## **DENT PROJECT**

## PREMIER MEMBER REVIEW AND ADMISSIONS POLICY

Adopted by the Governing Board \_\_March 1st 2020\_\_\_\_

It is essential that the Governing Board of DENT Project be able to act effectively and efficiently in order to achieve the Project's goals. Because the number of Premier Member seats on the Governing Board has grown rapidly, it has been recognized that there is a clear risk that the Governing Board may grow to an unmanageable size. In order to ensure that the governance of the Project Board is as effective as possible, the following criteria and process have been adopted, with the intent of ensuring that entities able to contribute most significantly to the success of the Project will be able to be represented on the Governing Board.

- 1. The attached questionnaire shall be added to the standard Participation Agreement of the Project. Each prospective Premier Membership will be required to complete the questionnaire before consideration for Premier Membership.
- 2. The Chair, with the assistance of the Community Architect, will review each completed questionnaire against the following criteria:
  - The participation or support exhibited by the prospective Premier Member in other significant open source projects
  - The prospective Premier Member's existing products and services that are relevant to achieving the mission of the Project
  - The likely ability of the prospective Premier Member to influence (by example or action) adoption of DENT in industry
- 3. If the Chair determines that the prospective Premier Member is qualified based on the above criteria, then he/she can propose a motion at the next Governing Board meeting, or if time is critical, as a motion for acceptance by email recommending that the Governing Board approve the prospective member as a new Premier Member.
- 4. A simple majority vote will be required for acceptance of a Premier Member per the voting rules defined in the DENT Charter..
- 5. The Chair and the Governing Board shall endeavor to apply the above criteria to all prospective Premier Members in a consistent and non-discriminatory manner.
- 6. If all Governing Board seats at the time permitted under the Charter are filled, a prospective Premier Member wishing to be considered for the next open Governing Board seat (whether by expansion of the Governing Board or resignation of an existing Premier Member) may ask to be considered under the above process. If the prospective Premier Member is approved, it shall have the option of taking the first available seat, provided that (a) it submits an updated Participation Agreement within thirty days of written notice that a seat has become available, and the Chair and Governing Board confirm that the prospective Premier Member meets the then-current criteria for admission. Membership for approved a prospective Premier Member is only final once signed paperwork is received from the member and

countersigned by the Linux Foundation. If approved members submit their paperwork after there are no more open spaces, their Premier membership will be queued for the next open space.

7. If any prospective Premier Member believes that it has been denied Premier membership unfairly, it shall be permitted to present its arguments at a telephonic or face to face meeting of the Governing Board within 90 days of written request. Following such presentation, the Governing Board may, in its discretion, hold a second vote on their admission at a Premier Member level.. If the prospective Premier Member believes the Governing Board acted in bad faith, it may contact the Linux Foundation at legal@linuxfoundation.org.

## DENT PREMIER MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1) Please list up to 5 other (non-DENT) open source projects or related foundations whose activities you participate in whether by making software contributions, financial contributions, or other forms of public support.
- 2) What parts of your current business do you see as being relevant to switching technology generally, and DENT in particular, in the short term? In the long term?
- 3) Through what other consortia or business partnerships do you envision encouraging the adoption of DENT technology?
- 4) [If the prospective Premier Member has more than 500 employees] Has your organization internally identified a cross-division DENT technology research or development team? Will they be engaged in the DENT relationship?