

NIEMOpen etiquette for PGB members

Members of the NIEMOpen PGB guide the work of the project and act as the formal approvers of work done within the project. Thus, the PGB carries great sway over the project.

With authority comes expectations of our behavior towards the project and towards each other. This document describes commitments as PGB Sponsor representatives that supplement, but do not replace, the OASIS Code of Conduct.

- * We will familiarize ourselves with work products and issues brought to the Board by the community sufficiently to allow us to take educated action on them.

- * In particular, where we are opposed to a proposal, we will when possible provide a concrete reason for our objection and/or an alternative that would satisfy our concerns. (Note that there is no veto power on the PGB and the committee need not agree with our objection. This simply notes our agreement that if working members of the project receive an objection to their work, we owe them the courtesy of an understandable explanation.)

- * If we feel that we have no material interest in the outcome of a proposal before the Board or if we feel we are insufficiently familiar with it, we have the option of abstaining from the vote on the matter. If we feel insufficiently familiar with a proposal but do feel that the outcome of the vote is of material interest, we may ask the Board to consider delaying the vote so that we can consult with other colleagues to gain sufficient insight. (Note that if the Board chooses to adopt a standing role allowing for the Persistent Non-Voting Member role, we recognize that we can opt for this status.)

- * We understand that the NIEMOpen project and the PGB are open projects focused on social good for a broad community. Though many of us may represent commercial entities, we understand that the project is not a place to pursue business.

* As PGB members, we are committed to the success of the NIEMOpen Project. All recommendations and interactions will be conducted in that spirit. We will assume that our fellow Project members are acting in good faith with courtesy and respect as the default.