



## Information Regarding the PTC Advisory Council (AC)

The AC is a distinguished group of telecommunications professionals elected to assist the PTC Board of Governors (BG) in the governance of PTC as a whole.

A new member of the AC is expected to be familiar with the PTC Bylaws. Once elected, the member will typically participate in a face-to-face meeting at the time of the annual PTC conference in January. Should a member not be able to attend in person, the PTC Bylaws permit attendance through teleconference.

The new Advisory Council assumes its role formally at the conference, and new AC members should plan to spend an appropriate time in Honolulu for this, along with other, committee meetings.

The AC itself elects a Chair and Vice Chair(s) at the first formal meeting at the annual PTC conference and serve two-year terms. It also elects from among its members the PTC Appeals Committee, an informal ombudsman function for the organization.

The AC considers topics and questions for study that might be posed to it by the BG. Some of the tasks involving the AC in the past include developing the current vision and mission statements, providing input for membership development and outreach, and reviewing the PTC Bylaws and Strategic Plan. The Succession Planning Committee (SPC), which is responsible for organizing the elections for the BG and AC, is part of the AC.

AC members are often called upon to serve in areas including conference and program planning committees. All AC members are encouraged to contribute suggestions for the annual conference and seminars.

AC members must participate in at least two formal meetings a year either in person or through a teleconference. Preparation for the meetings might involve reviewing reports, participating in Task Forces and committees including teleconferences for these activities.

### **Time Commitment:**

Like all voluntary organizations, the actual time commitment is highly varied and depends on each person's availability and commitment to the Council. The minimum time would be two meetings per year at least one of which is usually by all teleconference. An average time might be two to four hours a month. Positions of the AC Chair and Vice Chair and members of the SPC demand the most time commitment (approximately eight hours per month). The workload is largely determined by requests of the Board and is difficult to predict.