

# Working Group Operating Addendum

This Working Group Operating Charter extends the Scope and details the related requirements and operational processes important for the Working Group's operation. This document is not legally binding but once approved by the Working Group it provides additional requirements for the Working Group.

Only Project Steering Members, Associates, and Contributors that joined the Working Group by signing the Working Group Charter will be bound by its terms and be permitted to participate in the Working Group.

## 1. Working Group Name. **Claims and Credentials WG**

## 2. Core Principles

- 2.1. **Work on the request, creation, exchange, and verification of identity credentials or claims in a vendor-agnostic manner:** Since a credentials lifetime extends from a request, the issuance, to presentation and possible revocation, vendor agnostics designs have to take the overall process into account. The group aims at establishing DIF-approved specifications around the overall lifecycle of a claim or credentials.
- 2.2. **Support the development of DIDs and Verifiable Credentials:** W3C Standards groups for DIDs and Verifiable Credentials have laid the foundation for higher-level interoperability discussions. The Group wants to contribute to these groups in relation to (but not limited to) identity claim and credential handling. If designs around advanced principles (e.g. Credential request protocol) requires additions to the existing standards the group will actively work for an extension of these
- 2.3. **Actively support projects that demonstrate interoperable use-cases within the space of claims and credentials utilization within self-sovereign identity systems:** The group actively supports the cross-organizational usage of SSI technology. Examples are support of various DID methods (+ key materials), credential and claim taxonomies and signature schemes within Verifiable Credentials. Utilization of common communication protocols.
- 2.4. **Help community members advocate for the mainstream adoption of blockchain identity and credentials.** The WG will actively advocate the advantages of self-sovereign identity world with a special focus on credentials, claims and overall reputation systems.
- 2.5. **Support industry-specific taxonomy development around credentials other identity-centric data formats:**

## 3. Operations and duties

### 3.1. Chair Selection

- 3.1.1. Chairs shall be elected by the members, with no more than four chairs serving at one time. Service shall be evaluated annually, with no maximum term.

### 3.2. Chair Duties

- 3.2.1. Driving inclusivity, identifying consensus within the group, and recording decisions.
- 3.2.2. Ensuring compliance with all DIF rules applicable to the group.
- 3.2.3. Being a liaison between the group and all groups with which the group is coordinating.
- 3.2.4. Organizing the smooth operation of the group.
- 3.2.5. Engaging with media, performing outreach, and ensuring the transparent operation of the group.
- 3.2.6. Sharing monthly updates for the DIF newsletter to inform the community.

## 4. Repository Process

The repository process designed to simplify and consolidate GitHub status tracking of work items managed by the Working Group.

More about the process:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TS4XXCtINL9YwW-Op9alevOmhgY2RP6IFfQ3AtB6Sq8/edit?usp=sharing>