

## Essential Rules, Terms, and Guidelines for PTC Leadership Elections

The rules, terms, and guidelines for the PTC leadership elections—Board of Governors (BG) [every year] and Advisory Council (AC) [every other year]—are part of the PTC Bylaws. The procedures for the elections, including nominations and polling, are established by the Succession Planning Committee (SPC), an independent committee of the AC. The SPC maintains the interpretation of the Bylaws and ensures procedures for the elections follow both the letter and spirit intended.

Below are the essential rules, terms, and guidelines for the BG and AC elections.\*

Board of Governors (BG)	Advisory Council (AC)
<p>→The BG consists of up to 14 elected members, each to three-year terms.</p> <p>→Members are divided into three (3) classes resulting in terms that are staggered such that approximately one-third of the Board is elected at each annual election cycle.</p> <p>→BG members are limited to two (2) consecutive three-year terms for a total of six (6) consecutive years. Additional terms are possible after being off the BG for at least one (1) year.</p> <p>→The BG is made up of representatives from the following nine (9) regional/membership categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oceania For-profit (entity)</li> <li>• Central and South America For-profit (entity)</li> <li>• Southeast and South Asia For-profit (entity)</li> <li>• East Asia For-profit (entity)</li> <li>• North America For-profit (entity)</li> <li>• Europe For-profit (entity)</li> <li>• Middle East and Africa For-profit (entity)</li> <li>• Global Non-profit (entity)</li> <li>• Individual Member</li> </ul> <p>→A balance of Governors from all categories is sought such that there is a maximum of three (3)</p>	<p>→The AC consists of up to 51 members of which up to 38 are elected and up to 13 may be appointed by the BG.</p> <p>→The AC is divided into two (2) classes such that each class of approximately one-half of the seats are elected on a two-year cycle.</p> <p>→Each Advisor serves a four-year term. There are no term limits. Appointed members may only serve one (1) term and must then be elected in order to continue.</p> <p>→The AC is made up of representatives from the following nine (9) regional/membership categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oceania For-profit (entity) [3]</li> <li>• Central and South America For-profit (entity) [2]</li> <li>• Southeast and South Asia For-profit (entity) [3]</li> <li>• East Asia For-profit (entity) [7]</li> <li>• North America For-profit (entity) [7]</li> <li>• Europe For-profit (entity) [3]</li> <li>• Middle East and Africa For-profit (entity) [3]</li> <li>• Global Non-profit (entity) [3]</li> <li>• Individual Member [7]</li> </ul> <p>→The number of elected seats available per category is proportionate to the PTC membership</p>

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**\*This document is only a summary of the main rules and guidelines. Additional provisions apply (please see Article V for the BG and Article VI for the AC) as described in the PTC Bylaws [available for download](#) from the PTC website (PTC.ORG).**