



SECTION 7

TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY

NUMBER 7.1 VICE PRESIDENT OF TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY

Effective: January 2010; Revised August 2018

POLICY

The Vice President of Technology Strategy serves as the Board Liaison to the Director, Information Technology. The Vice President works with the Director to keep abreast of issues related to Information Technology with regards to IT-based solutions (e.g., business continuity, data security, website security, access to information, IT infrastructure, software planning and Digital implementation, etc.) and also with regards to INFORMS activities in which IT plays a supporting role.

The Vice President of Technology Strategy is expected to have an outward focus (e.g., how well INFORMS technological systems are serving the customers) as well as how well INFORMS systems interact with other electronic portals; how well INFORMS systems support INFORMS strategic initiatives.

PROCEDURES

The Vice President of Technology Strategy is elected for a two-year term by the membership of INFORMS, normally in an INFORMS general election, according to the Bylaws. Recognizing that the IT-related needs of INFORMS will vary over time, candidates for the position should have demonstrated experience either in technical aspects of Technology Strategy or in the use and implementation of large-scale software systems.

The Vice President may run unopposed for a second two-year term.

The primary responsibilities of the VP-IT include:

- Providing guidance on the development and implementation of programmatic policies, practices, and procedures.
- Reviewing major programmatic initiatives;
- Serving as a trusted advisor to the Director, Information Technology in the development and implement IT strategic plan
- Representing IT to stakeholders; acting as an ambassador for the organization
- Ensuring IT's commitment to a diverse committee that reflects the communities INFORMS serves.
- Plans and leads meetings, at least quarterly via conference call, of the IT Committee, consulting with the Director Information Technology to establish the agendas
- Works with the Technology Strategy Committee to support the efforts of the Director, Information Technology with respect to IT systems initiatives, evaluations, acquisitions and implementations, including anticipating and defining resource requirements, evaluating the extent to which these requirements are met, reporting deficiencies and making recommendations to address them to the Board.

Number 7.2 TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY COMMITTEE (TSC)

Effective: January 1997; Revised August 2018

POLICY

The Technology Strategy Committee is established for the purpose of advising on information technology trends and advising the VP Technology Strategy & Director, Information Technology on the impact of these trends. The committee promotes the use of technology to provide up-to-date ONLINE systems, that enable and encourage access, collaboration, and effective exchange of information, content, services, and benefits to and among our members, potential members, and those interested in knowing more about OR/Analytics, and increase operational efficiency at INFORMS with cost savings.

PROCEDURES

Membership

The Vice President of Technology Strategy chairs the committee and appoints new members of the committee each year with the approval of the Board. The committee will consist of 4 members plus the VP of Technology Strategy. The Director of Information Technology serves as ex officio member without vote.

The Vice President of Technology Strategy annually recommends members of the Technology Strategy Committee to include a broad spectrum of skills and knowledge.

Relation to the Board

The Technology Strategy Committee will report to the Board through VP of Technology Strategy.

Meetings

The Technology Strategy Committee will meet at least once between national meeting(s). Meetings may be held by conference call, but one meeting should be held face to face. A quorum will consist of the chair and at least half the other members.

Meeting Agenda will be sent to all members of the committee by the chair of the committee 1 week ahead of the meeting.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 2, General Procedures