members. All members of the public are allowed to attend OWASP meetings.	Attendees do not need to be members. All members of the public are allowed to attend OWASP meetings. However, reasonable restricted Chapter events and activities may be organised.	Accepted	
Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes		Chapter meetings must, to the extent possible, be free	Chapter meetings must, to the extent possible, be free; however, if necessary, may charge a minimal token fee to cover costs, and where physical space is limited.	Rejected	
Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes		OWASP Chapters can create and manage their own social media presence. Access to these accounts must be shared with all Leaders of that Chapter, and administration of the account handed over to the Chapter when stepping down.	OWASP Chapters can create and manage their own social media presence, and other reasonable communication channels. Access to these accounts must be shared with all Leaders of that Chapter, and administration of the account handed over to the Chapter when stepping down.	Accepted	
Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes	Chapter Leaders should use a "shared Chapter Mailbox" (such as an chapter-location@owasp.org Google Groups email) for all official Chapter communications, over individual leaders' owasp.org accounts. This helps ensure that there is historical record, and visibility for all current, and future Chapter Leaders.			Rejected	
Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes	If reasonable efforts have been made to attempt to utilise shared services, but no reasonable response within 7 days has been provided, the Chapter may with due care seek a reasonable alternative.			Modified	
Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes	Student chapters in a city which has an active city chapter should make meaningful efforts to collaborate with the city chapter.			Accepted	

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Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes	(The original language above is very punitive, and worded that one-strike out. There are a lot of policies, and mistakes happen. How many of you reading this have jaywalked before? Should you be fired from your job, and put in jail for jaywalking, or some obscure rule, that doesn't harm anyone? I don't think so. Likewise here. Let's approach this with empathy. We're here because we care, not malice. Added the below to support this. The leaders have given much to the foundation, the least you can do is at least hear them out! It could very well be a misunderstanding, or something culturally different.)	Chapters are overseen on an operational basis by the Chapters Committee, the OWASP Foundation Staff, and, ultimately, the OWASP Board of Directors. If the Chapters Committee, Foundation Staff or Board of Directors determines that a Leader has not complied with these rules, leadership will be revoked. Additionally, OWASP administrative access (including the leader's owasp.org email address) will immediately be revoked.	Chapters are overseen on an operational basis by the Chapters Committee, the OWASP Foundation Staff, and, ultimately, the OWASP Board of Directors. If the Chapters Committee, Foundation Staff or Board of Directors determines that a Leader has persistently not complied with these rules, despite support and outreach, leadership may be revoked. This may include, OWASP administrative access (including the leader's owasp.org email address) may immediately be revoked.	Modified	Drop "persistently". Keep "may". Add "or suspended, etc."
Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes	Where possible and reasonable, the Leader shall first be afforded the opportunity to understand the claims made against them, rectify the fault, and provide a defence before any reprimands and penalties takes place. Should the Leader be not satisfied with the outcome, the dispute resolution process will apply.			Rejected	

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Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes	(It is not the Chapter leader's duty to always be across all the committee's decisions and policies. There's just so much. You can't expect everyone to know all the policies inside out!)(Don't do crimes and violate local laws okay? Also, OWASP pls help support us to follow the laws. US Laws =/= Local laws globally. Thanks)	Code of Conduct and other relevant policies

All leaders must follow and adhere to all OWASP Foundation Policies and Procedures, which are in a central repository. As a US-based 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, OWASP must follow specific financial and legal guidelines that can change from time to time.

Chapters operate with a great deal of freedom; however, Chapters must abide by the latest approved Code of Conduct, Foundation bylaws, and these policies and procedures. Copies of older versions are not relevant.

Individuals, and entities which have a history of violating the Code of Conduct, and/or the safety of the Chapter activities may be denied access, and/or participation in any ongoing and future Chapter activities. | ADD:
Chapters with the appropriate assistance of the Foundation, shall in best effort identify and comply with local legal, risk and other compliance requirements that the chapter operates in.

The Foundation and Chapters Committee shall make adequate reasonable efforts to help educate Chapter Leaders, and comply with all applicable policies, procedures, Foundation bylaws, and local and international legal and regulatory requirements.

Where the demands of these compliance requirements conflict, as soon as possible Chapter Leaders shall notify the OWASP Foundation via the Executive Director, to seek a reasonable resolution/variation. Where a local regulatory requirement where the local Chapter operates conflicts with any Foundation policy, best reasonable efforts to comply first, with local legal and regulatory requirements.

Where necessary, Chapters may adopt variations to the contents of this policy by agreement with the Chapters Committee or the OWASP ED. | Rejected | |

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Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes	(If data doesn't exist, no risk of breach.)	OWASP membership and participation in chapter meetings are subject to the EU GDPR, and any other locally applicable data protection regulations. Chapter leaders are not permitted to share member lists, event attendees, or private information with third parties except where operationally necessary and only after informing relevant parties with opt-in acceptance.	ADD: Unless where required by local legislation, or compliance requirements, Chapter should where possible adopt a data minimisation approach, and delete or not retain data that is no longer necessary.	Accepted	
Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes	(Making room for local donations. International conversion and transaction fees can take quite a chunk out of small ticket donations that require local tax compliance.)	All donations must comply with the Donations policy and processed through the OWASP Donations page.	All donations must comply with the Donations policy and processed through the OWASP Donations page. Donations may be processed via OWASP Foundations' regional entities' platforms where necessary to comply with local regulations.	Rejected	
Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes	Payments Payments for training, workshops and other attendee-limited events must be collected via…(some owasp defined platform).			Modified - and other events	

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Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes	(Explain the impact and to not do crimes that violate local and international laws :D)	Finances are via OWASP Foundation only. As Chapters are not legal entities, all membership dues and funds must be processed through the Foundation for transparency, the US not for profit laws, regulatory, and tax compliance reasons. Chapters are not permitted to hold any bank accounts, independent insurance, have an independent donation mechanism, or use any funds transfer mechanisms to store financial value such as gift cards, PayPal or Venmo, or any other banking or financial instruments.	ADD: Holding and handling money typically comes with significant local regulatory requirements and obligations that vary within a country and globally. By not handling money locally by the chapter, this allows the Foundation to better comply with regulatory requirements, and minimise the risk to leaders. If local regulatory obligations require that funds be handled locally, speak with the Executive Director to discuss options.	Rejected	
Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes	(Should we have a conversation here about signing up for online accounts and services? Eg. Twitter/Streamyard etc. How are these treated and handled? If the TOS is being agreed to as an individual or by the foundation? If the prior, might be legally hard to claim ownership of accounts. You can't quite have it both ways.)	No signing authority Chapters operate under the aegis and policies of the OWASP Foundation and are subject to the OWASP Signing policy. As non-legal entities, chapters leaders and members of chapters cannot sign contracts or enter into agreements with commercial organizations.	ADD: All such agreements should be referred to the OWASP Foundation for pre-approval and possible signing.	Accepted	

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Daniel Ting	12/21/2020	Yes	(Add response SLA, and to let leaders know of the impact, that this is for regulatory compliance reasons.)	Chapter Supporters and bartering arrangements Chapters are encouraged to obtain local chapter supporters via bartering arrangements (i.e. services, event spaces, or food and beverages are paid for by a chapter supporter) and donations via the OWASP website. Chapters can define levels and benefits of local Chapter Supporters, including logos on introduction slides and the Chapter home page. Any contractual agreement, bartering arrangement, or financial transaction must be registered and processed by the Foundation.	ADD: The Foundation shall provide an actionable response to any agreements filed via JIRA within 7 calendar days. Failure to do so may result in personal liability for said agreements, as well as potentially violate required regulatory reporting.	Rejected	
Harold Blankenship	1/11/2021	Yes	Remove the following parts of the policy because these things are being automated: Any changes in chapter leadership must be done by submitting a ticket with all information to the New Chapter/Leader Request by one of the existing Leaders. If a leader needs to step down, they must send an email to the Foundation or submit a ticket to the New Chapter/Leader Request.			Modified - should submit, allowing for automation to also take care of it.	

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Andrew van der Stock	1/15/2021	Yes			Add Section: **Sanctioned Countries and Leaders** OWASP must comply with international laws and regulations, including international sanctions. Sanctions take many forms and are often limited in scope to access to specific intellectual property, organizations, governments, and/or individuals. From time to time, the Executive Director and Chapter and Membership manager will review sanctions from the EU, USA, and anywhere else the Foundation has an operating entity, and apply the following policies. Until sanctions are lifted and where not complying with or breaching sanctions would cause the OWASP Foundation to be subject to fines, civil or criminal liability, the following policies will be applied: a) New chapters cannot be formed. b) Existing chapters may be disbanded or made independent of the Foundation depending on the nature of the sanctions. c) Leaders and members who are sanctioned individuals will be removed from any leadership positions, and any membership fees refunded, including Lifetime membership. d) Access to OWASP materials are free and open-source, and can be obtained through many means, including OWASP's shared cloud platforms. For the purposes of curtailing access or prohibiting the "export" of such freely available information, OWASP relies solely upon the technical controls in place by our shared cloud platforms, which share the same sanction controls as the OWASP Foundation. The Foundation has no control over these	Accepted	