



# Standing Joint Committee on Membership Report

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# Membership Definition

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“Members Council Members” are the networks, service centers, or other entities that contract with OCLC for OCLC services.



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Governing Members: Institutions that fully embrace the OCLC values through a contractual agreement to contribute current cataloging and holdings.

Members: Commitment to collaboration through contribution of intellectual content and in resource sharing **but they may not** necessarily contribute all of their current cataloging to an OCLC-affiliated database.

Participants: Institutions that choose to use OCLC products and services without any commitments to collaboration.



# Membership Definition

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The discussion thus far in the Standing Joint Committee on Membership and in the models presented for discussion at the May 16 Members Council do not change those definitions.

# Current definition of contribution



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1. Adding records, content, and holdings, regardless of format or platform of entry:  
original cataloging, local holdings, maintaining information regardless of platform of entry.
2. Resource sharing (interlibrary loans).
3. Contribution of authority files or thesauri.

# Current definition of contribution



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- FirstSearch Activity.
- A few other product codes.



# Allocation of delegates

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- Delegates shall be allocated to and shall be elected by the Members Council members on the basis of a count of all transactions by Governing Members and Members represented by each Member Council member over the past **three years**.
- Members Council member delegate allocations shall be determined **each January** on an annual basis for the following year of the Members Council.
- The **minimum activity** for a Members Council member to qualify for a delegate is 0.25% (one quarter of one percent) of the total weighted activity of the cooperative.



# Current Allocation of Delegates

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- Number of allocated delegates equals **60**.
- The **remaining six (6) votes** (and delegates) will represent the six (6) nations or regions, other than the United States of America, allocated as follows:
  - OCLC Asia Pacific, OCLC Pica, and OCLC Latin America are each assigned two transition delegates to Members Council. (Canada does not have transition delegates.)



# Current Allocation of Delegates

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- In the event that an area already represented by a transitional delegate **earns one or more regular delegates through increased contribution and activity** during the second transition period, one or more transitional delegates from the area will be designated as an allocated delegate of the service center for the remainder of his/her/their three-year term.



# Current Allocation of Delegates

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- In this case, the **allocation of regular delegates would be recalculated based on the current number of regular delegates**, with the total number of both transitional and regular delegates to equal 66.
- This will happen with next year's Members Council. There will be three transition delegates and 63 allocated delegates.



# Why is the issue of membership being discussed?

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- Expansion of OCLC services beyond the core which are not being counted in the current model:

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Software Sales

Preservation Services

netLibrary

Digital Collection

Services

Collection Management

Services

eContent Services

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TechPro

Etc.



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- End of transition delegate plan in June 2007.



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- The levels of activity are fluctuating as libraries and groups of libraries join OCLC (e.g., group projects, national library system data loads).
- The scope of WorldCat expands as new types of metadata are added.



# Proposed Model:

## Metadata / Holdings Model

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Counts transactions associated with the addition of metadata to WorldCat and affiliated databases

- Adding records and holdings.
- Editing records and holdings.
- Searching.
- Adding or editing authority records.
- Participating in interlibrary services.



# Proposed Model: Revenue Model

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- Counts all revenue to OCLC for all products and services provided by OCLC.



# Other specifics common to both proposed models

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- Only Governing Members or Members are eligible for election to Members Council.
- Only Governing Members can vote in elections for Members Council representatives.



# The Question

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Given OCLC's public purpose and its desire to be a global membership organization, what are your priorities in developing a formula for determining membership in Members Council?