

Community Election Procedure

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OPNFV community election process

OPNFV community elections are executed in a transparent and fair manner in accordance with the OPNFV's Technical Charter.

OPNFV community elections are held annually with elected nominees serve a one year term where possible. Elections are traditionally held during September of each year. The process is defined as follows to ensure community members are aware of an election and have an opportunity to check the eligible voter roster.

TSC members election

- Term:
 - 1 year term. If someone stands down, the TSC can (but does not have to, TSC decides) backfill for the remainder of the term via an election.
- Size:
 - 15 members.
- Cap per organization:
 - Each organization can have a maximum of 2 TSC reps. (If an organization has more than 2 TSC members elected or another TSC member joins the organization when it already had 2 TSC members, the organization will need to decide who "stands down" so that it can meet the cap requirement).
- Eligibility (for nomination/voting): All "active contributors" to OPNFV are eligible for running and voting.
 - Active contributors are determined based on contributions to Git, Gerrit, Jira, and Confluence
 - Require 20 contributions in total over a 12-month period, counting any of patches merged, reviews made, Wiki page edits, and JIRA activities
 - PTLs have an input on the "active contributor list" compiled over a 2-week review period (with a view that this step primarily targets at making sure qualified people that haven't been identified via the metric get added to the list)
- Voting Process:
 - Condorcet method (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Condorcet_method)
- Timing:
 - Voting timeline: ~2 weeks (1 week for nomination + 1 week for voting)
 - Voting closes: ~ mid September (detailed date to be determined during each election cycle)

TSC Chairperson election

- The TSC Chair is elected by the members of the TSC (per section 2(g) of the OPNFV Technical Charter).
- Elections are announced on the opnfv-tech-discuss mailing list 1-2 weeks following the annual election of the TSC.

- The nomination period will begin one week after announcing the election and will continue for one week. The nomination process for the TSC chairperson is by self-nomination.
- After the nomination period, the polls will be open for one week and the election result will be announced on the opnfv-tech-discuss mailing list.

Publication of election results

For all OPNFV community elections, if unanimously agreed by all nominees, the anonymized results may be published on the opnfv-tech-discuss mailing list for independent verification of the results and transparency of the process.

Abdication of elected positions

At any time an OPNFV member filling an elected position may determine that they can no longer fill their elected role. It is within that individuals right to abdicate their position at any time.

The TSC, or Board, may choose at that time to run an ad-hoc election to fill the abdicated position or leave the position vacant until the next election cycle.