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Metaverse Standards Forum: Oversight

Wednesday, 21 September 2022 from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM EDT (14:00-15:00 UTC)

### Agenda:

- Review of Exploratory and Working Group Proposal process
- Approval of Exploratory and Working Group Processes V1.0
- Approval of Standards Register Working Group Charter
- Approval of Exploratory Groups
  - 3D Asset Interoperability
  - Digital Asset Interoperability
  - Digital Fashion Wearables for Avatars
  - Real/Virtual World Integration
- Update on Privacy, Cybersecurity & Identity Exploratory Group Proposal
- Forum Discord server
- Portal per member balloting details
- Enabling representation from formal standards organizations
- Actions and next meetings

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## Welcome to Oversight #4 EMEA

7AM Pacific Time, 21 September 2022

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## Domain Group Proposal Process

### Member Feedback Approval Criteria

Multiple, industry-relevant proposers  
Reflects strong member interest in [Topic Sheet](#)  
Not pushing a proprietary product/agenda

### Exploratory Group Approval Criteria

Confirmed positive member interest – including  
no significant downvoting  
No conflict with other Forum Domain Groups  
Appropriate as a Forum activity  
OK if refinement still needed but should have  
enough clarity to communicate broad scope

### Working Group Approval Criteria

Strong member support  
Within Forum/member resources  
Legal and process compliance  
Clarity & ideally unanimous EG consensus on  
Why (industry need), What (projects),  
Who (participants), When (duration)  
(HOW is up to the Working Group)

Any Principal(s)  
can propose an  
Exploratory Group  
[Exploratory Group  
Proposal Template](#)

Oversight **approves**  
sending Proposal to  
Plenary for member  
feedback  
[Polling Sheet](#)

Oversight **approves**  
Exploratory Group  
[Working Group Charter  
Template](#)

Exploratory Group  
builds consensus on  
Charter  
[Exploratory/Working  
Group Processes](#)

Oversight **approves**  
Working Group to  
execute the Charter

### Three mechanisms for member EG Proposal feedback

1. Commenting directly in the EG Proposal Google Doc
2. Entering feedback and upvotes/downvotes in [Polling Tab](#)
3. Reaching out to the Proposers to actively engage

### Three Levels of Support for Proposals

**Proposers**  
Members initiating and leading the Proposal

**Contributors**  
Any members wishing to *proactively contribute* to an Exploratory Group's activities

**Supporters**  
Those adding upvotes or supportive comments in the polling Tab



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Discussion around prioritization (up/down voting) proposals. @pcsmgnt suggested proposals should be open to all levels.



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## Approval of Exploratory/Working Group Process

### Exploratory/Working Group Processes

**Domain Exploratory and Working Group Processes**  
This document is approved and updated by agreement of the Forum Oversight Committee

1. **Charter.** All Working Groups shall operate within the scope of their Charter created by an Exploratory Group and approved by the Oversight Committee and posted on the Forum Portal. Working Groups may propose updates to their Charter which shall become effective on approval of the Oversight Committee.
2. **Good Standing.** Members are in Good Standing in a Working Group or Exploratory Group (collectively Domain Groups) if they have attended two of the last three group meetings, including being present at the current meeting.
3. **Decision Making.** Domain Groups seek unanimous consensus on all decisions, which may be confirmed verbally at a meeting. When unanimous consensus is not achieved, a supermajority vote will be held at a meeting with one vote per member in Good Standing. A vote passes if at least 2/3 of the non-abstaining votes cast are in favor of a proposal with a quorum requirement of at least 50% of members in Good Standing voting for, against or abstaining.
4. **Multi-session Meetings.** When a Domain Group meeting consists of multiple sessions, for example, sessions for multiple time zones but with the same agenda, then unanimous consensus in each session is needed to be effective. Also, attendance is only required in one session to be counted for good standing.
5. **Election of Officers.** Every Domain Group shall have three co-Chairs (unless otherwise agreed in the Exploratory Group Proposal or Working Group Charter). The co-Chairs pro tem of an Exploratory Group shall chair the initial three Working Group meetings and then call an election for all Officer positions designated in the Charter. Additional elections shall be held if Officers step down or new Officer positions are created.
  - a. Any member may self-nominate, or nominate another individual for any Officer position during a designated nomination period, which shall be no less than two weeks.
  - b. The election ballot shall be conducted anonymously online over a period of no less than one week with the options of Yes/No/Abstain if one candidate, or, the name of each candidate, "abstain" and, "none of the above" if there is more than one candidate.
  - c. All members in Good Standing at time of ballot distribution are eligible to vote, with that list included in the ballot.
  - d. The ballot has a quorum requirement of at least 50% of members in Good Standing voting for a candidate or abstaining. If quorum requirements are not met, or in the event of a draw between the leading candidates, the vote will be held again with the current nominees. The candidate with the plurality of votes cast is elected. If "No" or "none of the above" wins a plurality of votes, then the nomination process is restarted.
6. **Projects.** Working Groups shall designate activities as Working Group Projects to further the scope of their Charter. Project Leaders shall be appointed unanimously or else elected to manage Project activities. Funding for Working Group Projects shall be arranged and approved by the Oversight Committee as required.
7. **Chair Responsibilities.** Chairs shall ensure that Exploratory Groups focus on creation of a Charter, and Working Group activities fall within the scope of its Charter, and are organized for effective action:
  - a. Oversee Meetings, ensuring that they are conducted in accordance with the [Forum Code of Conduct](#)
  - b. Calendar meetings with defined agendas with at least two weeks' notice
  - c. Record key discussions, decisions and actions
  - d. Ensure all materials are made equally available to all members on the Forum Portal
  - e. Tally members in Good Standing for votes and elections
  - f. Track progress of Projects
  - g. Request Project funding from the Oversight Committee if necessary
  - h. Provide regular updates on activities to the Oversight Committee, Forum membership and for public outreach materials.
8. **Working Group Reviews.** The Oversight Committee shall review all Working Groups for renewal, Charter updates, Officer re-election, or disbandment at the timeline specified in the Charter, or if the Oversight Committee determines that the Working Group has lost sufficient participation or leadership, or that the Working Group is not fulfilling its Charter, or assistance with conflict resolution is needed.
9. **Member Concerns.** At any time, any member with concerns about process execution or decision making in a Domain Group may alert [operations@lists.metaverse-standards.org](mailto:operations@lists.metaverse-standards.org) or file an [Anonymous Report](#).

**Suggest lifting unanimous consensus and multi-session wording into Forum Charter Attachment**



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Discussion around time limit (suggestion not to have defined time limits, but to have 'normative' times instead).

Discussion of having a member of the Oversight group

Motion to Approve Exploratory / Working Group Process.

Discussion of voting process: *green check reaction vs red "X" in Zoom* (as opposed to raised hand reaction or no reaction as positive vote).

Good discussion around the language for members nominating for Officer positions: "Any member may self-nominate, or nominate another individual for any Officer position during a designated nomination period, which shall be no less than two weeks." vs "Any member may nominate any member individual..." or "Any member representative may..." or other variations, since the language might be misconstrued to be a company vs individual being nominated.



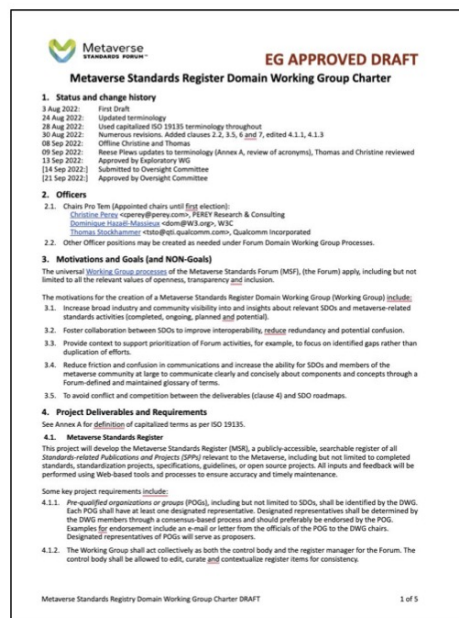
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# Standards Register Charter Approval

- Updates incorporating consensus decisions were made by co-chairs and experts (Reese Plews and Ronald Tse)
- These updates follow feedback provided by members
  - During two prior EG meetings,
  - In the [Google Doc](#) and
  - On Standards Registry Mailing List (see [archive on Portal](#)),
- During the Sept 13 meeting, members of the EG reviewed, voted on and approved the [Draft WG Charter \(click to open on Google Drive\)](#)



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Christine Perey/Perey Research & Consulting reviewed the draft of [Standards Register Charter](#).

Motion to approve charter to establish working group. Approved. (Approval also needed during the APAC call later today).

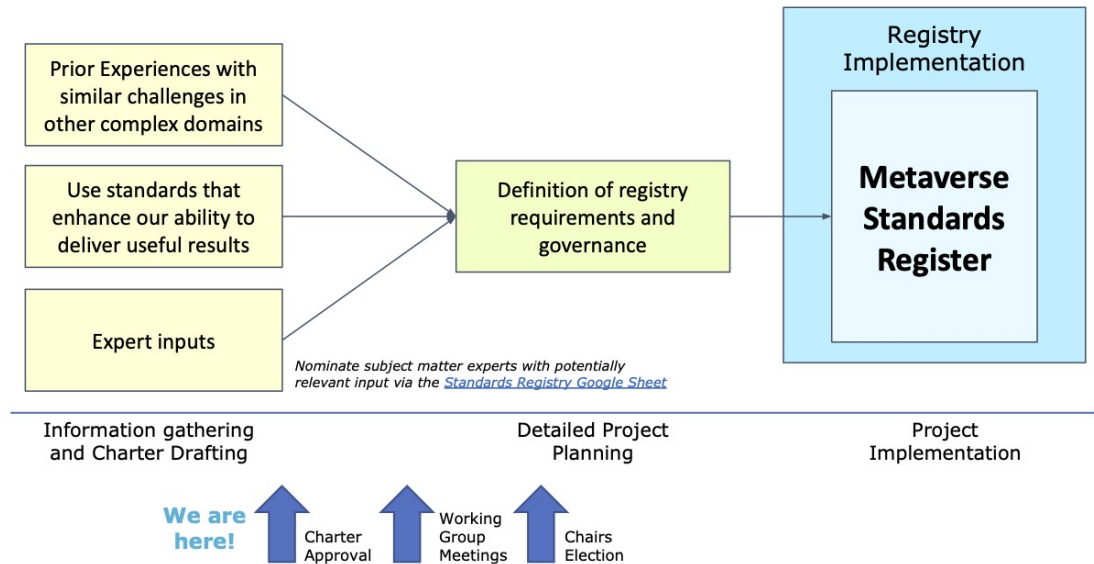


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## Next Steps, When Charter is Approved



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## Exploratory Group Proposals Discussion and Approval

- 3D Asset Interoperability
- Digital Asset Interoperability
- Digital Fashion Wearables for Avatars
- Real/Virtual World Integration

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Exploratory Group Proposals and Approvals:

- [3D Asset Interoperability](#)
- [Digital Asset Interoperability](#)
- [Digital Fashion Wearables for Avatars](#)
- [Real/Virtual World Integration](#)



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Yu Yuan/IEEE commented: "A quick update from IEEE: this morning, just minutes ago, IEEE Standards Association Standards Board approved the name and scope of the IEEE Metaverse Standards Committee, which is probably the first TC-level committee explicitly named after "metaverse" among major SDOs."



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All exploratory groups approved via Zoom votes.



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## Privacy, Cybersecurity & Identity EG Proposal

- Proposers working to update [Proposal](#) integrating received feedback
- Narrowing focus on key initial topic of Privacy, Cybersecurity & Identity
- Ensuring to complement, not duplicate/compete with existing advocacy and lobbying organizations



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## Forum Discord Server

- Significant member interest in a Discord server to enable broader communication and discussion
- No accessibility objections from any members in diverse geographies
- Many thanks to Matt White from Berkeley Synthetic for helping drive our Discord setup
- Key question – should the Discord Server be open to members and non-members?
  - Current proposal is yes – we have the Portal for member-only business
  - Only members can access the Portal and attend meetings
  - No Forum materials are confidential, and this is opportunity for wider engagement



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## Portal Per Member Ballots

- Always strive for decision by unanimous consensus at Oversight and Domain Groups
  - Which can be confirmed verbally in meetings
  - Per member votes needed when unanimity cannot be achieved
- Per member voice voting in meetings may be cumbersome with large groups
  - And not inclusive if members can't make every meeting in person
- Propose to use Causeway Portal online balloting for per member votes
  - Attendance for [good standing](#) from Zoom (uploaded to [minutes folder](#)), and formally recorded in Causeway Portal
  - Attendance records available at the calendar entry for each meeting on Forum Portal
  - Email [operations@lists.metaverse-standards.org](mailto:operations@lists.metaverse-standards.org) for any corrections or queries
- Ballot process can be initiated in meeting or on group email
  - Clear statement of motion and vote with link to relevant reference materials
  - List of members in good standing
  - Period of balloting, up to next meeting but no less than 6 days (to enable resolution on weekly meeting cadence)
  - Typically enable discussion and final voting at a meeting
- One member organization, one vote
  - Only members in good standing are enabled to vote
  - Any member representative can cast the vote for that member ('designated voters' too cumbersome)
  - Members requested to internally coordinate voting (though duplicated votes don't cause a problem)
  - Inconsistent member votes will be resolved manually
- Ballots are not anonymous
  - Elections will be anonymous – just overall results circulated



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## Forum Representation From Formal SDOs

- The Forum membership agreements states...
- "If a [member] is a membership organization, the [member] may designate individuals from its members to represent it."
- Stephan@Tencent commented...
- In my experience, the more formal organizations, such as ISO, ITU, ETSI [may not be able to] formally name a person to represent it in the MSF without an existing liaison relationship
- Offering a simple liaison agreement between the Forum, SDO and representative to formalize that an individual is acting as representative may be helpful?



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## Actions and Next Meetings

- Will distribute meeting materials and recordings on Plenary email list after the call
  - [Minutes and Recording Folder](#)
- **Additional Exploratory Group proposals welcome**
  - Circulate Proposals using [Template](#) to [oversight@lists.metaverse-standards.org](mailto:oversight@lists.metaverse-standards.org)
- Upcoming meetings are in the Portal Calendar and sent to the General/Oversight/Domain email lists
  - [Oversight #5 EMEA](#) 7AM PT 28 September 2022
  - [Oversight #5 APAC](#) 6PM PT 28 September 2022
- Questions, input and discussion?

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