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# CACTI Charter

## Description

CACTI, Community Architecture Committee for Trust and Identity, is a standing architecture strategy group of community members chartered by Internet2's Vice President for Trust and Identity (T&I) that advises Internet2's T&I program area through interactions with other groups and with Internet2's Vice President for T&I.

## Membership

Recommended membership in CACTI is determined by vote of the CACTI membership and presented to the Internet2 Vice President for T&I for acceptance. Nominations for members will be sought from key T&I related organizations as well as from the Research & Education (R&E) community at large.

Membership terms are three years. Terms are staggered so that once each year some member terms come to an end and membership is refreshed. There is no limit to the number of terms that a person may be chosen to serve.

CACTI should be comprised of between nine and fifteen individuals whose experience and expertise together comprehend the range of T&I architectures and activities nationally and internationally and the range of constituencies that comprise the R&E sector.

CACTI may invite non-members to help with specific activities.

## Selection of Chair

The chair will be appointed by vote of the CACTI membership. The chair is selected or re-selected in association with the annual membership refresh. However, a given person may not continue the role of chair beyond the remainder of their current membership term.

## Duties of the Committee

1. Provide strategic architectural input to Internet2's VP for T&I and to Internet2's T&I related projects and activities in support of Internet2's T&I vision.
2. Create and manage community working groups as needed in support of T&I goals, directions, projects and activities, both time boxed and on-going.
3. Manage and evolve community standards for Internet2 T&I, e.g., schema, API contracts, MACE registry, etc., and the processes by which working groups operate and T&I documents are published. Coordinate and participate with external bodies in establishing such community standards. This body officially approves and adopts such standards and processes for Internet2 T&I.
4. Foster relationships and participate with other national and international T&I activities sufficiently to maintain visibility into developments and trends that are important to R&E and to promote/advocate a coordinated approach to their implementation.
5. Broadly share information of relevance with the R&E community about current activities in trust, identity and associated middleware across sectors: R&E, government, corporate, etc.
6. Maintain public and timely proceedings of the group's activities and of the working groups it engenders.
7. Engage as appropriate to help achieve education and outreach objectives for Internet2 T&I projects and activities.

## Voting and Decision Making

CACTI votes for precisely two purposes: to determine recommended members and the chair, as described above. These votes carry by plurality. In all matters of substantial issue to this group a process of rough consensus is followed, the principles of which are described in [IETF RFC 7282](#).

## Resource Requirements and Expectations

- The Internet2 VP for T&I provides ordinary forms of support to enable meetings of CACTI and of the working groups it engenders.
- Members will provide their own funding, as may be necessary, to attend Internet2 meetings and face to face meetings of this group.
- The Internet2 VP for T&I will work together with CACTI on an on-going basis to determine funding that may be provided to support member participation in other meetings or activities as may be required to fulfill the Duties above.