



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 PTC's Annual Conference in Honolulu. Should a member not be able to attend in person, the PTC Bylaws permit attendance through teleconference.

The new AC 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 in Honolulu at PTC's Annual Conference. AC officers serve two-year terms. It also elects from among its members the PTC Appeals Committee, an informal ombudsman function for the organization.

The Succession Planning Committee (SPC), which is responsible for organizing the elections for the BG and AC, is part of the AC.

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.

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 or 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 commitment would be two meetings per year (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 BG and is difficult to predict.

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. AC members ensure the continuing tradition of PTC and make a significant difference toward enhancing the opportunities for PTC to continue its success. These benefits are, of course, those that draw many to PTC in the first place. Service on the AC needs to be appreciated as service to the advancement of ICTs through PTC and its role as a pre-eminent not-for-profit membership organization and premier conference in the Pacific Rim.