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## 02/08/23 Metaverse Standards Forum: Oversight #42

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Metaverse Standards Forum: Oversight

Wednesday, 8 February 2023 from 21:00-22:30 EST (02:00-03:30 UTC)

### Agenda:

Domain Group Pipeline Updates

- Motion to approve 3D Asset Interoperability Using USD and glTF Working Group Charter
  - Circulated for review at Oversight 11 on 25 Jan 2023
- Motion to approve Real/Virtual World Integration Working Group Charter
  - Circulated for review on 27 Jan 2023
- Notice to Review Digital Asset Management Working Group Charter
  - Circulated on for review on 2 Feb 2023
- Motion to approve member review Technical Interoperability and End-User Troubleshooting Exploratory Group
  - Circulated for review at Oversight 11 on 25 Jan 2023

Working Group Election Process

- With Chair and Vice Chairs

Incorporation Update

- Draft Bylaws and Member Agreement review and feedback
- Dues proposal and financial forecast

Feedback on Discord

- User feedback?
- Issues with access outside US?

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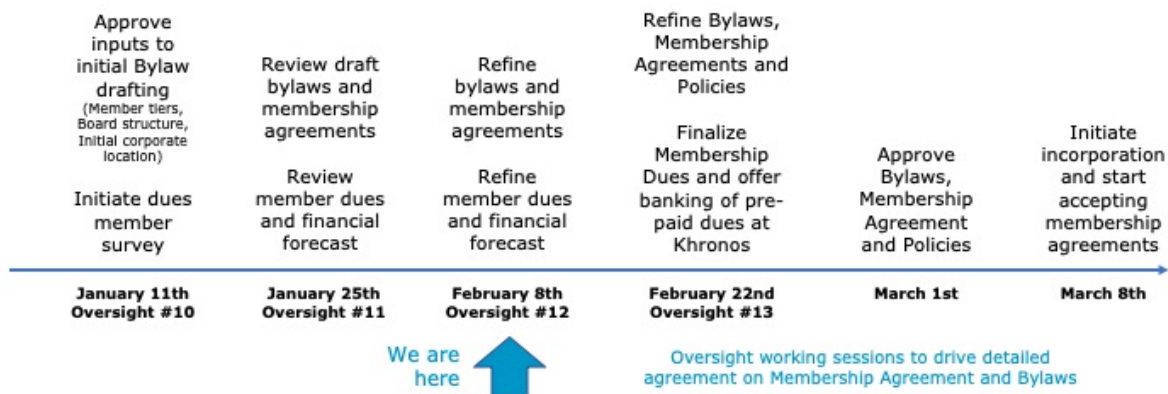
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Highlights:

## Pre-Incorporation Timeline



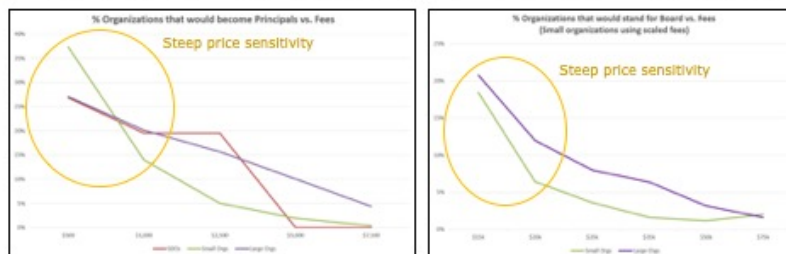
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## Previous Dues Survey and Refined Dues Proposal

- 338 respondents
  - 91 'large' companies (>100 employees) | 219 'small' companies (<= 100 employees) | 28 SSOs



- Refined dues proposal – NO ADDITIONAL DUES IF ELECTED TO THE BOARD
  - More democratic: financial load and influence spread more widely
  - Decouples dues collection from election timing, and don't penalize serving on the Board
  - Large Orgs: 500+ employees: \$ 10,000
  - Med Orgs (101 - 500 employees): \$ 20/employee. (\$2,000 - \$10,000: average \$6,000)
  - Small Orgs (1-100 employees): \$ 1,000



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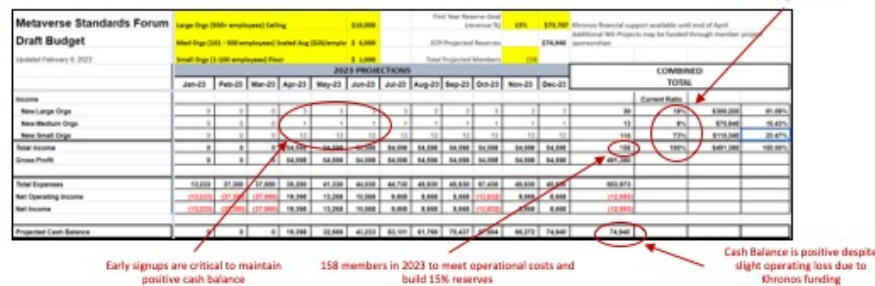
## Membership Tiers

- Board – elected by Principals with separate ballots for small and large Principals to ensure diversity
- SSO Advisory Panel – elected by Principals, all Principal SSOs can stand for election

		Participants	Principals	Principal SSOs
General	Dues	No	Scaled	\$1,000/Waived
	Plenary Meeting Participation	Non-voting	Voting	Voting
	Domain Group Participation	Voting	Voting	Voting
Domain Groups	Nominate for Domain Group Officer Position	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Propose New Domain Groups	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Provide Feedback on Domain Group Proposals	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oversight	Participate in Oversight Committee	No	Voting	Voting
	Stand for Oversight Committee Officer Positions	No	Yes	Yes
Board	Nominate for Board of Directors Election	No	Yes	Yes
	Vote in Board Election	No	Yes	Yes
SSO Advisory Panel	Nominate for SSO Advisory Panel Election	No	NA	Yes
	Vote in SSO Advisory Panel Election	No	Yes	Yes

## Principal Dues Proposal

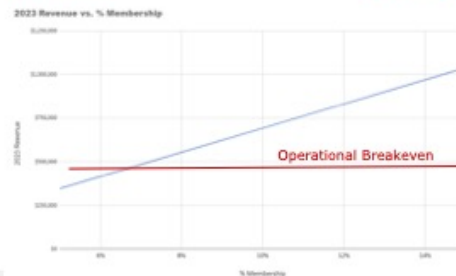
[Finance Spreadsheet](#)



- 158 members is 7% of 2224 total members
- 36% current members are Principals
- 21% of members active on Portal in past 30 days

### Motion

Initiate additional member survey asking whether members would become Principals given the above fee structure and on what timeline



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We had a productive convo about the 'no-dues criteria' (criteria being drafted which will allow some orgs to be exempt from the membership dues that are being proposed).

- We raised concern that the checklist being drafted was US-centric and slanted towards organizations formally structured as 501c3's, which would make it difficult for grass-roots communities and international orgs to participate.

- **@JoyceBettencourt** voiced her thoughts on same in support of OMI and another org Open AR Cloud, similar to OMI and based in Norway (Managing Director, Jan-Erik was in this meeting — good synergy there, @avatarjoy invited him to OMI meeting).

- I (@funksoup) had a chat w @evo the other day & she had a convo w Neil yesterday as well, voicing her concerns about the same as well as the lack of a clear path for individuals to contribute.
- I added language into the google doc that includes real world examples of communities who may be challenged by these criteria yet should still have an opportunity to participate in MSF. I suggested alternatives such as the option to include documentation of work that forwards the mission of MSF, so the evaluation wouldn't be strictly based on a checklist. It opens up the criteria to include communities that aren't formally structured yet are doing good work towards metaverse initiatives.
- Neil reassured everyone present at last night's meeting that they intend on keeping their door open towards OMI due its work advancing metaverse initiatives; he further expressed support for writing inclusive language into documents.

IMO: We must keep making sure that inclusive language is written into policy. We can keep having convos, but if the effect is meant to be long-lasting, then it has to be written down into the criteria & bylaws & such. ✨

Draft of still-evolving criteria:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11qoQDDrTVnK4iVHIIt9OSMoIQLCGEBIDxG6peECgxG8/edit?usp=sharing>

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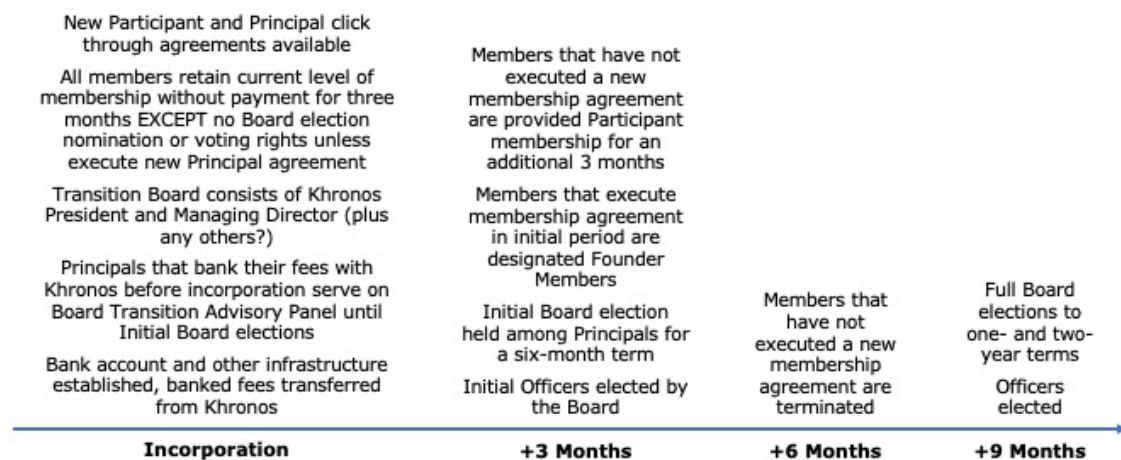


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## Post Incorporation Timeline



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Note that after incorporation, members that don't execute a new membership agreement have a limited amount of time before termination at 6 months.

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## SSOs and SSO Advisory Panel

- Standards Setting Organization (SSO) Definition
  - "Produces standards or policies under an open, collaborative process"
  - SSO is a more inclusive term than SDO that normally refers to organizations creating technical standards
- SSO Principal Membership Dues
  - \$1,000 fixed rate
- SSO Principal Dues Waiver
  - Entities that qualify as SSOs AND are a current legally incorporated 501(c)3, 501(c)6 (or local equivalents) or fiscally sponsored by such an organization may apply for Principal Dues fee waiver at the discretion of the Board
  - Board guidelines to be consistently applied: dues waiver to be provided to enable participation by entities for who paying dues would not be possible, but wish to contribute as a Principal
  - Enjoy full Principal rights, all waivers are reviewed annually
  - Any SSO is otherwise welcome to join as a Participant with no membership dues
- SSO Liaisons
  - SSOs may apply to become a Liaison organization at the discretion of the Board
  - Provides Principal membership rights EXCEPT can't nominate or vote for Board Elections
  - Liaisons may nominate or vote for SSO Advisory Panel Elections
- SSO (Principals or Liaisons) may nominate and vote in SSO Advisory Panel elections
  - Voting attendance at SSO Advisory Panel meetings
  - Non-voting attendance at Board meetings



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