

# **Membership & Governance Protocols**

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## **History**

October 2008, the Membership Committee proposed:

### **How many delegates?**

48

### **Number of delegates from each region?**

Each region has an equal and fixed minimum number of delegates, and that these *allocated* delegates comprise 25% of the Global Council delegates

### **Allocation formula measures?**

As a means of apportioning the remaining 75% of Global Council delegates, use revenue as a *proxy* for intellectual contribution to the collaborative (3-year average, by region, total revenues paid for all OCLC goods and services)

## **More History**

During November 2008 Members Council members commented on the draft Protocols

The Membership Committee incorporated many of these comments into the draft Protocols document in mid-December

Early in January a copy of the revised draft Protocols was sent to Members Council delegates

## **Where We Are Today**

Members Council at this meeting has the opportunity to send the Protocols, by resolution, to the Board of Trustees.

If Council approves these Protocols, the Trustees will accept or reject them. If accepted, the Protocols will become effective July 1, 2009 (Section VIII Protocols).

If the Protocols are not approved, the Membership Committee will begin this process anew.

## **What's new in these draft Protocols?**

A new delegate allocation formula (to reflect globalization efforts and new relationships with North American distribution partners)

The section on Contribution is deleted (it is unnecessary with the new allocation formula)

A new section allowing for global regions

Two new sections allowing for the birth of Regional and Global Councils

An attempt to standardize and clarify language

## **What's not here?**

A new definition of membership. Discussion:

The Membership Committee has started discussing the definition of membership, and will meet Feb. 18 to move discussion forward with a possible draft new definition

Members Council delegates will be asked to comment on the Committee's new draft definition, if one is forthcoming; and if one is forthcoming...

Expect a new proposed definition of membership at your May 2009 meeting

## **Timeline Toward A New Definition of Membership for Protocols (Assuming a new draft definition is forthcoming)**

- Feb 2009      Membership Committee discusses need for new definition, and if one is needed, begins drafting Protocols language
- March          Members Council delegates are invited to comment on draft
- April          Membership Committee finalizes draft, sends to Members Council
- May            Members Council votes (by resolution) on Protocols with new Definition of Membership changes
- June           Trustees act of resolution, the revised Protocols become effective after being approved by the Trustees (as per section VIII of Protocols)

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