

The authoritative charter of the TAG is the functional subcommittee webpage:

<https://www.tdwg.org/about/committees/tag/>

Proposed revisions:

Membership section:

Strike "The TAG shall contain between 5 and 9 members, ideally with representation"

Replace "The TAG will ideally include representation"

Rationale: The tag should have a number of members related to the number of constituencies involved, not a specific number.

Meetings, documentation, and reporting section:

Strike "The TAG will maintain both a private and public GitHub repository"

Replace "The TAG will maintain a public GitHub repository"

Rationale: As far as I know, the TAG does not have a private repo and I don't see why it should, given the community emphasis of TDWG.

Strike "A quorum will be a majority of voting members."

Rationale: No other TDWG group has a quorum requirement. The TAG is really an advisory group, not a policy-making group. Other group work in TDWG is done by consensus and I don't see why the TAG should be different.

2022-05-09 replace "... distributed to members in advance of the meeting." with "... distributed to members in advance of the meeting. In circumstances where a vote is necessary, responses by the voting deadline of at least half of the members will be required in order for the vote to be considered valid."

Rationale: In comments made to <https://github.com/tdwg/tag/issues/31>, there was a concern that a small subset of members could vote to make changes without input from the larger group. The wording here allows for voting to be done using asynchronous methods in addition to votes held during meetings.

Strike "Agenda for formal meetings will be prepared by the chair and distributed to members at least 14 days in advance."

Replace "Agenda for formal meetings will be prepared by the chair and distributed to members in advance of the meeting."

Rationale: Why this requirement and why this number of days? No other group I know of has this requirement.

Strike "Agenda and minutes for all meetings"

Replace "Minutes for all meetings"

Rationale: If the agenda is distributed to the members, why is it archived? The minutes are the important thing to be archived and usually the minutes are a reflection of the agenda anyway.

