

ATTACHMENT C: BG OVERVIEW INFORMATION SHEET (Provided by BG President and BG Chair DAVID LASSNER)

Information Regarding the PTC Board of Governors:

A new member of The Board of Governors should expect to participate in a pair of face-to-face meetings at the time of the annual PTC Honolulu conference. New BG members are invited Saturday prior to the conference for a joint meeting with the outgoing board members in order to gain an understanding of the issues under consideration.

The new board will also meet Wednesday immediately following the conference and new BG members should plan to stay in Honolulu at least through Wednesday evening.

BG members annually elect their own Chair who also serves as President of PTC. Other Vice-Presidents are elected by the BG annually as well as other officer positions including the Treasurer, who chairs the Budget & Finance committee. Task forces or sub-committees are generally established and members identified. Typical subjects might include:

- Upcoming annual conference committee
- Mid-Year committee
- Membership development
- Corporate relations
- Sponsorship
- Personnel

The BG has a standing monthly meeting conducted by teleconference that lasts one hour. In most years, there is at least one additional in-person meeting scheduled, at the Midyear meeting if one is being held. The overall BG workload is largely self-determined and is difficult to predict. Certainly the workload of the annual conference committee is critical and demanding - the chair of this committee, who serves as a Vice President, undertakes one of the most important roles in PTC. It, like all other leadership roles, also offers extraordinary opportunities to learn and establish a diverse and talented network of fellow contributors.

The Officers of the Board serve as an executive committee and may be engaged in more frequent communication and meetings.

Time Commitment:

Like all voluntary organizations actual time commitment is highly varied. The best BG members have busy professional lives but make the time to participate fully in the BG. PTC is especially in need of leaders who are willing and able to promote PTC externally and actively engage in the work of the organization.

Benefits:

All who participate benefit in many ways. These benefits include gaining a network of senior level colleagues from many telecoms and ICT related arenas, developing longstanding friendships with leaders in the field and broadening one's knowledge. These benefits are, of course, those that draw many to PTC in the first place. Service on the BG needs to be appreciated as service to the advancement of ICTs through PTC and its roles as a pre-eminent NGO and Conference in the region.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions.

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