



Guidelines for applying for Council membership

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Joining the Council

- We hope to continue to grow the OSG Council as our approaches to high-throughput computing become more widely adopted in the scientific community.
- Joining the Council has historically been a somewhat ad-hoc process, so we thought we would try to codify it a little more.
- Guidelines based on OSG bylaws and recent Council membership presentations. Nothing complicated.
- With Council approval, we can make this into a short document on the OSG website and distribute it to potential new Council members.

Guidelines

An organization can apply for membership on the OSG Council through the representative of an organization that is currently a Council member. The representatives of the existing and the proposed organizations should work together to formulate a short proposal that describes the benefits to OSG from the new membership, and vice-versa. This proposal should be sent to the OSG Council chair and the OSG Executive Director, who will consult with the OSG Executive Team and then provide feedback to the candidate organization to help improve the proposal if necessary. The proposal will then be circulated to Council members in advance of the Council meeting in which the vote on membership will be held.

As stated in the OSG bylaws, membership in the OSG Consortium does not imply membership on the Council. Thus, proposals should address why membership is beneficial to both the organization and the Consortium as a whole. For instance, does the organization represent a stakeholder group that is not already represented on the Council? Might the organization have a significant technological impact on OSG? Does it provide significant processing resources? Is it a virtual organization of users that will make significant usage of processing resources? As there are many flavors of Consortium members, different applicants for membership will want to address different questions.

Proposals should also provide some information about previous engagement with OSG, such as usage experience, joint technical development, contribution of resources (either technical or computational), etc., to explain the context for the application.