

## **Class Topic: Digital Identity in Practice – OpenG**

- **Application Reference Point: OpenGov Platform for Self-Governance**
  - Supports Virtual Legal Presence, but not to exclusion of physical presence
  - Assumes closed model of identified, authorized members in formal organization
  - Assumes members in aggregate has recognized right to set final, official rules, policies, funds expenditure, etc (e.g.: Town Meeting, Shareholders, Unions, Political Parties, Certain NGO's, Certain Religions, Certain Student Groups, etc).
  - Assumes “Open Source” and “Free Software” Approach is Required for Individual and Group Autonomy from Software Producers and Other External Control Points
  - Aims to provide method for large groups of individuals to
    - § Associate with each other
    - § brain storm
    - § cluster support around ideas
    - § generate “votable” formal proposals
    - § hone proposals
    - § permit consensus to form around proposals
    - § set thresholds determining when a proposal goes from draft to final, and to binding vote
    - § use various methods of group and affinity formations
    - § use various methods of content organization, visualization and mapping
    - § self-police through reputation filters and other methods
    - § easily create, change or delete rules governing digital parliamentary processes