

# Inkscape Project Membership Policy

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This documents sets out the policy of the Inkscape project regarding how membership of the project shall be decided internally. This is not an agreement with any outside organization or person, but the rules we have agreed to stick to for the purposes of creating a list of project members.

## Definitions

- ◆ A **Contributor** is a person who is actively contributing to the Inkscape project or who has contributed to the project in the past.
- ◆ An **Inkscape Member** is a Contributor who has been added to the member list and not been removed from it. [1]
- ◆ The **PLC** is the Inkscape Project Leadership Committee, the elected group of people responsible for the project's administration. [2]
- ◆ The **FSA** is the Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement the project has with the parent organization the Software Freedom Conservancy. [3]

## Membership Privileges

An Inkscape Member has the following rights above a normal person:

- 1a. To vote on Project Leader Committee elections as per the FSA.
- 1b. To call themselves an Inkscape Contributor, or Inkscape Member.
- 1c. To approve new memberships, or invite new members to join.

## Membership Duties

Each Inkscape member will be required to do the following:

- 2a. Continue to abide by the code of conduct and uphold the project community standards.
- 2b. Keep their contact information up to date, so ballots and other information can be sent to them.

## Adding new Members

- 3a. Membership can be requested by any Contributor.
- 3b. Contributors can be invited by any Inkscape Member.
- 3c. Peer-approval: Any Three (3) Inkscape Members are required to approve the new membership.
- 3d. If invited, the inviting member counts towards the peer approval total.
- 3e. There are no limits on the numbers of new memberships an existing member may approve.
- 3f. Approval can not be revoked once the new member is activated.
- 3g. Membership is active as soon as the threshold of approvals is reached.
- 3h. A list of new members will be sent the the PLC via email for general review each week.

## Removing Members

Members may be removed by a majority vote of the PLC for the following reasons ONLY:

- 4a. A code of conduct infraction which can not be resolved otherwise.
- 4b. Approving not-contributing people to be members (spamming the membership system).
- 4c. Not being or having been a Contributor to the project.

## Record Keeping

- 5a. This policy document is to be made available on the PLC website page [2]
- 5b. The list of Inkscape members will be available on the project website (inkscape.org) for running elections. [1]
- 5c. Mechanisms for requesting membership, inviting and approving memberships will be available on the website to make sure administration of this membership list is available to both technical and non-technical contributors. [1]
- 5d. A log of all transactions, minus private information will be kept in git and published to a protected gitlab branch. [4]
- 5e. If any dispute or difference between the website and the git log is found, the git log will be assumed to be correct and the website should be amended.

## References and Links

[1] [https://inkscape.org/\\*membership/](https://inkscape.org/*membership/)

[2] [https://inkscape.org/\\*leadership-committee/](https://inkscape.org/*leadership-committee/)

[3] <https://inkscape.org/en/gallery/item/9584/2015-09-12-Inkscape-FSA-2015-05.pdf>

[4] <https://gitlab.com/inkscape/>