

# **Governance of ValOS**

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# 1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to define and maintain governance overview for the ValOS framework, a structured risk assessment model for Node Operators. It outlines decision-making roles, processes, and policies that ensure the integrity, fairness, and security of the standard.

The scope includes governance over content changes, Assessor onboarding, Node Operator evaluations, and general oversight of the ValOS (“Validator Operations Standard”).

## 2. Governing Body

The governance of the framework is coordinated and overseen by the **Steering Committee**, which functions as the ultimate decision-making authority. The Committee is responsible for providing strategic direction and ensuring the integrity of the standard.

Specifically, the Steering Committee shall:

- Exercise authority over general strategic and operational decisions;
- Review and determine the outcome of change proposals, assessor applications, and governance amendments;
- Receive and acknowledge notifications of updates following a merge (e.g., confirmation of approved Node Operators).

### Governance Safeguard

The Lido Labs Foundation Board retains the authority to replace members of the Steering Committee if it determines that the Committee is not fulfilling its responsibilities or acting in the best interest of the framework.

## 3. Governing Roles

Governing roles are individuals or teams with formal authority to review and implement decisions that shape and maintain the framework:

Role	Responsibilities
Advocate	<b>Performs initial quality checks</b> on proposals and <b>coordinates the various teams</b> involved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facilitate and coordinate Steering Meetings</li><li>• Ensure quality and completeness of applications from assessor Applicants</li><li>• Decision and information communication with governance bodies and external stakeholders</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintenance of reviewed Node Operator list</li> </ul>
<b>Editor</b>	<b>Performs updates</b> on the actual standard documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raise issues and create Pull Requests</li> <li>Add proposals to milestones</li> <li>Merge approved Pull Requests</li> <li>Update official documentation and repositories after approvals</li> </ul>

## 4. Community Roles

Community roles are individuals or groups who contribute to the development, review, implementation and improvement of the framework without holding formal decision-making authority:

Role	Responsibilities
<b>Contributor</b>	Provide feedback to improve the standard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raise issues via GitHub (propose improvements to the framework)</li> <li>Create or contribute to Pull Requests</li> <li>Help refine change proposals</li> </ul>
<b>Approved Assessor</b>	Entities that have been explicitly approved by the Steering Committee and are authorized to certify conformance to the standard.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform Assurance Reviews of Node Operators</li> <li>Submit requests to update the Node Operator status list</li> </ul>
<b>Assessor Applicant</b>	Entities that aim to be approved by the Steering Committee and be authorized to certify assurance reviews on the standard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit applications to become an Approved Assessor</li> <li>Respond to feedback by refining applications when necessary</li> </ul>

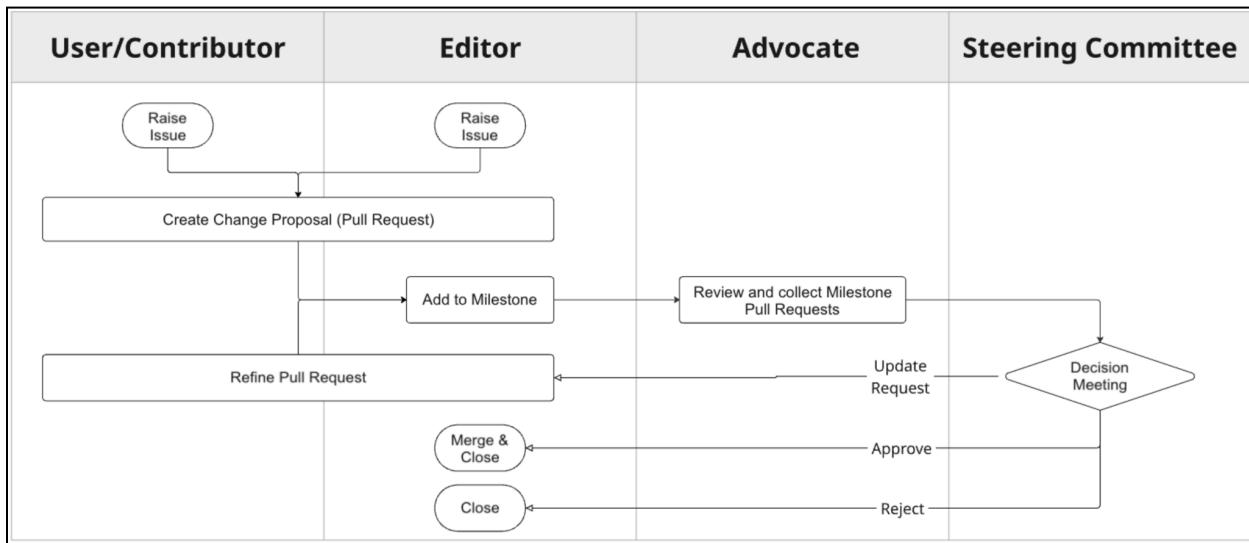
## 5. Governance Processes

The interaction and responsibilities of the governing and community bodies are defined within the following key governance processes.

### Content Management

This process governs how the ValOS content, documentation, or website are updated and improved.

In essence, the goal is to iteratively improve the contents, periodically creating a release version that becomes a stable reference.



Step	Action	Description	Owner	Tools/Platform
1	<b>Raise Issue</b>	Any participant can raise an issue regarding potential improvements or problems.	Editor/ User/ Contributor	GitHub
2	<b>Create Change Proposal (Pull Request)</b>	Any participant who accepts the licensing commitments can create a change proposal as a GitHub Pull Request. These MAY be a response to an issue.	Editor/ User/ Contributor	GitHub
3	<b>Add to Milestone</b>	The Pull Request is added to the appropriate milestone for tracking and review.	Editor	GitHub
4	<b>Review and Collect Milestone Pull Request</b>	Relevant Pull Requests will be collected for the next Decision Meeting.	Advocate	GitHub
5	<b>Decision Meeting</b>	During the next decision meeting the Pull Request is reviewed and a decision can be taken.	Steering Committee	Asynchronous feedback, Online Meeting
6a	<b>Refine Pull Request</b>	If updates are needed, the Pull Request needs to be refined based on feedback and re-submitted.	Editor/ User/ Contributor	GitHub

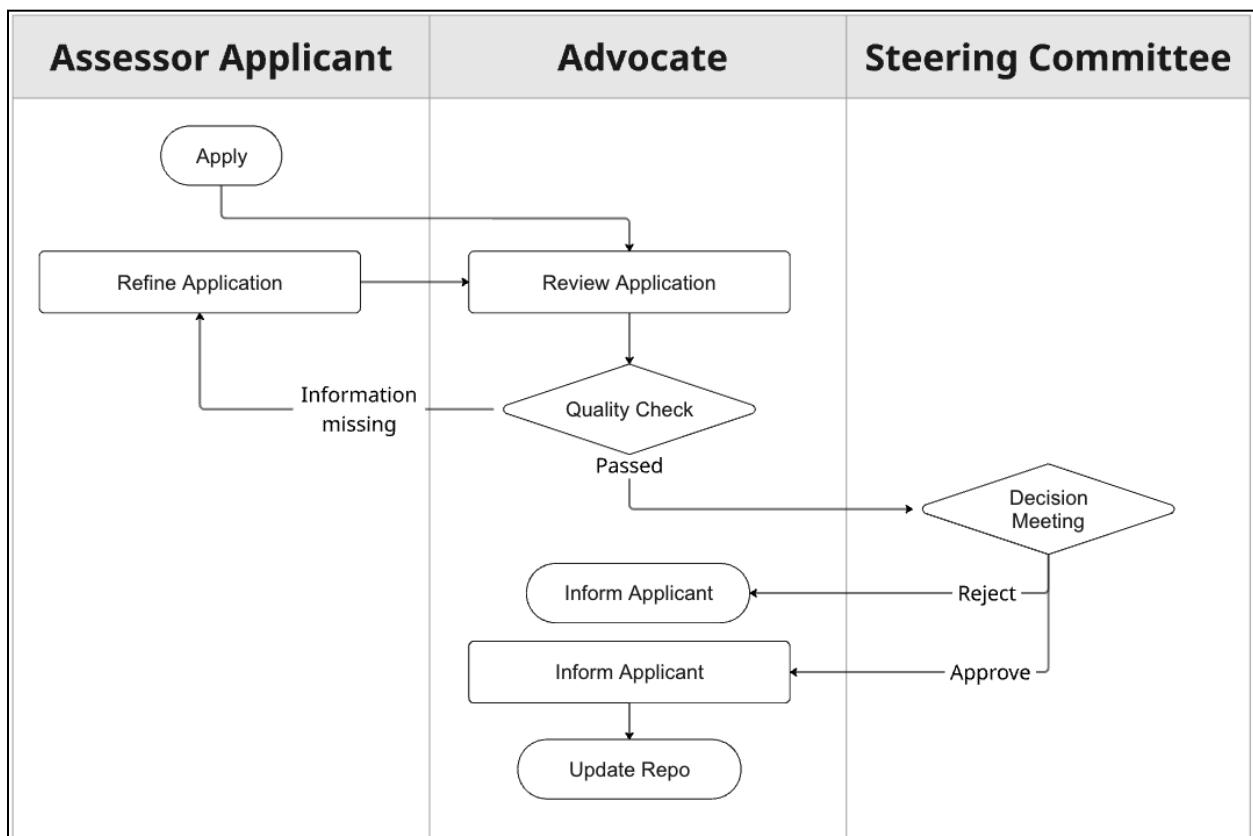
6b	<b>Merge &amp; Close</b>	If approved, the Pull Request is merged and marked as “closed”.	Editor	GitHub
6c	<b>Close</b>	If rejected, the Pull Request is marked as “closed” with rationale.	Editor	GitHub

## Assessor Qualification

Eligibility criteria and expectations for Assessor Applicants are:

- Being a professional holding an official assurance certification from their operating jurisdictions.
- Not being affiliated with node operators.
- Provide references or examples of prior work.
- Demonstrate clear understanding of the entire framework and its requirements by providing a written formal assessment of the standard or similar.

This process outlines how entities become Approved Assessors:

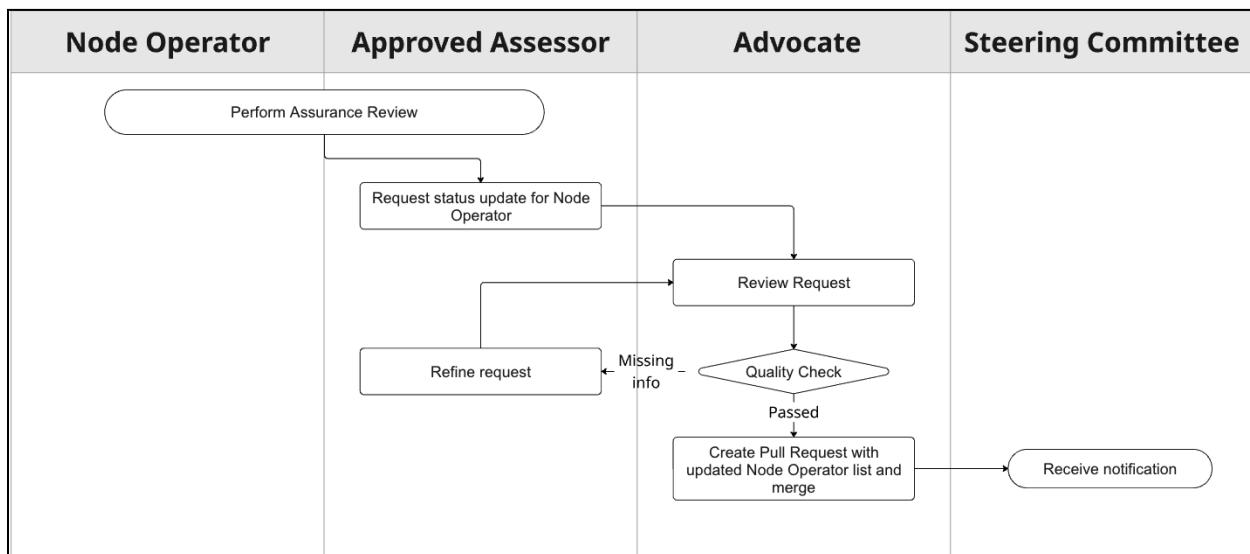


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1	<b>Apply</b>	A candidate submits an application to become an Assessor.	Assessor Applicant	Form/Email
2	<b>Review Application</b>	The application is reviewed for completeness and relevance.	Advocate	-
3	<b>Quality Check</b>	The application undergoes a quality assessment.	Advocate	-
4a	<b>Refine Application</b>	If incomplete, the applicant is asked to refine and resubmit.	Assessor Applicant	Form
4b	<b>Decision Meeting</b>	If the quality check is passed, the Steering Committee holds a meeting to approve or reject the applicant.	Steering Committee	Online Meeting
5a	<b>Inform Applicant</b>	The applicant is informed of the rejection.	Advocate	Email
5b	<b>Inform Applicant</b>	The applicant is informed of their approval.	Advocate	Email
6	<b>Update Repo</b>	Upon approval, the official materials are updated with the new Assessor details.	Advocate	GitHub

## Node Operator Assurance Review

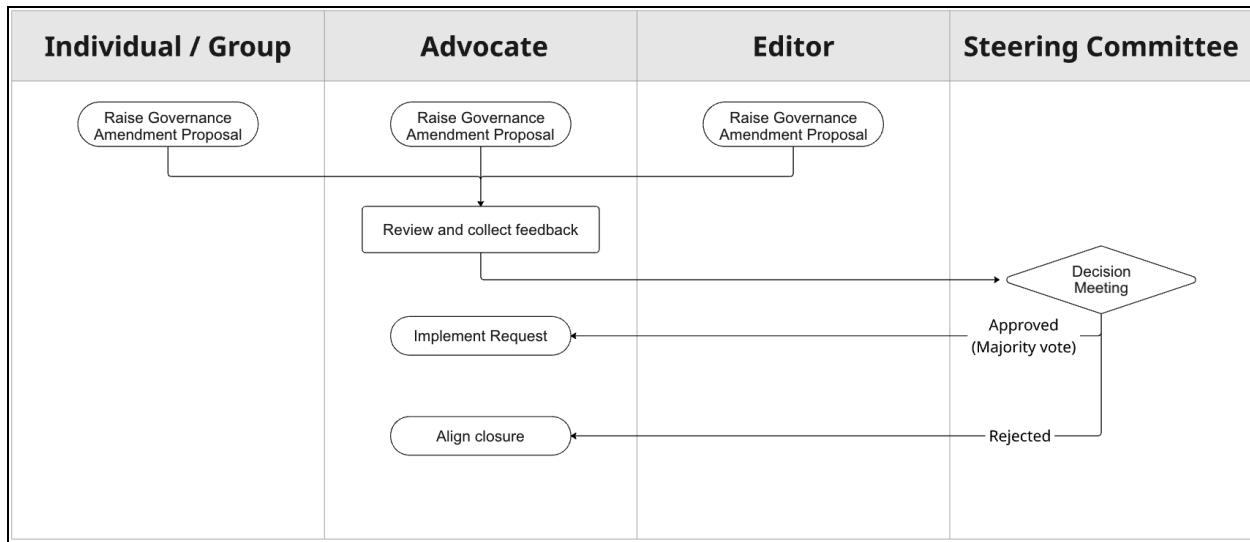
This process describes the review and listing of Node Operators.



<b>Step</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Tools/Platform</b>
1	<b>Perform Assurance Review</b>	A Node Operator is reviewed by an Approved Assessor according to ValOS and adhering to the <a href="#">ISAE 3000 principles</a> .	Node Operator/ Approved Assessor	individual
2	<b>Request Status Update for Node Operator</b>	The Approved Assessor submits a request to update the status of the reviewed Node Operator.	Approved Assessor	Email
3	<b>Review Request</b>	The Advocate reviews the submitted request.	Advocate	-
4a	<b>Refine Request</b>	If information is missing or incomplete, the request is sent back to the Assessor for refinement.	Approved Assessor	Email
4b	<b>Create Pull Request &amp; Merge</b>	If all information is complete, a pull request updating the official list of Node Operators is created and merged.	Advocate	GitHub
5	<b>Receive Notification</b>	The Steering Committee receives a notification that the update has been completed during the next decision meeting.	Steering Committee	Online Meeting

## Governance and Roles Amendment

Changes to the governing roles and executing individuals or groups as well as the governance framework itself must go through the following process:



Step	Action	Description	Owner	Tools/Platform
1	<b>Raise Governance Amendment Proposal</b>	<p>Any individual or group, advocate or editor may submit a Governance Amendment Proposal. This includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointment of a new member to the Steering Committee</li> <li>• Removal of an existing Steering Committee member</li> <li>• Addition/reassignment/re movement of a governing role</li> <li>• Modification of governance processes</li> <li>• Adjustment of the meeting schedule</li> </ul>	Individual/ Group/ Advocate/ Editor	<a href="#">Form</a> , <a href="#">Email</a>
2	<b>Review and collect feedback</b>	The Advocate reviews the proposal and collects feedback from all governance bodies.	Advocate	Individual
3	<b>Decision Meeting</b>	The Steering Committee holds a meeting to approve or reject the proposal.	Steering Committee	Online Meeting

4	<b>Implement Request</b>	If approved (majority vote), the Advocate implements or facilitates the implementation of the proposed changes.	Advocate	Individual
5	<b>Align closure</b>	If rejected, the Advocate aligns the closure of the proposal.	Advocate	Individual

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## 6. Meeting Schedule and Types

The Steering Committee is responsible for ensuring the framework remains relevant and effective. Regular meetings and the ability to convene ad-hoc meetings are crucial for efficient governance.

### Regular Meetings

The Steering Committee shall hold a **meeting every four weeks**. This provides a structured opportunity to review progress, discuss outstanding issues, and plan future initiatives related to the framework.

### Ad-Hoc Meetings

In situations requiring urgent alignment or decisions, any member of the Steering Committee can request an ad-hoc meeting. Such meetings will be scheduled as soon as reasonably possible to address time-sensitive matters related to the framework.